

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, April 28, 1975

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bremner, Messrs Jacobsen, Coulter, Weise, Banner, Chaney, Price, Jeffrey and Heaney;

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Lorraine Palm,
Will Blackburn, Society of Range Management;
Bill Parsons, Fish and Game;
Glen Griffith, " " "
Chuck Salisberry, Society of Range Management.

Chairman Bremner announced that the first order of business would be SB 119 which increases fees, changes notification requirements, and makes other revisions in Nevada Boat Act. Mr. Griffith explained the bill and stated that the Department of Fish and Game had requested the notification time change in Section 2, sub-section 1 because the Department is desirous of knowing about destruction or abandonment of motorboats sooner than within 15 days. Other time changes in the bill are to make things consistent. Mr. Griffith also requested that the bill become effective January 1, 1976 because this would fit in with their licensing periods. The bill would have to be amended to include this effective date.

He stated that in Section 8, "congested" waters had been removed because it was very confusing to boaters and skiers since only portions of lakes were defined as "congested". Under this bill, all waters will require an observer for waterskiing.

Regarding AB 721, Mr. Griffith stated that his office was not prepared or equipped to handle this act making completion of educational classes prerequisite to restoration of hunting or fishing licenses in certain circumstances; that it would require another 1,000 people to be trained. Mr. Weise asked Mr. Griffith what was the most frequently violated minor regulation. Mr. Griffith stated that it was hunting without a license.

Regarding SB 16, a bill designating Indian ricegrass as the official state grass, Mr. Will Blackburn, University of Nevada Assistant Professor and representing the Society of Range Management, spoke in favor of the bill. He stated that this bill would compliment other state symbols and recognize some of our native plants. He claimed that the Indian rice grass provides forage for wildlife and domestic livestock and that it is found in all counties in Nevada, particularly in sandy soils. He also feels that the grass

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is a symbol of conservation because of the importance of grass. He asked the committee for their serious consideration and support of the bill.

Mr. Chuck Salisbury, a member of the Range Society, stated that 8 or 9 other states have recognized the importance of grass and have proclaimed a state grass. Mr. Jeffrey asked if anyone had given any consideration to an increased cost to publication of state magazines and literature which would include the state grass, if the bill is adopted. Mr. Bremner felt this amount would be difficult to assess.

Regarding AB 678, a bill prohibiting camping or recreational activities within certain distance of water pocket which may be used by birds or mammals, Mr. Griffith stated that there is a need for some kind of legislation concerning this problem which is particularly prevalent during the hot and dry seasons, but that this bill is unworkable and unenforceable. He stated that Arizona has a law which has been in existence for five years. He proposed an amendment which is attached as Exhibit "A".

Mr. Bremner asked if there is much of a problem with people camping on or near springs. Mr. Griffith stated that there is with the ranchers, because most of the springs are on privately owned land but that he feels people are doing this in ignorance. Mr. Weise felt that ranchers can take care of their own problems with trespassers. Mr. Jacobsen asked if this bill has any relation to shepherders. Mr. Griffith stated that it does, but that sheepherders usually carry their own water.

Mr. Heaney asked Mr. Griffith if his department would enforce signs posted covering both birds or mammals and livestock. Mr. Griffith stated that they would but that he would like an alternate bill proposed similar to that in Arizona. Mr. Bremner felt that the state trespassing law would still be in effect to back Fish and Game in enforcing no trespassing on posted lands.

Regarding AB 335, Mr. Bremner pointed out that the Senate had amended the bill and the reprint is the way the bill will read if the amendment is adopted, making a forest inventory dependent on Federal funds. Mr. Heaney moved that the committee concur in the Senate amendment to AB 335; Mr. Weise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Heaney gave his sub-committee report to the committee on a resolution covering solid waste disposal. He stated that the Senate had requested a similar resolution from the bill drafter, but that theirs was more narrow than what he had in mind; that theirs only

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applies to the disposable container problem. His resolution^{*} would be broader and include such things as junk cars and old appliances, any kind of solid waste in general. His proposed resolution is attached as Exhibit "B". He felt that possibly this and the Senate bill could be combined to obtain a more general approach to the problem. **later introduced as ACR 62*

There was discussion led by Mr. Jacobsen as to the appointment of members to the committee to investigate this problem by the Governor. Mr. Jacobsen felt that this should not be an administration study. Mr. Heaney stated that this could be removed from the resolution very simply and just leave the appointees responsible to the Legislative Commission. This change was generally agreed to by the committee. Mr. Weise moved for committee introduction of the resolution and that it be re-referred to this committee. Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a five minute recess, Mr. Jacobsen moved "DO PASS" SB 119; Mr. Weise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Jeffrey moved to "Indefinitely Postpone" SB 16. Mr. Weise seconded the motion. Voting "aye" were Messrs Bremner, Jacobsen, Coulter, Weise, Banner, Chaney, Price and Jeffrey. Mr. Heaney voted "no".

Regarding AB 721, Mr. Weise moved to indefinitely postpone the bill; Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman Bremner stated that AB 678 would be held for amendment and discussed on Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS BERKSON, Secretary

ASSEMBLY
AGENDA
-HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES

2-382

Date Mon., April 28 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 214

Bill or Resolution
to be considered

Subject

AB 678

Prohibits camping or recreational activities within certain distance of water pocket which may be used by birds or mammals;

AB 721 ✓

Makes completion of educational classes conducted by Nevada department of fish and game prerequisite to restoration of hunting or fishing licenses in certain circumstances;

SB 16 ✓

Designates Indian ricegrass as official state grass;

SB 119 ✓

Increases fees, changes notification requirements and makes other revisions in Nevada Boat Act;

AMEND AB 678, by deleting:

Section 1, sub-section 1, 2,3, and 4;

Section 2 in its entirety, and add:

"It is unlawful for a person to camp within 100 yards of a waterhole or in an area posted prohibiting camping therein, in such a manner that wildlife or domestic stock will be denied access to the only reasonably available water."

APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY 2-387
ACR62

SUMMARY--Directs legislative commission to study solid waste management. (BDR 1963)

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION--Directing the legislative commission to study alternative methods of litter control, resource recovery and other aspects of solid waste management and to report the results of the study and any recommendations to the 59th session of the legislature.

WHEREAS, Various states have implemented statutes to correct the esthetic and ecological blight of solid waste litter, especially that of disposable containers; and

WHEREAS, Conflicting claims have been made as to the efficacy of these various state plans to control litter, promote resource recovery and aid energy conservation; and

WHEREAS, The goal of such a plan in Nevada should be to manage and control litter with efficiency and economy and without placing undue burdens on various sectors of the economy; and

WHEREAS, There are currently some 25 pilot resource recovery programs financed by federal grants that are only beginning to produce measurable information on the feasibility of various technological approaches; and

WHEREAS, Nevada may benefit from an examination of those plans which are presently in effect in the various states, in order to compare their provisions and consider their adaptability to Nevada's particular situation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the legislative commission study solid waste management, appointing a bipartisan committee for such purpose to be composed of two members of the assembly, two members of the senate and five persons [nominated by the governor] to represent state and local health and environmental protection agencies and the general public; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the committee shall study:

1. The possible alternative methods of solid waste management, including the problem of disposable containers;
2. State laws and local ordinances relating to littering on public and private lands, particularly as they relate to disposable containers and abandoned automobiles and appliances; and
3. The various national, state and local plans for effective recycling of certain solid waste materials for resource recovery and energy conservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the results of the study and any recommendations be reported to the 59th session of the legislature.