GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting - March 17, 1975

Present:

Chairman Gibson Senator Hilbrecht Senator Gojack Senator Foote Senator Schofield Senator Dodge Senator Walker

Also Present:

W. S. Boddy, Jr. Fire Dept. Darwin K. Ellis, Douglas County Fire Dept. Jack D. Holt, Nev. Health Division Roland D. Westergard, State Engineer J. N. Littlefield, State Public Works Board Louis F. Murphy, State Divil Defense Elmo J. DeRicco, Dept. of Conservation Assemblyman Brookman Jack Ewald, Nik-O-Lok Co. representative Richard Bunker, County of Clark O.K. McFarland, Las Vegas Fire Dept. Sam Cooper, Las Vegas Fire Dept. William Brewer, State Fire Marshal's office Dan J. Quinan, State Fire Marshal Mike Melner, Dept. of Commerce James T. Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol Freddie L. Little, Dept. of Motor Vehicles Senator Neal

Chairman Gibson opened the nineteenth meeting of the Government Affairs Committee at 3:00 p.m. and requested that the minutes reflect that a guorum was present.

<u>AB-320</u> Prohibits charging fee for use of public toilet. (BDR 40-392)

Assmeblyman Brookman, one of the sponsors of the bill, spoke in favor of this bill indicating that it was her feeling this bill would eliminate discrimination against women and the elderly. She felt that placing a charge on a necessity was criminal and in a state such as ours it has no place. Assemblyman Brookman indicated that 27 other states have passed bills similar to AB-320.

Mr. Jack Ewald, representing the Nik-O-Loc Co., felt that the bill was also descriminatory and suggested putting the same number of pay toilets in the men's facilities as in the women's facilities. Mr. Ewold stated that 90% of the profits go to the owners of the facilities and it was felt that these profits would be used to keep the facilities clean. He also indicated that only one other state has passed anything similar to AB-320, that being the state of California.

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Mr. Ewald stated that in various informal surveys it indicated that people preferred the pay toilets, even if they had a choice.

Senator Neal indicated that you shouldn't be taxed for a necessity.

Discussion followed and it was thought that there should be an equal number of pay and free toilets in each facility.

Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Foote, seconded by Senator Gojack. Yea's Senator's Gojack, Foote, Hilbrecht. Na's Senator's Gibson, Dodge and Schofield. Motion failed.

Chairman Gibson told the committee he would have an amendment prepared.

<u>SB-315</u> Transfers certain duties of State Fire Marshal to local fire marshals. (BDR 42-1201)

Mr. O.K. McFarland spoke in favor of <u>SB-315</u> with the following changes made:

- Section 1 The State Fire Marshal is not responsible for enforcing the provisions of sub-section 1, NRS 477.030 in any [incorporated or unincorporated city or town] incorporated city of the population of 75,000 or more.
- Section 2 [such local] deleted, then reading, "The State Fire Marshal referred in Section 10 of NRS 477 shall enforce the provisions of sub-section 1, NRS 477.030 and all regulations adopted thereunder by the State Fire Marshal."
- Section 3 Delete the word "promptly" and add "as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 477.030." This would make section 3 read, "Whenever necessary to carry out the enforcement of such provisions the local Fire Marshal may request assistance from the State Fire Marshal who shall provide assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of NRS 477.030".

Dan Quinan, State Fire Marshal, spoke against <u>SB-315</u> as he felt it was the duty of the local fire marshal to check hazards in the area and be responsible for the keeping of certain safety standards. He indicated that this responsibility should remain a state function but the enforcement should be on the local level.

Mr. McFarland stated that he felt the local fire marshall will enforce these standards as the State Fire Marshal instructs them.

Mr. W. S. Boddy, Jr. North Las Vegas Fire Dept., indicated he was not in favor of the bill nor the amendment submitted by Mr. McFarland.

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Senator Hilbrecht indicated that the laws should be uniform throught the state and possibly the local fire marshals should be called Deputy Fire Marshals and work under the direction of the State Fire Marshal.

Chairman Gibson asked Mr. Quinan and Mr. McFarland to get together and work out an amendment that would meet both their needs.

<u>SB-107</u> Authorizes governor to enter into interstate law enforcement mutual aid agreements. (BDR 18-337)

Chairman Gibson indicated that the Clark County Metro Police has submitted an amendment that reads, (starting in line 5) "Prior to committing the personnel, equipment or facility of any political subdivision of this state the Governor shall "consult with" and obtain the approval of the law enforcement concerned and the Chief Executive of such political subdivision."

Mr. James Lambert, Nevada Highway Patrol, felt that as long as the governor's office was in approval of the new language he had no objection to it.

Mr. Bob Warren, Nevada League of Cities, supports the new language added to <u>SB-107</u>. Mr. Warren feels that the governing body must also be informed and consulted as they are the ones that will be funding the expenses incurred.

Senator Hilbrecht was confused as to what "governing body" covered. With further discussion it was felt that adding "executive board" or "executive municipalities" would cover the area of governing bodies.

Chairman Gibson felt that action should be held on this bill at the present time.

AB-289 Authorizes director of state department of conservation and natural resources to delegate certain powers to administrator or executive heads of division within the department. (BDR 18-947)

Mr. Elmo DeRicco read his prepared testimony. (See attached)

Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Walker. Motion carried unanimously.

AB-258 Clarifies use of land descriptions by reference to certain maps in possession of county officers. (BDR 32-819)

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Richard Bunker, representing the Clark County people, spoke in favor of this bill and cited an example for the committee to further show that this bill is needed. Mr. Bunker presented to the committee a letter from the Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding the validity of AB-258. (See attached).

Motion of "Do Pass" from Senator Walker, seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>AB-81</u> Enacts Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact. (BDR 36-158)

Mr. Lou Murphy, State Civil Defense, representing Mr. Bob Gregory who could not be present. Mr. Murphy is in favor of the compact described in <u>AB-81</u>. Most of the other states have ratified such a compact and feels that Nevada would benefit by having a compact. Mr. Murphy stated that 29 other states have ratified.

Mr. Bob Warren, Nevada League of Cities, questioned that if the compact were put into effect in Nevada would it also provide additional powers.

Mr. Murphy indicated this would not be the case.

Chairman Gibson informed the committee that Congress has ratified the compact and if Nevada does the language would have to be identical.

Motion of "Do Pass" by Senator Schofield, seconded by Senator Foote. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson requested Mr. Murphy to provide the committee with a statement of when Congress adopted this measure.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice M. Peck Committee Secretary

Approved: Zune = ,) (:l. Chairman

SENATE

Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel Requested*
SB-107 FOR COMMITTEE ACTION	Authorizes governor to enter into inter state law enforcement mutual aid agree- ments. (BDR 18-337)	
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES Elmo J. DeRicco, Director

Testimony Regarding Assembly Bill No. 289

Senate Committee on Government Affairs March 17, 1975

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. My testimony is in support of A. B. 289 and I ask for your favorable consideration of the Bill.

Assembly Bill 289 identifies the State posture to undertake cooperative studies and necessary negotiations with other States, entities and the Federal Government seeking to obtain additional resources, including water, where needed and where economically and environmentally feasible.

An example of present potential activities covered by the bill would be augmentation of water available to the State from participation in out-of-State geothermal, weather modification, desalting, or inter-basin transfer projects.

We believe that A. B. 289 amplifies the intent of the original Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' law and gives further authority to the Director in delegating this specific power and duty to additional expertise within his Divisions.

Our support of the bill is based on completed Federal and State studies which depict potential water deficiencies in the State in the relatively near future. The very long time periods and complex procedures within and outside the State that can be expected in obtaining any additional water supplies for the State indicate a need to address this important problem now. The people of the State must be provided potential future alternatives for consideration and action. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has expertise to accommodate this effort. Any specific action, participation, or project to augment the State's current water resources would, of course, require further legislative approval.

Our support of this bill is further stimulated by current Federal actions which tend toward national management of water resources and the implications of the Federal override of State jurisdictions. This trend is mainly focused on energy development and its attendant water requirement.

I urge your favorable consideration of the proposed bill.

I would be pleased to answer your questions.

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Validity of amendment of NRS 361.215 by A.B. 258

Assemblyman James W. Schofield Assembly Chamber Legislative Building Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mr. Schofield:

You have raised a question about the constitutionality of A.B. 258, which is now before the Assembly Standing Committee on Government Affairs for its consideration and recommendation.

This bill proposes to amend NRS 361.215, which was enacted by chapter 253, Statutes of Nevada 1955. The section simply provides that, with county commissioner approval, the county assessor may number and renumber or letter and reletter parcels, combinations or divisions of parcels of land where he possesses "a complete, accurate map of any land in the county."

The section, further, provides that land may be described by reference to this map.

There has been no question about the validity of this law in the 20 years since its enactment. The language has not been judicially construed nor has the Attorney General been called upon to render an opinion on any aspect of NRS 361.215.

Now the legislature proposes to amend NRS 361.215. The amendment contained in A.B. 258 does not alter the fundamental purpose of the section, which is to enable the county assessor and, logically, all other county officials to employ an efficient, meaningful and <u>legal</u> method of describing property for ad valorem tax purposes. Assemblyman James W. Schofield February 28, 1975 Page 2

As indicated in the title, the bill proposes a "clarifying use of descriptions of land by reference to certain maps in possession of county officers."

The clarification, in our opinion, is accomplished in two ways. First, this is done by enumerating the methods of permissible parcel description: notices, certificates, lists, records or other documents. Second, and subtended under the first, this is furthered by indicating that all documents are those "provided for in this chapter."

The only conclusion that can be reached is that the purpose is in aid of the ad valorem tax assessment and collection process.

In no way is there expressed or can there be implied in NRS 361.215 that the parcel description may be used in connection with conveyances of land. Subsection 3 of NRS 361.215 is not changed in any substantive manner by A.B. 258. This subsection plainly provides for the matter of descriptions contained in deeds or conveyances.

The only case found in point bears directly on the question before us. The California Appellate Court in Morton v. Sloan, 96 C A 747, 275 p. 223, stated:

There is no doubt but that a description of land by parcel number referring to a map in the assessor's office is legally sufficient for all purposes in the taxing process, including a description on the roll. (Emphasis added.)

We conclude from the above analysis that A.B. 288, as introduced by the 58th Session of the Nevada Legislature, presents no constitutional problem.

Very truly yours,

Perry P. Burnett Legislative Counsel.

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SENATE BILL NO. 107—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

JANUARY 30, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Authorizes governor to enter into interstate law enforcement mutual aid agreements. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 18-337)

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

AN ACT relating to state government; authorizing the governor to enter into mutual or reciprocal aid agreements with other governmental entities for police services; 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 223 of NRS is hereby amended by adding **2** thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

1. The governor may, on behalf of this state, enter into mutual or reciprocal aid agreements or compacts with other states or the Federal Government, either on a statewide or political subdivision basis. Prior to committing the personnel, equipment or facilities of any political subdivision of this state the governor shall consult with the chief executive or governing body of such political subdivision.

2. Such agreements shall be limited to furnishing or exchange of:

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(b) Personnel necessary to provide or conduct such services; and

12 (c) Such other supplies, equipment, facilities, personnel and services as 13 are needed to support such services.

14 3. The agreements may relate to the terms and conditions of mutual 15 or reciprocal aid and to reimbursement of costs and expenses for equip-16 ment, supplies, personnel and similar items for mobile support units and 17 police units.

S. B. 315

SENATE BILL NO. 315-SENATOR SCHOFIELD (by request)

March 7, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Transfers certain duties of state fire marshal to local fire marshals. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 42-1201)

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

AN ACT relating to the state fire marshal; transferring certain of his enforcement duties to fire marshals of cities and towns; 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 477 of NRS is hereby amended by adding **2** thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 1. The state fire marshal is not responsible for enforcing the pro4 visions of subsection 1 of NRS 477.030 in any incorporated or unincor5 porated city or town which has an organized fire department with a fire
6 marshal.

7 2. Such local fire marshal shall enforce the provisions of subsection 8 1 of NRS 477.030 and all regulations adopted thereunder by the state 9 fire marshal.

10 3. Whenever necessary to carry out the enforcement of such provisions, the local fire marshal may request assistance from the state fire 12 marshal, who shall promptly provide such assistance.

SEC. 2. NRS 477.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 477.030 1. [The] Except as provided in section 1 of this act, the 15 state fire marshal shall enforce all laws and make rules and regulations 16 relating to:

(a) Fire prevention.

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18 (b) The storage and use of combustibles, flammables, fireworks and 19 explosives.

20 (c) The safety, access, means and adequacy of exit in case of fire from 21 mental and penal institutions, child care facilities, foster homes, adult 22 group care facilities, intermediate care facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, 23 schools, all buildings, except private residences, which are occupied for 24 sleeping purposes, buildings used for public assembly, and all other 25 buildings where large numbers of persons work, live or congregate from

time to time for any purpose. As used in this paragraph, "public assembly" means a building or a portion of a building used for the gathering together of 50 or more persons for purposes of deliberation, education, instruction, worship, entertainment, amusement or awaiting transportation, or the gathering together of 100 or more persons in establishments for drinking or dining.
(d) The suppression and punishment of arson and fraudulent claims

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(d) The suppression and punishment of arson and fraudulent claims or practices in connection with fire losses.

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9 2. The state fire marshal may set standards for equipment and appliances pertaining to fire safety or to be used for fire protection purposes within this state, including the threads used on fire hose couplings and hydrant fittings.

3. The state fire marshal shall cooperate with the state forester firewarden in the preparation of rules and regulations relating to standards
for fire retardant roofing materials pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection 1 of NRS 472.040.

4. The state fire marshal shall cooperate with the welfare division
of the department of human resources in establishing reasonable minimum standards for, overseeing the safety of and directing the means and
adequacy of exit in case of fire from family foster homes and group
foster homes.
5. The state fire marshal and his deputies shall have such powers

5. The state fire marshal and his deputies shall have such powers and perform such other duties as are prescribed by law.

SEC. 3. This act shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1975.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 81—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

JANUARY 28, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Enacts Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 36-158)

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

AN ACT relating to civil defense; providing for the ratification of the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

SECTION 1. Title 36 of NRS is hereby amended to adding thereto a new chapter to consist of the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

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SEC. 2. The legislature of this state hereby ratifies a compact on behalf of the State of Nevada with any other state legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact.

ARTICLE I

13 The purpose of this compact is to provide mutual aid among the States 14 in meeting any emergency or disaster from enemy attack or other cause 15 (natural or otherwise) including sabotage and subversive acts and direct 16 attacks by bombs, shellfire, and atomic, radiological, chemical, bacteriological means, and other weapons. The prompt, full and effective utiliza-tion of the resources of the respective States, including such resources as 17 18 19 may be available from the United States Government or any other source, are essential to the safety, care and welfare of the people thereof in the event of enemy action or other emergency, and any other resources, including personnel, equipment or supplies, shall be incorporated into a 20 21 2223 plan or plans of mutual aid to be developed among the Civil Defense

agencies or similar bodies of the States that are parties hereto. The Directors of Civil Defense of all party States shall constitute a committee to formulate plans and take all necessary steps for the implementation of this compact.

ARTICLE II

It shall be the duty of each party State to formulate civil defense plans 8 9 and programs for application within such State. There shall be frequent 10 consultation between the representatives of the States and with the United 11 States Government and the free exchange of information and plans, 12 including inventories of any materials and equipment available for civil defense. In carrying out such civil defense plans and programs the party 13 14 States shall so far as possible provide and follow uniform standards, prac-15 tices and rules and regulations including:

(a) Insignia, arm bands and any other distinctive articles to designate
 and distinguish the different civil defense services;

(b) Blackouts and practice blackouts, air raid drills, mobilization of civil defense forces and other tests and exercises;

20 (c) Warnings and signals for drills or attacks and the mechanical 21 devices to be used in connection therewith;

(d) The effective screening or extinguishing of all lights and lighting devices and appliances;

(e) Shutting off water mains, gas mains, electric power connections and the suspension of all other utility services:

(f) All materials or equipment used or to be used for civil defense purposes in order to assure that such materials and equipment will be easily and freely interchangeable when used in or by any other party State;

(g) The conduct of civilians and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic, prior, during and subsequent to drills or attacks;

(h) The safety of public meetings or gatherings; and

(i) Mobile support units.

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ARTICLE III

37 Any party State requested to render mutual aid shall take such action as is necessary to provide and make available the resources covered by this 38 compact in accordance with the terms hereof; provided that it is under-stood that the State rendering aid may withhold resources to the extent 39 40 necessary to provide reasonable protection for such State. Each party 41 State shall extend to the civil defense forces of any other party State, while 42 43 operating within its State limits under the terms and conditions of this compact, the same powers (except that of arrest unless specifically author-44 45 ized by the receiving State), duties, rights, privileges and immunities as if 46 they were performing their duties in the State in which normally employed 47 or rendering services. Civil defense forces will continue under the com-48 mand and control of their regular leaders but the organizational units will come under the operational control of the civil defense authorities of the 49 50 State receiving assistance.

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Whenever any person holds a license, certificate or other permit issued by any State evidencing the meeting of qualifications for professional, mechanical or other skills, such person may render aid involving such skill in any party State to meet an emergency or disaster and such State shall give due recognition to such license, certificate or other permit as if issued in the State in which aid is rendered.

ARTICLE V

No party State or its officers or employees rendering aid in another State pursuant to this compact shall be liable on account of any act or omission in good faith on the part of such forces while so engaged, or on account of the maintenance or use of any equipment or supplies in connection therewith.

ARTICLE VI

Inasmuch as it is probable that the pattern and detail of the machinery for mutual aid among two or more States may differ from that appropriate among other States party hereto, this instrument contains elements of a broad base common to all States, and nothing herein contained shall preclude any State from entering into supplementary agreements with another State or States. Such supplementary agreements may comprehend, but shall not be limited to, provisions for evacuation and reception of injured and other persons, and the exchange of medical, fire, police, public utility, reconnaissance, welfare, transportation and communications personnel, equipment and supplies.

ARTICLE VII

Each party State shall provide for the payment of compensation and death benefits to injured members of the civil defense forces of that State and the representatives of deceased members of such forces in case such members sustain injuries or are killed while rendering aid pursuant to this compact, in the same manner and on the same terms as if the injury or death were sustained within such State.

ARTICLE VIII

Any party State rendering aid in another State pursuant to this compact shall be reimbursed by the party State receiving such aid for any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of any equipment answering a request for aid, and for the cost incurred in connection with such requests; provided, that any aiding party State may assume in whole or in part such loss, damage, expense, or other cost, or may loan such equipment or donate such services to the receiving party State without charge or cost; and provided further that any two or more party States may enter into supplementary agreements establishing a different allocation of costs as among those States. The United States Government may relieve the party State receiving aid from any liability and reimburse the party State suppling civil defense forces for the compensation paid to and the transportation, subsistence and maintenance expenses of such forces during the time of the rendition of such aid or assistance outside the State and may also pay fair and reasonable compensation for the use or utilization of the supplies, materials, equipment or facilities so utilized or consumed.

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ARTICLE IX

14 Plans for the orderly evacuation and reception of the civilian population 15 as the result of an emergency or disaster shall be worked out from time to 16 time between representatives of the party States and the various local civil 17 defense areas thereof. Such plans shall include the manner of transporting 18 such evacuees, the number of evacuees to be received in different areas, 19 the manner in which food, clothing, housing and medical care will be pro-20vided, the registration of the evacuees, the providing of facilities for the 21 notification of relatives or friends and the forwarding of such evacuees to 22 other areas or the bringing in of additional materials, supplies, and all 23other relevant factors. Such plans shall provide that the party State receiving evacuees shall be reimbursed generally for the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in receiving and caring for such evacuees, for expenditures for 24 2526 transportation, food, clothing, medicines and medical care and like items. 27 Such expenditures shall be reimbursed by the party State of which the 28 evacuees are residents, or by the United States Government under plans 29 approved by it. After the termination of the emergency or disaster the 30 party State of which the evacuees are resident shall assume the respon-31 sibility for the ultimate support or repatriation of such evacuees. 32

ARTICLE X

This compact shall be available to any State, territory or possession of the United States, and the District of Columbia. The term "State" may also include any neighboring foreign country or province or State thereof.

ARTICLE XI

43 The committee established pursuant to Article 1 of this compact may 44 request the Civil Defense Agency of the United States Government to act 45 as an informational and coordinating body under this compact, and repre-46 sentatives of such agency of the United States Government may attend 47 meetings of such committee.

ARTICLE XII

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This compact shall become operative immediately upon its ratification by any State as between it and any other State or States so ratifying and shall be subject to approval by Congress unless prior Congressional approval has been given. Duly authenticated copies of this compact and of such supplementary agreements as may be entered into shall, at the time of their approval, be deposited with each of the party States and with the Civil Defense Agency and other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

ARTICLE XIII

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding on each party State until the legislature or the Governor of such party State takes action to withdraw therefrom. Such action shall not be effective until 30 days after notice thereof has been sent by the governor of the party State desiring to withdraw to the governors of all other party States.

ARTICLE XIV

This compact shall be construed to effectuate the purposes stated in Article I hereof. If any provision of this compact is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE XV

32(a) This Article shall be in effect only as among those States which have 33 enacted it into law or in which the governors have adopted it pursuant to 34 constitutional or statutory authority sufficient to give it the force of law as 35 part of this compact. Nothing contained in this Article or in any supple-36 mentary agreement made in implementation thereof shall be construed to 37 abridge, impair or supersede any other provision of this compact or any 38 obligation undertaken by a State pursuant thereto, except that if its terms 39 so provide, a supplementary agreement in implementation of this Article 40 may modify, expand or add to any such obligation as among the parties to the supplementary agreement. 41

42 (b) In addition to the occurrences, circumstances and subject matters 43 to which preceding articles of this compact make it applicable, this com-44 pact and the authorizations, entitlements and procedures thereof shall 45 apply to:

46 1. Searches for and rescue of persons who are lost, marooned, or oth-47 erwise in danger.

48 2. Action useful in coping with disasters arising from any cause or 49 designed to increase the capability to cope with any such disasters.

50 3. Incidents, or the imminence thereof, which endanger the health or

safety of the public and which require the use of special equipment, trained personnel or personnel in larger numbers than are locally available in order to reduce, counteract or remove the danger.

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5. Exercises, drills or other training or practice activities designed to aid personnel to prepare for, cope with or prevent any disaster or other emergency to which this compact applies.

8 (c) Except as expressly limited by this compact or a supplementary 9 agreement in force pursuant thereto, any aid authorized by this compact or 10 such supplementary agreement may be furnished by any agency of a party 11 State, a subdivision of such State, or by a joint agency providing such aid 12 shall be entitled to reimbursement therefor to the same extent and in the 13 same manner as a State. The personnel of such a joint agency, when ren-14 dering aid pursuant to this compact shall have the same rights, authority 15 and immunity as personnel of party States.

(d) Nothing in this Article shall be construed to exclude from the coverage of Articles I-XIV of this compact any matter which, in the absence of this Article, could reasonably be construed to be covered thereby.

(e) Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to limit previous or
 future entry into the Interstate Civil Defense and Disaster Compact of this
 State with other States.
 SEC 3 Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as a limitation

SEC. 3. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as a limitation of powers granted in any other act to enter into interstate compacts or other agreements relating to civil defense, or as impairing in any respect the force and effect thereof.

SEC. 4. Duly authenticated copies of this act shall, upon its approval, be transmitted by the legislative counsel to the governor of each state, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, or any successor agency, to the Secretary of State of the United States and to the Council of State Governments.

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS) A. B. 289 FIRST REPRINT

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 289-COMMITTEE ON **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

FEBRUARY 17, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY-Authorizes director of state department of conservation and natural resources to delegate certain powers to administrators or executive heads of divisions within the department. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 18-947)

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

AN ACT relating to the state department of conservation and natural resources; authorizing the director to delegate certain powers to the administrators or executive heads of the divisions within the department.

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

SECTION 1. NRS 232.070 is hereby amended to read as follows: 232.070 1. As executive head of the department, the director shall direct and supervise all administrative and technical activities of the department. He shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office, and shall follow no other gainful employment or occupation.

2. The director may, within such limitations as may be provided by law, organize the department into various divisions and, from time to time, alter such organization and reassign responsibilities and duties as he may deem appropriate.

3. The director shall:

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(a) Formulate the policy of the department and the various divisions 11 12 thereof. 13

(b) Coordinate the activities of the various divisions of the department. (c) From time to time adopt, amend and rescind such rules and regu-

lations as he may deem necessary for the operation of the department. (d) Plan such studies and investigations as he may deem appropriate

and carry out the same in conjunction with the various divisions.

(e) Coordinate all studies in the State of Nevada concerned with the 18 supply, development, use and conservation of water. 19

20 (f) Prepare and deliver to the governor, on or before October 1 in the year preceding a regular session of the legislature, and at such other times 21 22as may be required by the governor, a full report of the work of the

department, and the divisions thereof, including a detailed statement of 1 2 the expenditures of the department and any recommendations the director 3 may have.

4 5 4. The director **[**may, with the approval of the governor, enter into cooperative agreements], with the approval of the governor, may: 6

(a) Enter into cooperative agreements; or

7 (b) Authorize the administrator or executive head of a division within 8 the department to enter into cooperative agreements,

9 with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located in or outside the State of Nevada, or any 10 11 person, corporation or association, in connection with studies and investi-12 gations pertaining to waters, lands or other matters related to the devel-13 opment or conservation of natural resources.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 320—ASSEMBLYMEN BROOKMAN, MUR-PHY. BREMNER, BARENGO, MANN, PRICE, BENNETT, CRADDOCK, DREYER, SENA, JEFFREY, COULTER, SCHO-FIELD, HARMON, HEANEY, HAYES, VERGIELS, WAGNER, ROBINSON, WEISE, POLISH, CHANEY, GETTO, WITTEN-BERG, DEMERS, FORD, BENKOVICH, DINI, MAY AND MOODY

FEBRUARY 25, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Prohibits charging fee for use of public toilet. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 40-392)

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

AN ACT relating to toilets in publicly owned buildings; prohibiting the charge of a fee or other exaction for use thereof.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 444 of NRS is hereby amended by adding 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

The State of Nevada, or any agency or political subdivision of the state
is hereby prohibited from charging or allowing to be charged any fee or
exaction of any type for the use of any toilet within a restroom or lavatory
in any building owned or operated by such entity.

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 258-ASSEMBLYMEN SCHOFIELD, DEMERS, CHANEY, DREYER, BENNETT, HARMON, BAN-NER, ROBINSON, VERGIELS AND SENA

FEBRUARY 13, 1975

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Clarifies use of land descriptions by reference to certain maps in possession of county officers. Fiscal Note: No. (BDR 32-819)

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

AN ACT relating to property taxation; clarifying use of descriptions of land by reference to certain maps in possession of county officers.

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

SECTION 1. NRS 361.215 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 361.215 1. Where any county or county officer possesses a complete, 3 accurate map of any land in the county, the county assessor of such 4 county may number or letter the parcels in a manner approved by the 5 board of county commissioners. The county assessor may renumber or reletter the parcels or prepare new map pages for any portion of such map to show combinations or divisions of parcels in a manner approved by the board of county commissioners of such county, so long as an inspection of such map will readily disclose precisely what land is covered by any par-10 ticular parcel number or letter in the current or in any prior fiscal year. The map or copy shall at all times be publicly displayed in the office of the county assessor.

2. [Land] Except as provided in subsection 3, land may be described by a reference to this map, except that land in any notice, certificate, list, record or other document provided for in this chapter, by reference to:

(a) The appropriate parcel letters or numbers; and

18 (b) The map in the office of the county assessor from which the parcel 19 letters or numbers were obtained.

20 3. Land shall not be described in any deed or conveyance by a refer-21 ence to any such map unless such map has been filed for record in the 22 office of the county recorder of the county in which [such] the land is 23 located.