

ASSEMBLY ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, May 7, 1975.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Banner

GUESTS: Glen Griffith, Fish and Game;  
Dave Neasham, State Park System;  
Eric Cronkite, Director, Dept. Conservation & Natural Resources;  
Terry Sullivan, State Purchasing;  
Pat Brady, Printing Office;  
Noel Clark, PSC;  
Dennis Baughman, LV Review Journal;  
William Paul, Attorney General's Office;  
Assemblyman Vergiels

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He stated the first order of business would be AB 701 which provides for special fishing permits for certain institutions for the blind and physically and mentally handicapped. He asked that the bill be amended on line 4 by deleting "of" and adding: "or group leader of"; and on line 11 (g), delete "all centers for the blind" and add: "organized groups of blind that are locally funded and sponsored." On page 2, he suggested that on line 5, after "each institution", add: "or group"; on line 7, delete the bracketed [30] and put 30 back in.

Chairman Bremner stated that in a recent conversation with Mrs. Hayes, the chief sponsor of AB 701, she stated that she was in agreement with the above-suggested amendments.

AB 701: Mr. Weise moved for the adoption of the above amendments; Mr. Heaney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Coulter moved "DO PASS" AB 701 as amended; Mr. Heaney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Bremner announced the next order of business to be AB 556, prohibiting the use of aerosol containers, a bill which had been previously discussed by the Committee. Chairman Bremner asked for a report from the sub-committee he had appointed on Monday. Mr. Heaney reported that the sub-committee found no real problem as to the use of halomethane gas as a starter for diesel engines; that since the effective date is 1980, sufficient time is allowed for alternatives to this gas being perfected.

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Assemblyman Vergiels agreed to the committee's amendments to the bill of which he is the chief sponsor.

AB 556: Mr. Jeffrey moved "DO PASS" as amended; Mr. Coulter seconded the motion.

Mr. Weise moved to amend the motion to "DO PASS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION"; Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Bremner announced the next order of business to be AB 763 which requires state agencies and offices to use recycled paper for stationery items. Mr. Terry Sullivan of State Purchasing stated that recycled paper is difficult to acquire and that the Federal government has backed off its use; that very few people are buying recycled stationery and that most recycled paper goes into the manufacture of egg cartons, wallboard, and other things. He asked the committee to "just kill" the bill.

Mr. Pat Brady of the State Printing Office began to testify in opposition to the bill.

AB 763: Mr. Weise moved to "Indefinitely Postpone" the bill; Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. Voting "no" to the motion was Mr. Heaney; the remainder of the committee voted "aye". The motion was passed.

Chairman Bremner announced the next order of business to be SB 324 which makes certain conduct in state parks unlawful. Mr. Eric Cronkite, Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, stated that this bill strengthens the position of the Park System in enforcement of their rules and regulations. (Mr. Cronkite's testimony is attached as Exhibit "A".) He stated that the reprinted bill does not have the strength his office had originally requested but that it will help considerably and asked the committee to give it favorable consideration.

Mr. Heaney asked Mr. Cronkite why the Senate had removed the statutory form from the bill. Mr. Cronkite stated that the Senate had not wanted to get as specific as his office had requested but were willing to work out an alternative version of the bill to help them.

Mr. Weise wondered if the Fish and Game definition of "wildlife" as defined in prior bills related to the Fish and Game Department would conflict with this bill.

AB 763: Mr. Jacobsen moved "DO PASS"; Mr. Weise seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Chairman Bremner announced that the next order of business would be SB 464 which provides new procedure for issuance of nonresident landowner deer tags. Mr. Griffith's testimony is attached as Exhibit "B".

Chairman Bremner announced the next order of business to be discussion on AB 678 which prohibits camping or recreational activities within certain distance of water pockets which may be used by birds or mammals. Mr. Griffith suggested the following amendments which duplicate the Arizona law: Delete all of Sections 1 and 2 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". He stated the Arizona law has been very successful. Their law restricts the distance to one-half mile from a waterhole. He stated that various livestock associations endorse the above amendment; that the Department is not trying to create problems but the Humboldt River is an example of the problem animals have getting to water because the banks are very steep and there are few places where the animals can get to the river. Mr. Jeffrey stated that some sportsmen from Clark County feel the same way.

AB 678: Mr. Weise moved to adopt the amendments; Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Weise moved "DO PASS AS AMENDED"; Mr. Jeffrey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

SB 464: Mr. Jeffrey moved "DO PASS"; Mr. Jacobsen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Chairman Bremner discussed bills still outstanding to the committee and stated that they would meet briefly Friday to clear them up. Mr. Heaney wondered whatever happened to AB 141.

AB 141: Mr. Jacobsen moved to "INDEFINITELY POSTPONE" the bill; Mr. Weise seconded the motion.

Mr. Jacobsen stated that he had received many calls from cattle and sheep people who oppose this legislation and that trappers are also unhappy with it. He felt that there are sufficient regulations covering trapping. Mr. Heaney asked about the previously discussed amendment regarding the "wildlife" definition and asked if there wasn't some portion of the bill worth saving. He said the bill also

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included the hunting safety program. Mr. Jeffrey doubted that anything much could be done with the bill at this point even if it was passed by the Committee.

AB 141: Voting "no" were Messrs. Heaney and Coulter; the balance of the committee voted "aye". The motion was passed to "Indefinitely Postpone" the measure.

Chairman Bremner announced the next order of business would be SJR 32. This resolution urges the President, et al, to reevaluate federal energy research and development priorities and to place high priority on funding efforts in the field of solar energy. Noel Clark of the PSC stated that the resolution contains many worthwhile items, but that lines 21 to 24 should be deleted because there is nothing to support this language and that it is a bad position for Nevada to take. On page 2, he suggested deleting lines 1, 2, and 3 because they are erroneous; that there is a 400 to 600 year supply of coal in the country, none of which is supplied by Nevada and we should not take the position as stated in the resolution.

SJR 32: Mr. Weise moved to adopt the amendments as suggested by Mr. Clark; Mr. Heaney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Weise moved "DO PASS" to the resolution; Mr. Heaney seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

SJR 22: Mr. Jacobsen moved "DO PASS"; Mr. Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Bremner announced that the committee would meet Monday instead of Friday, as previously announced, and adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS BERKSON, Secretary

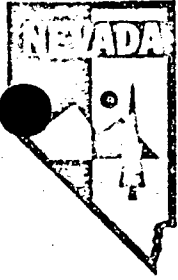
## COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT &amp; PUBLIC RESOURCES.....

Date Wed., May 7 Time 3:00 p.m. Room 214.....

Bill or Resolution  
to be considered

Subject

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AB 763	Requires state agencies and offices to use recycled paper for stationery items;
SB 324	Makes certain conduct in state parks unlawful;
SB 464	Provides new procedure for issuance of non-resident landowner deer tags;
SJR 22	Memorializes Congress to enact legislation to aid domestic exploration and mining of gold;
SJR 32-	Urges the President, Congress and federal energy agencies to reevaluate federal energy research and development priorities and to place high priority on funding efforts in the field of solar energy.



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Assemblyman Roger D. Bremner, Chairman  
Assembly Committee on Environment and  
Public Resources  
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Dear Assemblyman Bremner:

The Nevada state parks are maintained for the convenience and enjoyment of the public. To assist the visitor in enjoying a visit, park rules and regulations have been established.

We have been asked by district attorneys to have our administrative rules and regulations replaced by statute law so that there would be no question of misdemeanor prosecution for the rare visitor who will not cooperate in protecting the parks and other visitors.

The bill which you are considering is required to enable the State Park System to carry out its duties as outlined in Section 407.065,2 of the NRS; "Protect state parks and property controlled or administered by it (The Nevada State Park System) from misuse or damage and to preserve the peace within such areas."

We rarely need to cite a visitor; most of our contacts are educational. We find that visitors are eager to help us protect our parks, and often ask us what the park rules are. In the last three years, with a visitation of over 4,500,000, we have issued less than 40 citations.

All of our ranger personnel have been certified as Peace Officers and have completed the basic 120-hour Peace Officer Standard Training course, presented by the Crime Commission.

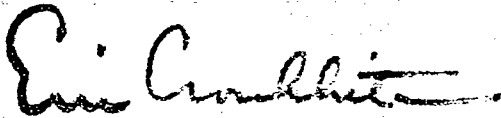
Quoting from our Law Enforcement Policy Manual, the following summarizes our attitude regarding the Peace Officer's duties:

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"The Nevada State Park System's primary function is not law enforcement. Our job is to acquire, protect, develop and interpret a well balanced system of areas of outstanding scenic, recreational, scientific and historical importance for the inspiration, use and enjoyment of the people of the State of Nevada and that such areas shall be held in trust as irreplaceable portions of Nevada's natural and historic heritage," NRS - 407.013 - Declaration of Legislative Intent.

Sincerely,



Eric R. Cronkhite  
Administrator

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copy to: Environment and Public Resources Committee

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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## S. B. 464

Each year about 15 nonresidents have been issued out-of-state hunting licenses to hunt deer, upland game birds, waterfowl and other game birds or animals on their private lands in this State, if not less than 75 percent of such lands are open to the public.

S. B. 464 redefines this procedure to allow the issuance of nonresident deer tags to such persons for the regular season without regard to quota if not less than 75 percent of the private lands are open to the public. The nonresident could hunt in any open area with the regular hunting license that accompanies the deer tag.

An amendment incorporated in S.B. 464 would authorize the State Board of Fish and Game Commissioners to establish regulations setting the criteria for the issuance of nonresident deer tags including provision that the area for hunting is in fact deer habitat. It could further define the requirements for land ownership as a condition to the issuance of a tag.