

Assembly Committee on Agriculture

Greenbelt and Open Space Amendment Meeting
White Pine County Courthouse
White Pine County District Courtroom
Ely, Nevada
7:30 p.m.
February 7, 1975

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Those Present: Assemblyman Tom Hickey, Las Vegas
Assemblyman John Polish, Ely
Assemblyman Bob Prince, Las Vegas
Dr. Hans Radtke, Reno
C. G. Charchalis, White Pine County Assessor, Ely
R. B. Scott, Deputy Assessor, Ely
Robert Steele, Goshute Indian Tribe
Kenneth D. Lee, County Commissioner, Lincoln County
Darwin Bradfield, County Agent, Lincoln County
Urban Cole, Lincoln County
A. Z. Joy, County Agent-In Charge, Ely
Mrs. Warren Robison, Ely
Mrs. George Eldridge, Ely
Mrs. Delbert Eldridge, Ely
George Irlbeck, Ely
James R. Parker, Ely
Van C. Gardner, Lund
Carl Hanks, Blue Eagle Ranch
Raymond Urrizaga, County Commissioner, Ely
Neil Jensen, County Clerk, Ely
Clinton B. Eldridge, Ely
George Gardner, Ely
Mr. Davidson, Ely
R. McKay Ely
Rod McKay, Ely
Jody Whitmore, Secretary, Ely

Assemblyman Hickey: Tonight we are here to talk about 3 assembly bills concerning agriculture. We are going to talk about the Dairy Commission, The Greenbelt Amendment, which you all voted on in the General election in November, and Assemblyman Bob Prince will talk about the Foreign Alein Bill.

Dairy Commission and Dairy Commission Bills: No dairymen were present, and no questions were asked.

Greenbelt Amendment:

Assemblyman Hickey: Dr. Hans Radtke is setting up a seminar in Reno, concerning the Greenbelt Amendment, if anyone is interested in attending, please see him. Questions and suggestions were opened up on the floor.

Mr. C. G. Charchalis, What kind of guidelines are used in determining what is agricultural property, and does the land owner enter into a formal contract with the taxing agency for this type of assessment. When this type of contract is made and necessary retroactive payments are made, what is the criteria for evaluation, is it at the time of the contracting, or is it at the time of sale, or is the evaluation based on the overall period retroactive assessment, assuming that this retroactive assessment is based on comparative or highest investment use.

Mr. Brent Eldridge, Does the legislature assess the land to condensation under control of some open space to the land and in freeway regulation, would the landowner suffer a loss if he considered a higher land value and its effect through control or otherwise and would he have to take any value away from him.

I think the open space amendment shouldn't affect the condensation or any other bills in the assembly.

Mrs. Warren Robison: Is the bill set up for the seller to be taxed, or is it the buyer that gets taxed on the land that is bought. Who has legal title of the land that carries the responsibility, the buyer or the seller.

Kenneth Lee, The question of what is agricultural land is sometimes confused. Are there 2 types of zoning agricultural land? If a farmer wanted to sell the upper half of his land, will this bill affect him if he kept the lower half of his land. I think there is two types of classifications on this land, grazing land and agricultural land, are you going to bring this into farm land.

James Parker, How many different types of assessment have we talked about so far?

Assemblyman Hickey: How are you going to determine the kind of assessment to use.

James Parker: Who determines what land is open space and which isn't?

Alein Labor Bill:

Ken Lee-Can an alein who is illegally in the United States, own property such as an automobile or anything else in the United States?

George Gardner, The reason for the high rate of unemployment is the fact that there isn't enough welfare, or too much welfare, and those who are on welfare, won't go to work, and then what choice do we have as agricultural employers?

Mr. Urrizaga, I know for a fact about 6 illegal aleins in Elko, that are now in Reno, that own homes. How will this bill work with the Western Range Conservation Association, will it go for us or against us.

Assemblyman Hickey: This bill will not affect the Western Range Conservation Association.

There are organizations in Las Vegas, who are behind this bill 100%.

Gracian Uhalde: Should this bill pass, I would like to see it exempt.

Brent Eldridge: Is there any bill set up for those aleins who are willing to come into this county and work for a while and then go back home?

Mr. Urrizaga: Some of the aleins will come here and go to work as dishwashers and some Americans won't do that. I have gone to cafes in Elko and see more aleins doing dishes that is more than some americans.

Assemblyman Hickey: Some of the illegal aleins were brick layers and construction workers.

Mr. Urrizaga: If the county and city need the people and are willing to pay, will this solve the unemployment problem.

Mr. Bill Davidson: In this bill do you put the responsibility on the alein or does the responsibilty go to the employer and make a policeman out of him.

I have worked with wetbacks many year. And this bill is making a police force out of the employers and I don't think this will work. If the employer doesn't take on the responsibility and couldn't hire, the wetback, what are they supposed to do. I think this problem is that it is out of control, and to get it back under control, is to make these green cards a little more easy to get ahold of.

Ken Lee: The reason some of the aleins are here is because of the conditions in Mexico, with no good water or sanitary facilities.

Mrs. Warren Robison: Some of these workers only stay around 2 or 3 days, How much of the Alein Labor Bill would pertain to temporary labor.

James Parker: Around here, we can't as agricultural employers afford to hire the 16 year old, let alone the alein.

Other bills brought up were:

Brands and Brand Marks: No discussion was brought up.

Feed for Livestock: No discussion was brought up.

Pesticides: Ken Lee: I think the legislature should work closely with the University of Nevada on this bill.

Gracian Uhalde: Is there any other NIC Bill in the assembly.

James Parker: How do you define a farm?

Dr. Radtke: It is determined by so much income and so much acreage.

C. G. Charchalis: I con't quite see the terminology of open space. Who is to decide the amount of acreage that this particular person is to produce.

Mr. Urrizaga: How will this bill correlate with the State Planner.

The zoning in White Pine County has just started.

R. B. Scott: Is there any work being done with the Assessor's Association on the tax Assessment? Should it be up to the assessor to decide what is agricultural land and what isn't?

Dedication and Declaration: Is this still being talked on, whether it is part of the Assessor's work, or does this go to the one who declares the land.

Van Gardner, Is there a bill pertaining to the taxing of concrete lined ditches. Are they a part of the farm land or are they separate.

A. Z. Joy reported to Assemblyman Hickey the following:

White River's Dairy Association were not in favor of seeing the Dairy Commission abolished instead of having it drop heavily with the consumers.

The conversation was received by a telephone call from Mr. McKay during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jody Whitmore
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