

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting -- April 6, 1973

The thirty-eighth meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on the 6th day of April, 1973, at 12:30 P.M.

Committee members present: Chairman James Gibson  
Stan Drakulich  
Lee Walker  
Carl Dodge  
Coe Swobe  
Chic Hecht  
John Foley

Also present were:

Roger Trounday, Health and Welfare  
Del Frost, Rehabilitation Division  
Senator Neal  
Bob Warren, Nevada Municipal Association  
Joe Midmore, Builders Association  
Bill Adams, Nevada Society of Engineers  
Heber Hardy, Public Service Commission  
Grant Engstrom, Nevada Society of Engineers  
Dean Howard Blodgett, University of Nevada  
Stan Hanse, State Highway Department  
Jack McAullife, Attorney  
Gene Milligan, Nevada Association of Realtors  
Noel Clark, Public Service Commission  
Robert Broadbent, Clark County Commissioners  
Mayor Sweeney, Boulder City  
Jan MacEachern, League of Women Voters  
Jim Cashman  
Jim Lien, Nevada Tax Commission  
Grant Bastian, Highway Department  
Don Leahy, State Personnel  
Sam Palazollo, Nevada State Employees  
Ray Knisley  
Joe Frade, Soil Conservation Districts  
Press

SB-483 Includes negligent violation of or disregard for certain laws or regulations as grounds for disciplinary action against licensed contractors.

Senator Young explained the background of this legislation. Following brief discussion, Senator Hecht moved to "Hold Indefinitely," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

SB-319 Authorizes incorporated cities and towns to acquire, improve, equip, operate and maintain public improvements and to issue bonds to acquire, improve and equip public improvements.

Mr. John Brooks of the City of Sparks testified before the committee on this bill. He submitted sections taken from the Sparks City Charter for consideration to the committee, which is attached herewith as Exhibit "A". Following discussion, Senator Drakulich moved "Do Pass as Amended," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

SB-487 Deletes property ownership requirement as condition to holding city offices.

Senator Neal testified before the committee on SB-487, and explained why he had introduced this legislation.

SB-502 Brings private garbage and refuse haulers within control of public service commission.

Senator Neal again testified before the committee on SB-502. Senator Dodge voiced his opinion that it would discourage competition to bring this within the control of the public service commission and would not benefit the rates set up. Mr. Heber Hardy of the Public Service Commission also spoke on this bill, stating that they feel this is premature.

SB-569 Changes certain requirements for licensing professional engineers and surveyors.

Mr. Grant Engstrom of the Nevada Society of Professional Engineers submitted two suggested amendments to SB-569, a copy of which is attached herewith as Exhibit "B". Mr. Engstrom indicated the main thrust of the amendments to this bill as follows: (1) To require an educational background for the registration of all prospective registrants, which putsthem in conformity with most of the other professional registration acts. (2) Substitution of educational experience for practical experience for qualification of land surveyors. They propose to permit the registration board itself, at its discretion, to review the educational experience of prospective applicants and determine whether or not any or all of that four years is applicable towards the land surveyor's licensing requirements.

(3) Provisions for suspension of a registration certificate, such as gross negligence, incompetency or misconduct. Legally, there is a difference between each of the three. (4) Deals with the exemption of architects, and desire to now remove the proposed amendment.

Dean Howard Blodgett of the University of Nevada and State Board of Engineers, testified on SB-569. He read a letter from Mr. Ed Pine, Chairman of the Board, containing suggested amendments to this bill.

The committee next heard testimony from Mr. Stan Hansen, employee of the Highway Department. He spoke in favor of the bill and the provision for mandatory registration of professional engineers. Mr. Adams also spoke on SB-569, indicating that the Nevada Society of Professional Engineers support this legislation.

SB-126 Makes provision for planned unit residential development in cities and counties.

Mr. Midmore spoke on this bill, noting that the amendments that have been made now meet with the approval of the different entities involved. Mr. Milligan, representing the Nevada Association of Realtors, went on record that the Association supports this legislation.

Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass as Amended," seconded by Senator Drakulich, Motion carried.

SB-590 Changes name of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation and reorganizes rehabilitation functions of department.

Mr. Roger Trounday, Director of the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, and Mr. Del Frost, Rehabilitation Division, testified before the committee. They submitted material on this proposal which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C". He noted that this bill does essentially three things: (1) Changes the name to Department of Human Resources; (2) combines two smaller agencies, Services to the Blind and Alcohol and Drugs, and puts them under the Rehab Unit; and (3) expands areas for aging services to enable them to more actively participate in nutritional programs and day care centers. The primary impact in reorganizing the department is they will now have three agencies that will be put into one. The committee heard additional testimony from Mr. Frost urging support of this bill.

(Recess)

SB-465 Revises procedure for assessment of public utilities and financial administration of public service commission.

Mr. Noel Clark, Public Service Commission, pointed out that this legislation is purely mechanical and they see no problems with it.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht. Motion carried.

AB-436 Simplifies provisions concerning reports required by general improvement districts to public service commission.

Mr. Noel Clark stated that this legislation should be passed to clear the statutes. Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

SB-176 Adds new members to certain county fair and recreation boards.

Mr. Bob Broadbent, Clark County Commissioner, spoke on the proposed amendments to SB-176. He submitted material to the committee entitled "Remarks Made Before the Clark County Commission," dated Friday, March 30, 1973, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E". Mayor Morgan Sweeney of Boulder City indicated he had a Resolution from the Las Vegas Convention Authority and one from the City of Boulder City, which in essence opposes non-political persons named to the Convention Authority. A representative of the League of Women Voters, Jan MacEachern, stated that it is the position of the League that any public authority should have some responsibility to the electorate rather than be appointive.

AB-370 Relieves local governments of certain filing requirements under Local Government Budget Act.

It was explained by Mr. James Lien of the Nevada Tax Commission that at the present time those special districts formed under chapters 318, 140 and 144, sewer and water districts, must file documents with the Public Service Commission, and the purpose or intent of his bill is to remove their having to file certain of these documents -- primarily the audit report.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Swobe. Motion carried.

AB-432 Permits tax commission to exempt certain special districts

Mr. Lien stated that this bill had come about because of action that commenced at the last session of the legislature. At that time Mr. Jacobsen had asked that certain districts be taken out from the jurisdiction of the Local Government Budget Act entirely because of the heavy filing burden that some of them had. During the interim the local advisory committee worked out this proposal. Mr. Warren of the Nevada Municipal Association also spoke on this bill, stating that the cities do recognize the problem and support this legislation.

Senator Swobe moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Dodge. Motion carried.

AB-543 Repeals compulsory retirement for classified employees in state personnel system and prohibits discrimination in private employment on the basis of age.

Mr. Don Leahy stated that the position of the State Personnel Department is to support AB-543 as basically the intent makes employment termination and employment justified only on the basis of merit and fitness after the age of 65. Employment after the age of 65 would be negotiated on a year-to-year basis. Mr. Sam Palozzolo of the Nevada State Employees Association suggested that the words "must retire, but may be re-hired," be added to the bill. Mr. Leahy agreed to this suggestion.

AB-267 Makes certain changes in the structure and duties of organizations responsible for land conservation.

Mr. Ray Knisley and Mr. Joe Frade, President of the Associated Soil Conservation Districts testified before the committee on AB-267. A brief summary submitted by Mr. Knisley is attached hereto as Exhibit "F".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jean Fondi,  
Committee Secretary

## ARTICLE XV

## MUNICIPAL BONDS AND FRANCHISES

Section 15. The city shall have the power to grant franchises and to acquire by purchase, installment purchase, construction, reconstruction, lease, option to purchase, lease with option to purchase, gift, grant, endowment, bequest, devise, installation, condemnation or in any other manner (or any combination thereof), water, sewer, sewage disposal, light, gas and power systems and any other public utility, city halls, fire stations, engine houses for the fire department, and other necessary public buildings, parks, recreation centers, and necessary equipment for departments of the city (such acquisitions hereafter sometimes referred to in this article as the "facilities" or as the "project"), and to hold, manage and operate the same either alone or jointly with the Federal Government, the State of Nevada, or any agency, instrumentality or corporation thereof, or any county, municipality or other city, town, unincorporated town, other quasi-municipal district or other political subdivision of the state.

(Ch. 180, Stats. 1949 p. 403; A - Ch. 356, Stats. 1963 p. 775)

Sec. 15.01. 1. The city council shall have the power to borrow money from time to time to defray, wholly or in part, the cost of acquiring the facilities, or for any other public purpose as determined by the city council, notwithstanding that such purpose is not otherwise enumerated in this charter or any other general or special act, and to issue debentures, warrants, bonds, interim receipts, temporary certificates, temporary bonds and notes (hereafter sometimes collectively referred to in this article as "securities") to evidence such borrowing.

2. The council may pledge the full faith and credit of the city for the payment of any securities, the interest thereon, any prior redemption premium or premiums, or any other charges appertaining thereto. Such securities shall constitute the general obligations of the city payable from the proceeds of general (ad valorem) taxes (hereafter sometimes referred to in this section as "tax proceeds") levied without limitation of rate or amount, except for constitutional limitations, and from any other revenues of the city other than tax proceeds, available therefor (hereafter sometimes referred to in this section as "other revenues of the city"). Their payment may be additionally secured by a specific pledge of other revenues of the city, or part thereof (subject to any prior pledges), and the council may cause to be deposited such other revenues of the city so pledged in any fund or funds created to pay the securities or created additionally to secure their payment.

Exhibit "A"

Sparks - New Charter - July '73

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- 1 7. Sidewalk projects;
  - 2 8. Storm sewer projects;
  - 3 9. Street projects;
  - 4 10. Underpass projects;
  - 5 11. Water projects; and
  - 6 12. Underground utility and communication lines.
- 7 Sec. 6.020 Local improvement law: Collateral powers. The city  
8 council on behalf of the city for the purpose of defraying all the costs of  
9 acquiring or improving any project authorized by section 6.010, or any  
10 portion of the cost thereof not to be defrayed with moneys otherwise  
11 available therefor, is vested with the powers granted to municipalities by  
12 chapter 271 of NRS, as amended from time to time.

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14 ARTICLE VII

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16 Local Bonds and Franchises

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18 Sec. 7.010 Debt limit.

19 1. The city shall not incur an indebtedness in excess of 40 percent  
20 of the total assessed valuation of the taxable property within the bound-  
21 aries of the city.

22 2. In determining any debt limitation under this section, there shall  
23 not be counted as indebtedness:

24 (a) Any revenue bonds, unless the full faith and credit of the city is  
25 also pledged to their payment.

26 (b) Any special assessment bonds, although a deficiency in the pro-  
27 ceeds of the assessments is required to be paid from the general fund to  
28 the city.

29 (c) Any short-term securities issued in anticipation of and payable  
30 from property taxes levied for the current fiscal year.

31 Sec. 7.020 Acquisition, operation of municipal utilities. The city  
32 may, in the manner and for the purposes provided in this charter and  
33 Nevada Revised Statutes as they apply to cities, grant franchises and  
34 acquire in any manner any public utility, and hold, manage and operate  
35 it, either alone or jointly, with any level of government or instrumentality  
36 or subdivision thereof.

37 Sec. 7.030 Borrowing money.

38 1. Subject to the limitations imposed by this article, the city may  
39 borrow money for any corporate purpose, including without limitation  
40 any purpose expressly authorized by this charter or by Nevada Revised  
41 Statutes for a city, and for such purpose may issue bonds or other securi-  
42 ties. The Local Government Securities Law, as amended from time to  
43 time, applies to all securities so issued, except for securities issued under  
44 section 6.020.

45 2. The city council shall submit any proposal to borrow money,  
46 except an emergency loan as defined and authorized by chapter 354 of  
47 NRS, as amended from time to time, and except for securities issued  
48 under section 6.020, but including securities payable from pledged rev-  
49 enues, to the registered voters of the city in the manner provided by  
50 NRS 350.010 to 350.070, inclusive, as amended from time to time.

1 3. Any property tax levied to pay the principal of or interest on such  
2 indebtedness authorized under subsection 2 shall be levied upon all tax-  
3 able property within the city, as provided in NRS 350.590 to 350.602,  
4 inclusive, as amended from time to time.

5 4. Any ordinance pertaining to the sale or issuance of bonds or other  
6 securities, including, without limitation, securities issued under section  
7 6.020, may be adopted in the same manner as is provided for cases of  
8 emergency. A declaration by the city council in any ordinance that it is  
9 of this kind shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud or gross abuse of  
10 discretion.

11 Sec. 7.040 Franchises.

12 1. Before granting any franchise the city council shall first adopt a  
13 resolution setting forth fully and in detail the applicant for, purpose and  
14 character of, terms and time and conditions of the proposed franchise.  
15 Such resolution shall be published in full in a newspaper qualified pursu-  
16 ant to the provisions of chapter 238 of NRS, as amended from time to  
17 time, and published for at least two publications in the 2 weeks succeeding  
18 its adoption.

19 2. On the first regular meeting of the city council after the expiration  
20 of the period of such publication, the city council shall proceed to pass an  
21 ordinance for the granting of the franchise; but such franchise shall be  
22 granted only on substantially the same terms and conditions as expressed  
23 in the resolution as published. Otherwise such ordinance shall be void.

## 24 ARTICLE VIII

### 25 Revenue

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29 Sec. 8.010 Municipal taxes.

30 1. The city council shall annually, at the time prescribed by law for  
31 levying taxes for state and county purposes, levy a tax not exceeding 1 $\frac{3}{4}$   
32 percent upon the assessed value of all real and personal property within  
33 the city, except as provided in NRS 350.592 as amended from time to  
34 time. The taxes so levied shall be collected at the same time and in the  
35 same manner and by the same officers, exercising the same functions, as  
36 prescribed in the laws of the State of Nevada for collection of state and  
37 county taxes. The revenue laws of the state shall, in every respect not  
38 inconsistent with the provisions of this charter, be applicable to the levy-  
39 ing, assessing and collecting of the municipal taxes.

40 2. In the matter of the equalization of assessments, the rights of the  
41 city and the inhabitants thereof shall be protected in the same manner and  
42 to the same extent by the action of the county board of equalization as are  
43 the state and county.

44 3. All forms and blanks used in levying, assessing and collecting the  
45 revenues of the state and counties shall, with such alterations or additions,  
46 as may be necessary, be used in levying, assessing and collecting the reve-  
47 nues of the city. The city council shall enact all such ordinances as it may  
48 deem necessary and not inconsistent with this charter and the laws of the  
49 state for the prompt, convenient and economical collecting of the revenue.



SB569

Amend on Page 2, Line 50 to read:

"2. Any gross negligence[,] or incompetency [or misconduct] in the practice"...

Amend on Page 3, Lines 12 through 17 to read:

625.500 This chapter does not apply to the employees of interstate or intrastate public utility companies or to any architect licensed under the provisions of chapter 623 of NRS and who practices architecture as permitted by chapter 623 of NRS.

Exhibit "B"

SB-590

A PROPOSAL  
FOR REORGANIZATION  
OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, WELFARE, & REHABILITATION

Statement of Problem:

The Rehabilitation Division, the Services to the Blind Division, and the Alcoholism Division are three divisions of the Department of Health, Welfare, and Rehabilitation, whose service delivery systems and client populations are similar. The services to the Blind Division is the vocational rehabilitation agency for the blind and severely visually impaired. The Rehabilitation Division is the vocational rehabilitation agency for all other handicapping conditions. These two agencies provide for their full population through direct services. The Alcoholism Division provides its clients services through community based programs designed to rehabilitate the alcoholic, who are also served by the Rehabilitation Division. These similarities are presenting a situation in which there exists:

Cost deficiency, duplication and overlapping in program services, fragmented program availability and costly administrative burden.

Proposed Solution:    SB 590

To eliminate this problem, it is herein proposed that the Rehabilitation Division, the Services to the Blind Division, and the Alcoholism Division be consolidated into one Division of Rehabilitation.

Cost Deficiency:

Cost deficiency is graphically illustrated by the fact that the Federal and State governments require the Division of Services to the Blind to collect, store, and provide fiscal and statistical data at a level and in the same form as that required of the larger Vocational Rehabilitation Division. Therefore, no matter how small that agency's service program, a certain level of operating and administrative costs and a certain number of operating and administrative personnel are required - required for accountability and compliance, not necessarily justified by the size of the service program.

Though the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division does not, at this time, have the same federal requirements, one can assume these to be forthcoming in that their programs are being taken over by the Health, Education, and Welfare Federal Agency, who insists upon accountability. To express the benefits of this immediate retrievable accountability, at the state level, would be redundant.

Duplication:

Such a reorganization, as proposed, will directly reduce duplication and overlap in program services, delivery systems, and administration; in support systems such as accounting, statistical reporting, planning, research, in-service training, etc.; in-plant-facility and operating costs; and in and through unified budget planning.

*Exhibit "C"*

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A PROPOSAL  
FOR REORGANIZATION  
OF THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, WELFARE, & REHABILITATION

Increased Program Availability:

The proposed reorganization will result in increased program availability. That is, programs and services will become available to the staff and clients of all three divisions together that are not now available to all three separately. Such programs and services include expansion through outreach into population areas, in Nevada, that are now served by only one or even none of these three separate agencies; an organized program of in-service staff training which has only recently become available in one of the separate agencies; program research and planning, which is currently active in only one of the agencies; and comprehensive facility services for work adjustment, work tolerance, and complete diagnostic evaluation and testing, such services currently being available in only one of the separate agency programs. In addition, and of major importance to the State of Nevada, such a reorganization would provide increased federal matching capability of state general funds.

Reduction in Administrative Burden:

The proposed reorganization will directly reduce the number of agencies reporting to the director of the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation, alleviating, in this way, some of the administrative burden of the Department administration. It would also increase the responsiveness to the people of Nevada, and would improve communications in all directions.

Comment:

It should be noted that service program identity will be maintained via sectionalization, and no budget identity would be lost. With increased matchability, the State General Fund may indeed, in the future, not be required to provide a disproportionate level of support.

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DIRECTOR  
HUMAN  
RESOURCES

ADMINISTRATOR  
REHABILITATION  
DIVISION

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ALCOHOL &  
DRUG ABUSE

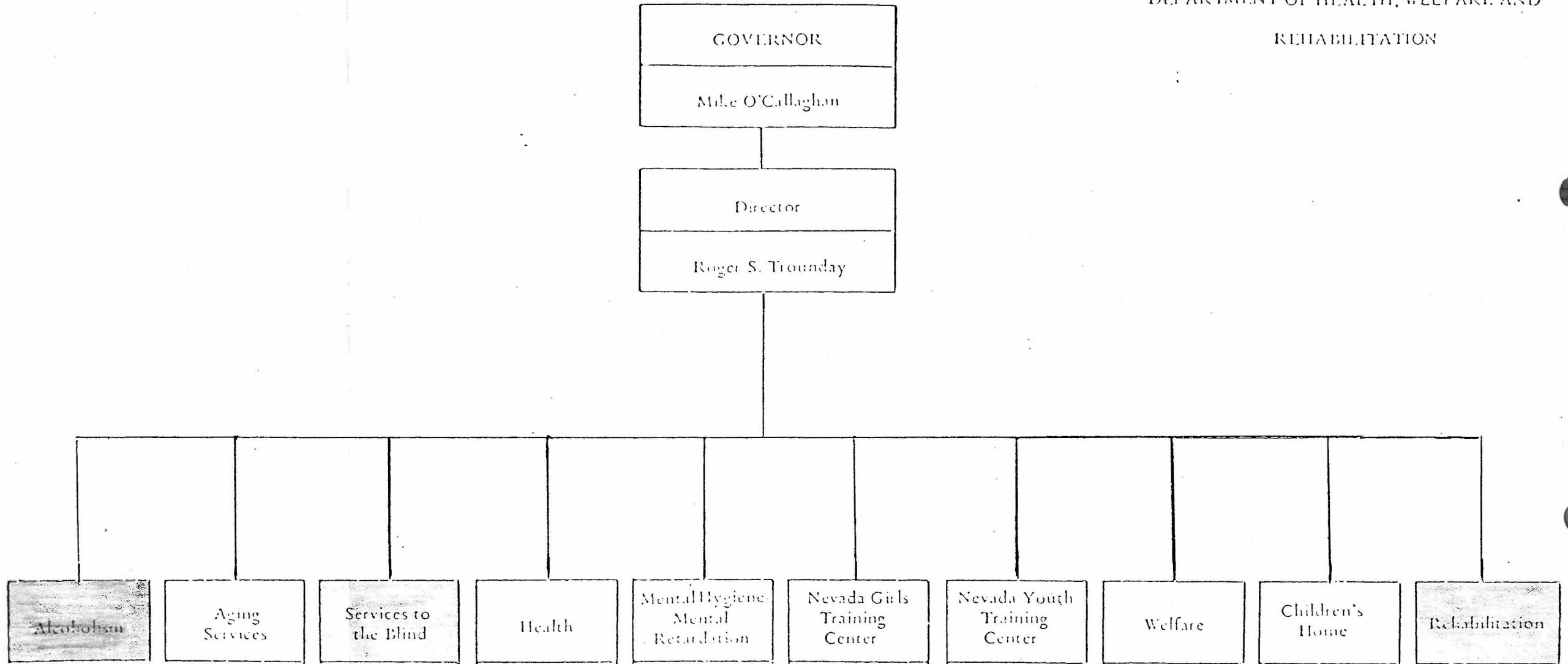
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VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION

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SERVICES TO  
THE BLIND

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELFARE AND  
REHABILITATION



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April 5, 1973

Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments  
State of Nevada Legislature

Attention: Senator James I. Gibson

Gentlemen:

I would like to go on record as opposing Sections 1 and 2 of S.B. 569. I am firmly convinced that the requirement of graduation is not the only criteria by which a person may be qualified as an engineer. In my opinion, the opportunity to better one's position should have many avenues of approach and not be limited to that of a degree from a college or university.

I suggest the inclusion of an amendment in S.B. 569 providing for additional information in the roster published by the Engineers Board. Presently, the list does not indicate classifications of qualifications and many persons and agencies desire to know the specific qualifications of engineers. I suggest that Section 1 read as follows:

"Section 1. NRS 625.170 Roster: Preparation, contents, distribution. The secretary of the board shall prepare once each year, or at intervals as established by the board, a roster showing the names, classification and last known addresses of all registered professional engineers. This roster shall include land surveyors and engineers-in-training.

Copies of the roster shall be:

1. Mailed to each person so registered.
2. Placed on file with the Secretary of State and county and city clerks.
3. Distributed or sold to the public. "

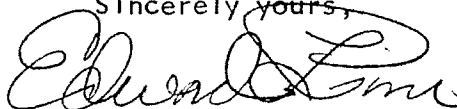
Section 2 as stated in the bill be deleted entirely.

"Section 3" to be amended to "Section 2" and "Section 4" be amended to "Section 3."

I support the amendment to line 50 of page 2 of S.B. 569 as proposed by Nevada Society of Professional Engineers and the amendments to lines 12 through 17 on page 3.

I am sorry I am unable to attend in person before your committee this date and do appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Professional Engineers.

Sincerely yours,



Edward L. Pine, C.E.  
Registered Engineer #309

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Exhibit "A"

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BY COUNTY COMMISSIONER ROBERT N. BROADBENT

Friday, March 30, 1973

I have just returned from Carson City, where I was extremely concerned to learn that the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce is seeking legislation which would remove all elected officials from the Las Vegas Convention Authority's Board of Directors and restrict the board to men who are nominated exclusively by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

This comes in the form of an ammendment which has been added to Senate Bill 176... a bill which actually calls for more elected representation on the board, and which is completely contrary to the spirit and intent of that ammendment.

For many reasons, I think we must all do whatever we can to make sure that the citizens of Southern Nevada are not victimized by such legislation.

We all know that conventions and tourism are our "life-blood" here. If the primary board which works within this industry is not --- at least in part --- directly responsible to the citizens of Southern Nevada by virtue of the voting booth, there is no telling what direction it may take, nor how badly our citizens may be short-changed.

Let me point out some specific examples:

The Las Vegas Convention Authority receives millions of dollars each year from a tax which visitors and tourists pay when they stay at our hotels and motels. Most of that money goes back into upgrading and expanding our facilities and services so that we can constantly build our major industry. But over the past 14 years, alot of that money has also been spent on behalf the citizens of Southern Nevada on projects which benefit all the people. In fact, more than \$8,700,000 have been spent on such things as new parks and swimming pools in communities throughout the area... new baseball diamonds and recreation facilities for our young people... subsidies to all the chambers of commerce... grants to our fish and game industry to improve our outdoor attractions... ten percent rebates to all cities in Southern Nevada to spend as they see fit... a brand new, 15,000 seat stadium... grants to numerous non-profit private entities to upgrade and enrich the fine arts, cultural activities, and other social features which all citizens can enjoy.

Don't think for a minute that this "golden goose" is an automatic, guaranteed thing. Quite the contrary! If men were appointed to

Exhibit "E"

the board of the Las Vegas Convention Authority from one single special-interest source, such as the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, they would not have to be responsible to the citizens of our communities; they would not necessarily be conscious of their recreational, cultural and social needs; they wouldn't even have to worry about answering for their actions while on the board, because our citizens would not have the right to express their will at the polls.

Think of it! There would be no labor interests represented... no representation for the outlying areas...no voice for the "little guy" who is concerned about our youth, our schools, or our local athletic programs. If people are concerned now about the availability of the Convention Center for local activities, think how much worse it would be if it were left in the hands of a group of businessmen interested only in a profit-and-loss statement.

Now, some of the chamber of commerce people who went to Carson City this week to further the cause of this special-interest legislation, appeared before a Senate Committee to testify on its behalf. In their testimony they pointed out that many major convention cities have convention boards made up exclusively of business people not elected by the people. What they failed to say is that those convention authorities and bureaus are not financed by tax dollars, but by private memberships from throughout the business community. That's just fine. If the business community is willing to foot the bill, they should have the right to call the shots on the board. But in Las Vegas, our business community is simply much too small to come up with that kind of money. So as long as the way is paid by tax dollars, then the people have the right to have their elected representatives on the board.

Chamber of Commerce people also testified this week that their special-interest legislation is needed to stop the loss of convention business which they claim is resulting from a so-called "unsettled condition" at the Convention Authority.

As Chairman of the Convention Authority I tell you that is patently false! I defy anyone to name a single major national association which has declined to meet in Las Vegas because of the Convention Authority or its Bureau. In fact, I have here a volume of letters from associations and private industry throughout the country expressing nothing but praise for the job we are doing here. And let me tell you, these associations and private concerns aren't afraid to criticize when they feel the need. I have a nother thick file here which represents letters from throughout the country complaining about problems which are created not by the Convention Bureau, but by the hotels themselves!

I'm getting tired of the false picture being painted of the Las Vegas Convention Bureau stumbling about, losing its personnel and failing miserably in its job. Just the opposite is true. Last year, for instance, the Convention Bureau recorded over 385



conventions held in our town --- an all-time record. Over \$71.5 million were spent in Southern Nevada by people attending those conventions, compared to less than \$41.5 million spent here just three years earlier. And while we were booming with conventions last year our Bureau, under the leadership of Len Hornsby (who by the way has been filling in admirably as our Acting Executive Director of the entire Authority), went out and sold a whopping \$104 million in conventions for another all-time record. In fact, one of the reasons our business community could never afford to pay for our operation is the fact that the ratio of convention dollars spent in Las Vegas compared to our total population is by far the highest in the nation!

The Chamber of Commerce people point to our turnover of personnel as evidence that there is so-called lack of security on the part of our employees. Nonsense! The convention industry is one of the newest and fastest growing in the country and the turnover nationally is extremely high because there is always a greater demand for top talent than there is a supply of people. I can show anyone who cares to check that most of our people who have left over the years have moved on to bigger and better things, primarily in the private sector of the industry. There have also been several resignations which have come as a result of extremely critical health. In fact, the situation has improved so much in recent years at the Convention Authority that we now have at least five men who once were employed there who are now seeking to return.

Let me mention just one more thing about how the Convention Authority is run. As all governmental entities are required to do, we recently had an audit of our books, performed by the independent auditing firm of Laventhol, Krekstein, Horwath and Horwath. As reported in the press, auditors are required by state law to make recommendations which will improve and upgrade the operation of the agency they audited. In response to this state law, the firm wrote the following: "There is no significant recommendations to be made as a result of the current audit." Gentlemen, it was the first time in Southern Nevada history that a governmental agency was deemed so proficient that not a single recommendation could be made.

Therefore, I sincerely believe the County Commission should take a stand on this issue. As elected officials, directly responsible to the citizens of Southern Nevada, I feel we should go on record opposing this attempt to do away with direct representation of the people. Accordingly, I would like to submit this resolution for your consideration and move that it be adopted by the County Commission and forwarded immediately to the Nevada Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs.

Thank you.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF A.B. 267

This bill amends Chapter 548 of Nevada Revised Statutes. It creates a state conservation commission to replace the existing soil conservation committee, and places administration within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Currently 37 soil conservation districts exist in Nevada. They cover practically all of the state. Each of these is governed by an elected board of five supervisors. They would operate under this legislation.

A.B. 267 modernizes the statute passed about 36 years ago. Main changes of this bill are:

1. Increasing the number of members of the State Conservation Commission appointed by the Governor from 4 to 7. Increasing their terms from 2 to 4 years, with staggered terms. Geographic distribution of appointed members is provided.

2. Implementing provisions in the present law by:

a) Establishment of a Division of Conservation Districts within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

b) Employment of an administrative officer of the Division.

(Appointed by the director from a list of nominees prepared by the Commission.)

3. Adding to the 5 elected supervisors of a district one or two appointed supervisors. One representing the county and one representing incorporated municipalities, if any, lying within the district.

4. Other changes include modification of legislative policy statement, clarification of the scope of responsibilities of the State Commission and the districts, simplification of procedures for district boundary changes, elections, etc.

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*Exhibit "F"*

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SENATE BILL NO. 483—SENATOR YOUNG

MARCH 16, 1973

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Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Includes negligent violation of or disregard for certain laws or regulations as grounds for disciplinary action against licensed contractors. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 54-1743)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

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AN ACT to amend NRS 624.3011, relating to disciplinary action against licensed contractors, by including negligent violation of or disregard for certain laws or regulations as grounds for such action.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 624.3011 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 624.3011 The following acts, among others, constitute cause for  
3 disciplinary action under NRS 624.300:  
4 1. Willful and prejudicial departure from or disregard of plans or  
5 specifications in any material respect without the consent of the owner or  
6 his duly authorized representative and the person entitled to have the par-  
7 ticular construction project or operation completed in accordance with  
8 such plans and specifications.  
9 2. Willful or [deliberate] *negligent* disregard and violation of:  
10 (a) The building laws of the state or of any political subdivision  
11 thereof.  
12 (b) The safety laws or labor laws or compensation insurance laws of  
13 the state.  
14 (c) Any provision of the Nevada health and safety laws or Nevada  
15 laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder relating to the  
16 digging, boring or drilling of water wells.

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S. B. 319

SENATE BILL NO. 319—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE  
AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

FEBRUARY 27, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Authorizes incorporated cities and towns to acquire, improve, equip, operate and maintain public improvements and to issue bonds to acquire, improve and equip public improvements. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 21-1238)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend chapter 268 of NRS, relating to the government of incorporated cities and incorporated towns by adding new sections authorizing public improvements, their acquisition, improvement, equipment, operation and maintenance, and the issuance of bonds for public improvements; providing for the payment of such bonds and additionally securing their payment by a pledge of municipal revenues; concerning other securities pertaining to such improvements; otherwise concerning powers, duties, rights, privileges, immunities, liabilities, disabilities, limitations and other details in connection therewith; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 268 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 36, inclusive, of this act.

3 SEC. 2. *Sections 2 to 36, inclusive, of this act may be cited as the City*  
4 *Bond Law.*

5 SEC. 3. *Except as otherwise provided in this City Bond Law, terms*  
6 *used or referred to herein are as defined in the Local Government Secu-*  
7 *rities Law; but the definitions in sections 4 to 30, inclusive, of this City*  
8 *Bond Law, except where the context otherwise requires, govern the con-*  
9 *struction hereof.*

10 SEC. 4. *“Building project” means any public building or complex of*  
11 *buildings to accommodate or house lawful municipal activities, includ-*  
12 *ing without limitation courts, records, municipal personnel, administra-*  
13 *tive offices, welfare facilities, hospital facilities, detention home facilities,*  
14 *jail facilities, juvenile home facilities, library facilities, museum facili-*  
15 *ties, theater facilities, art galleries, picture galleries, auditorium facilities,*  
16 *exposition facilities, athletic facilities, maintenance shops, offstreet park-*  
17 *ing facilities, fire protection and fire fighting facilities, transportation ter-*  
18 *минаl facilities and fallout shelter facilities (or any combination thereof),*  
19 *and structures, fixtures, furnishings and equipment therefor.*

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SENATE BILL NO. 487—SENATOR NEAL

MARCH 16, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Deletes property ownership requirement as condition to holding city offices. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 21-981)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to city officers; deleting the requirements of being a property owner or a taxpayer on real property as a condition to holding office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 266.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 266.170 Mayors shall be qualified electors [and taxpayers] within  
3 their respective cities and shall have been actually bona fide residents  
4 thereof for a period of at least 1 year next preceding their election.  
5 SEC. 2. NRS 266.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
6 266.215 Councilmen shall be:  
7 1. Qualified electors [and taxpayers] within their respective cities  
8 and shall have been actually bona fide residents thereof for a period of  
9 at least 1 year next preceding their election.  
10 2. Qualified electors [and taxpayers] within their respective wards.  
11 SEC. 3. NRS 266.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
12 266.545 1. The police judge shall:  
13 (a) Be a citizen of the [state.] *United States.*  
14 (b) Have been a bona fide resident of the city for not less than 1 year  
15 next preceding his election.  
16 (c) Be an elector [and taxpayer] in the city.  
17 2. The police judge shall be elected at the regular election for city  
18 officers.  
19 SEC. 4. Section 2.010 of Article II of the charter of Carson City,  
20 being chapter 213, Statutes of Nevada 1969, as last amended by chapter  
21 672, Statutes of Nevada 1969, at page 1467, is hereby amended to read  
22 as follows:  
23 Section 2.010 Board of supervisors: Qualifications; election; term of  
24 office; salary.  
25 1. The legislative power of Carson City is vested in a board of  
26 supervisors consisting of five supervisors, including the mayor.

SENATE BILL NO. 502—SENATOR NEAL

MARCH 19, 1973

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and State Institutions

SUMMARY—Brings private garbage and refuse haulers within control of public service commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1492)



EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public utilities; extending the jurisdiction of the public service commission of Nevada to garbage and refuse haulers.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 704.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 704.020 1. As used in this chapter, "public utility" shall mean and  
3 embrace:  
4 (a) Any person, partnership, corporation, company, association, their  
5 lessees, trustees or receivers (appointed by any court whatsoever) that  
6 now, or may hereafter, own, operate, manage, or control any railroad or  
7 part of a railroad as a common carrier in this state, or cars or other  
8 equipment used thereon, or bridges, terminals, or sidetracks, or any  
9 docks or wharves or storage elevators used in connection therewith,  
10 whether owned by such railroads or otherwise.  
11 (b) Express companies, telegraph and telephone companies.  
12 (c) Any plant, property or facility furnishing facilities to the public  
13 for the transmission of intelligence via electricity. The provisions of this  
14 paragraph do not apply to interstate commerce.  
15 (d) Radio or broadcasting instrumentalities providing common or  
16 contract service and aircraft common and contract carriers.  
17 (e) All companies which may own cars of any kind or character, used  
18 and operated as a part of railroad trains, in or through this state.  
19 All duties required of and penalties imposed upon any railroad or any  
20 officer or agent thereof shall, insofar as the same are applicable, be  
21 required of and imposed upon the owner or operator of such express  
22 companies, telegraph and telephone, radio, broadcasting, aircraft com-  
23 panies, and companies which may own cars of any kind or character,  
24 used and operated as a part of railroad trains in or through this state, and  
25 their officers and agents, and the commission shall have the power of

SENATE BILL NO. 569—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MARCH 28, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Changes certain requirements for licensing professional engineers  
and surveyors. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 54-1954)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to professional engineers and surveyors; changing certain require-  
ments for licensing thereof; and providing other matters properly relating  
thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 625.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 625.030 As used in this chapter, "engineer-in-training" means a  
3 candidate for registration as a professional engineer:  
4 1. Who is a graduate of an approved engineering curriculum of 4  
5 years or more, approved by the board as of satisfactory standing, and  
6 who, in addition, has successfully passed an oral or written examination  
7 as shall be designated by the board; or  
8 2. **[Who]** *Until January 1, 1981, who* has had 4 years or more of  
9 experience in engineering work satisfactory to the board, and who, in  
10 addition, has successfully passed part 1 of the examination as provided  
11 in subsection 1 of NRS 625.200.  
12 SEC. 2. NRS 625.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
13 625.180 1. Any citizen of the United States or any person who is a  
14 lawful permanent resident of the United States, being over the age of 21  
15 years, may apply to the board for examination, under its rules, for reg-  
16 istration as a professional engineer.  
17 2. No person shall be eligible for registration as a professional engi-  
18 neer who is not of good character and reputation.  
19 3. No applicant for registration as a professional engineer shall be  
20 entitled to take the examination unless:  
21 (a) He is a graduate from an approved course in engineering of 4  
22 years or more in a school or college approved by the board as of satisfac-  
23 tory standing, and has a specific record of an additional 4 years or more  
24 of active experience in engineering work of a character satisfactory to the

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S. B. 126

SENATE BILL NO. 126—SENATORS YOUNG, HECHT,  
SWOBE, WILSON AND RAGGIO

JANUARY 30, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Makes provision for planned unit residential development in  
cities and counties. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 22-553)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to land development; enabling cities and counties to provide  
by ordinance for planned unit residential development within their jurisdictions  
and grant applications for such in proper cases; and providing other matters  
properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Title 22 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto  
2 a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 59,  
3 inclusive, of this act.

4 SEC. 2. This chapter may be cited as the Planned Unit Development  
5 Law.

6 SEC. 3. In order that the public health, safety, morals and general  
7 welfare be furthered in an era of increasing urbanization and of growing  
8 demand for housing of all types and design; and in order to encourage  
9 a more efficient use of land, public services or private services in lieu  
10 thereof; to reflect changes in the technology of land development so that  
11 resulting economies may be made available to those who need homes;  
12 to insure that increased flexibility of substantive regulations over land  
13 development authorized in this chapter be administered in such a way  
14 as to encourage the disposition of proposals for land development without  
15 undue delay, the provisions of this chapter are created for the use of  
16 cities and counties in the adoption of the necessary ordinances.

17 SEC. 4. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires,  
18 the words and terms defined in sections 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act, have  
19 the meanings ascribed to them in such sections.

20 SEC. 5. "Common open space" means a parcel or parcels of land or  
21 an area of water or a combination of land and water within the site  
22 designated for a planned unit residential development which is designed



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S. B. 590

SENATE BILL NO. 590—SENATOR WALKER

APRIL 2, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Changes name of department of health, welfare and rehabilitation and reorganizes rehabilitation functions of department. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 18-1941)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the department of health, welfare and rehabilitation; changing the name of such department; reorganizing its structure, powers and duties in the area of rehabilitation; including services to the blind, alcohol and drug abuse and vocational rehabilitation; adding to the powers and duties of the aging services division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 232.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 232.290 As used in NRS 232.290 to 232.350, inclusive, *and sections*  
3 *5 to 8, inclusive, of this act*, unless the context requires otherwise:  
4 1. "Department" means the department of [health, welfare and reha-  
5 bilitation.] *human resources.*  
6 2. "Director" means the director of the department of [health, wel-  
7 fare and rehabilitation.] *human resources.*  
8 SEC. 2. NRS 232.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
9 232.300 1. The department of [health, welfare and rehabilitation]  
10 *human resources* is hereby created.  
11 2. The department shall consist of a director and the following divi-  
12 sions:  
13 (a) Aging services division.  
14 (b) [Alcoholism division.  
15 (c)] Children's home division.  
16 [(d)] (c) Health division.  
17 [(e)] (d) Mental hygiene and mental retardation division.  
18 [(f)] (e) Nevada girls training center division.  
19 [(g)] (f) Nevada youth training center division.  
20 [(h)] (g) Rehabilitation division.  
21 [(i)] Services to the blind division.  
22 (j) (h) Welfare division.

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THIRD REPRINT

S. B. 465

SENATE BILL NO. 465—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,  
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MARCH 14, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Revises procedure for assessment of public utilities and financial administration of public service commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1468)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the public service commission; revising the financial administration procedures of such commission; abolishing certain funds of the commission; revising the procedure for assessment of utilities and motor carriers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 703 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:  
3 1. *Any public utility or common or contract motor carrier subject to*  
4 *the jurisdiction of the commission which elects to maintain its books*  
5 *and records outside the State of Nevada shall, in addition to any other*  
6 *assessment and fees provided for by law, be assessed by the commission*  
7 *for an amount equal to the travel expenses and the excess of the out-of-*  
8 *state subsistence allowances over the in-state subsistence allowances, as*  
9 *fixed by NRS 281.160, of commission members and staff, for investiga-*  
10 *tion, inspections and audits required to be performed outside this state.*  
11 2. *The assessment provided for by this section shall be determined*  
12 *by the commission upon the completion of each such investigation,*  
13 *inspection and audit, and shall be due and payable within 30 days of*  
14 *receipt by the affected utility or common or contract motor carrier of*  
15 *the notice of assessment.*  
16 3. *The records of the commission relating to the additional costs*  
17 *incurred by reason of the necessary additional travel shall be open for*  
18 *inspection by the affected utility or common or contract motor carrier*  
19 *at any time within such 30-day period.*  
20 SEC. 2. NRS 704.033 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 436

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 436—MR. PRINCE

FEBRUARY 28, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Simplifies provisions concerning reports required by general improvement districts to public service commission. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 58-1189)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to general improvement districts; simplifying their required reports to the public service commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 704.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 704.035 1. The commission shall determine as soon as practicable  
3 after April 15 of each year the gross operating revenue of each public  
4 utility *other than a general improvement district* for the preceding calendar  
5 year. *The gross operating revenue of a general improvement district*  
6 *shall be determined for the preceding fiscal year.*  
7 2. Notice of the assessment and the amount thereof shall be given no  
8 later than July 1 of each year to each public utility assessed by registered  
9 or certified mail to the address of such public utility on file with the  
10 commission, but failure to notify any such utility shall not invalidate the  
11 assessment with respect thereto.  
12 3. The assessment shall be due and payable on August 1 of each year  
13 but may, at the option of the public utility, be paid quarterly on August 1,  
14 November 1, February 1 and May 1.  
15 4. When a public utility sells, transfers or conveys substantially all  
16 of its assets or certificate of public convenience and necessity, the commission  
17 shall determine, levy and collect the accrued assessment for the  
18 current year not later than 30 days after such sale, transfer or conveyance,  
19 unless the transferee has assumed liability for such assessment. For  
20 purposes of this subsection the jurisdiction of the commission over the  
21 selling, transferring or conveying public utility shall continue until it has  
22 paid such assessment.  
23 5. The commission may bring an appropriate action in its own name  
24 for the collection of any assessment which is not paid on the dates  
25 required in subsections 3 and 4.

S. B. 176

SENATE BILL NO. 176—SENATORS ECHOLS, WALKER,  
GIBSON, FOLEY, NEAL AND HERR

FEBRUARY 7, 1973

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Adds new members to certain county fair and recreation boards.  
Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 20-721)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend NRS 244.7802, relating to the county fair and recreation board in any county having a population of 200,000 or more, by adding new members to the board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 244.7802 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 244.7802 1. The county fair and recreation board shall consist of  
3 **[nine]** *eleven* members selected as follows:  
4 (a) Two members by the board of county commissioners from their  
5 own number.  
6 (b) Two members by the governing body of the largest incorporated  
7 city in the county.  
8 (c) *One member by the governing body of the second largest incorpo-*  
9 *rated city in the county.*  
10 **[(c)]** (d) One member by the governing body of one of the other  
11 incorporated cities in the county.  
12 (e) *One member by the board of county commissioners, who is a resi-*  
13 *dent of the unincorporated area in the county and not a member of the*  
14 *board of county commissioners.*  
15 **[(d)]** (f) Four members to be appointed by the members selected  
16 pursuant to paragraphs (a) **[**, (b) and (c).**]** *to (e), inclusive.* Such  
17 members shall be selected from a list of three nominees for each position  
18 submitted by the chamber of commerce of the largest incorporated city  
19 in the county. Such lists shall be composed of nominees respectively who  
20 are actively engaged in:  
21 (1) The resort hotel industry.  
22 (2) The motel industry.  
23 (3) The finance industry.  
24 (4) General business or commerce.

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A. B. 370

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 370—MR. HAYES

FEBRUARY 21, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Relieves local governments of certain filing requirements under Local Government Budget Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-920)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to local government budgets; removing the requirement of certain filings with the public service commission of Nevada.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 354.596 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 354.596 1. On or before February 20 of each year, the officer  
3 charged by law shall prepare, or the governing body shall cause to be  
4 prepared, on appropriate forms prescribed by the Nevada tax commis-  
5 sion for the use of local governments, a tentative budget for the ensuing  
6 fiscal year. The tentative budget shall be filed for public record and  
7 inspection in the office of:  
8 (a) The clerk or secretary of the governing body; and  
9 (b) The county clerk.  
10 2. At the time of filing the tentative budget, the governing body shall  
11 give notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the tentative  
12 budget and shall cause a notice of such hearing to be published once in a  
13 newspaper of general circulation within the area of the local government  
14 at least 7 days prior to the date set for such hearing. The notice of public  
15 hearing shall state:  
16 (a) The time and place of the public hearing.  
17 (b) That a tentative budget has been prepared in such detail and on  
18 appropriate forms as prescribed by the Nevada tax commission.  
19 (c) The places where copies of the tentative budget are on file and  
20 available for public inspection.  
21 3. Budget hearings shall be held:  
22 (a) For county budgets, on the 4th Monday in March;  
23 (b) For cities, on the 4th Tuesday in March;  
24 (c) For school districts, on the 4th Wednesday in March; and  
25 (d) For all other local governments, on the 4th Thursday in March,

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A. B. 432

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 432—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

FEBRUARY 28, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Permits tax commission to exempt certain special districts from requirements of Local Government Budget Act. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 31-688)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to local government budgets; permitting the tax commission to exempt special districts with annual expenditures of less than \$30,000 from compliance with the Local Government Budget Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 354 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:  
3 1. *All special districts subject to the provisions of the Local Govern-*  
4 *ment Budget Act with annual total expenditures of less than \$30,000 may*  
5 *petition the Nevada tax commission for exemption from the requirements*  
6 *of the Local Government Budget Act for the filing of certain budget doc-*  
7 *uments, quarterly reports and audit reports. Such districts may further*  
8 *petition to return to a cash method of accounting. The minimum required*  
9 *of such districts will be the filing with the tax commission of an annual*  
10 *budget on or before March 15 of each year. Such petitions must be*  
11 *received by the tax commission prior to December 31 to be effective for*  
12 *the succeeding fiscal year or, in a case of an annual audit exemption, to*  
13 *be effective for the current fiscal year. A board of county commissioners*  
14 *may request the tax commission to have an audit conducted of such an*  
15 *exempt district.*  
16 2. *Such districts shall be exempt from all publication requirements of*  
17 *the Local Government Budget Act, except that the tax commission by*  
18 *regulation shall require an annual publication of a notice of budget adop-*  
19 *tion and filing. The tax commission shall adopt regulations necessary to*  
20 *promulgate this section pursuant to NRS 354.594.*

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A. B. 543

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 543—MRS. BROOKMAN, MESSRS. CRAWFORD, BREMNER, SMALLEY, BANNER, HAFEN, HICKEY, BARENGO, MRS. GOJACK, MESSRS. ULLOM, MAY, GLOVER, VERGIELS, FRY, HAYES, BROADBENT, BENNETT, SMITH, DINI, HUFF, LOWMAN, WITTENBERG, BICKERSTAFF, SCHOFIELD, PRINCE AND ASHWORTH

MARCH 8, 1973

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Repeals compulsory retirement for classified employees in state personnel system and prohibits discrimination in private employment on the basis of age. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 53-368)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to employment practices; repealing requirements for compulsory retirement of classified employees in the state personnel system on the basis of age; providing for year-to-year employment of classified employees 65 years of age or older; prohibiting discrimination in other public employment and in private employment because of age; providing duties of the labor commissioner in connection with such prohibition; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 284 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:  
3 *Beginning on July 1, 1973, any employee in the classified service of*  
4 *the state personnel system who is 65 years of age or older may be hired*  
5 *or continued in the classified service on a year-to-year basis.*  
6 SEC. 2. NRS 281.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
7 281.370 1. All personnel actions taken by state, county or municipal  
8 departments, agencies, boards or appointing officers thereof shall be  
9 based solely on merit and fitness.  
10 2. State, county or municipal departments, agencies, boards or  
11 appointing officers thereof shall not:  
12 (a) Refuse to hire a person because of such person's race, color, creed,  
13 national origin [or sex, ], *sex or age*, unless based upon a bona fide occu-  
14 pational classification.

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A. B. 267

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 267—MESSRS. JACOBSEN, MAY, SMITH,  
GLOVER, YOUNG, DINI, GETTO AND HAFEN

FEBRUARY 12, 1973

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Agriculture and  
Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Makes certain changes in the structure and duties of organizations  
responsible for land conservation. Fiscal Note: Yes. (BDR 49-339)

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [ ] is  
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to land conservation; revising chapter 548 of NRS; creating a  
state conservation commission to replace the state soil conservation committee;  
establishing election and other procedures to be followed in the organization or  
dissolution of conservation districts; defining powers and duties; and providing  
other matters properly relating thereto.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,  
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 548 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.  
3 SEC. 2. "*Conservation district*" means a governmental subdivision of  
4 this state, and a public body corporate and politic, organized in accord-  
5 ance with the provisions of this chapter for the purposes, with the powers,  
6 and subject to the restrictions set forth in this chapter.  
7 SEC. 3. "*Renewable natural resources*" or "*resources*" includes land,  
8 soil, water, vegetation, trees, natural landscape and open space.  
9 SEC. 4. The commission shall meet regularly at quarterly intervals.  
10 Additional meetings may be held as required.  
11 SEC. 5. The division of conservation districts in the state department  
12 of conservation and natural resources shall perform staff services for the  
13 commission in carrying out its responsibilities under this chapter.  
14 SEC. 6. 1. The governing bodies of any incorporated cities located  
15 within the boundaries of the district shall appoint a representative to rep-  
16 resent them as a supervisor on the governing board of the district.  
17 2. If the cities cannot agree on one representative to serve as a super-  
18 visor, the commission shall choose the representative from the nominees  
19 proposed by the cities.  
20 3. The governing bodies of any counties located within the bound-  
21 aries of the district shall appoint a representative to represent them as a  
22 supervisor on the governing board of the district.

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