ASSEMBLY
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
March 25, 1977
7:00am

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Murphy

Mr. May

Mr. Craddock
Mr. Jeffrey
Mr. Mann
Mr. Robinson
Mrs. Westall
Mr. Jacobsen

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Mr. Moody

Guests present: See attached lists

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00am.

ASSEMBLY BILL 278

Mr. Bruce Arkell, State Planning Coordinator, explained a set of amendments which are attached as Exhibit 1. A summary of issues raised during the February 23, 1977 hearing on A.B. 278 are attached as Exhibit 2. A list of each board and the compensation received for serving on that board is attached as Exhibit 3.

Mr. Ron Blakemore, Nevada State Board of Landscape Architecture, testified in opposition to the bill because if the Landscape Architecture Board is repealed there will be no central place to see to accountability, it will eliminate uniform testing of competency and it will render three major design professions without a licensing procedure for the state. Most state and federal agencies require a licensed agency to bid for contracts, this would mean that Nevada state buildings would have to be built and designed by architects from out of state who would be licensed.

Mr. Jack Lemen, Executive Director of the Nevada Educational Communications Commission, spoke in opposition to the portions of the bill which repeal the ECC. A copy of his statement is attached as Exhibit 4.

Assemblyman Robinson asked Mr. Lemen if the finance committees choose not to fund a statewide educational channel, what alternatives are there to abolishing the Commission. Mr. Lemen replied that he wasn't sure but that he certainly didn't want the commission to be repealed.

Assemblyman Jacobsen asked if the Commission had federal funds. Mr. Lemen replied that they did not, and would not until we had a statewide educational channel. He continued by saying that if the Commission was abolished then we could never get the federal funds which are available.

Mr. Arkell clarified that if the function was abolished then the federal funds would be abolished, but if the functions and responsibilities are transfered then the funds could continue. A.B. 278 transfers the

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responsibilities of the ECC to the Department of Education.

Chairman Murphy appointed a subcommittee of Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Mann to look into the matter of abolishing the ECC.

Mr. Alan List, Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, spoke in opposition to the repeal of that Board. His statement is attached as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

Assemblyman Robinson asked if the members of his growers group could get along better with just an association. Mr. List felt that the association with the state was better for the growers.

Mr. Arkell commented that he had thought the growers would be better off if the Board was repealed. Mr. List disagreed. Mr. Arkell said he would not oppose retaining the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board since Mr. List felt that it really did help the growers.

Mr. Harold Hall, beekeeper, State Board of Agriculture, testified against the bill.

There was then a philosophical discussion among the committee members as to the disposition of this legislation. They decided that an interim study was the best method of studying an action of this size.

COMMITTEE ACTION

ASSEMBLY BILL 278 - Mr. Mann moved to table the bill and request an interim study of the matter, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. The motion carried 7 - 1 - 1 with Mr. Murphy voting no and Mr. Moody absent.

Mr. Jim Deere, Council of the Arts, told the committee that A.B. 278 included some needed housekeeping changes and hoped that there was some way to let those changes go through.

Mrs. Barbara Mello, former member of the Council of the Arts, stated that the Council certainly does need the changes and a copy of her statement is attached as Exhibit 6.

Mr. Van Peterson, State Board of Conservation Districts, thanked the committee for tabling the bill.

Mr. Chuck Salidino, Landscape Architect's Board, submitted a folder of letters for committee perusal which support the retention of the Board. An index of this material is attached as Exhibit 7.

After a brief recess the committee returned and informally discussed water meter legislation. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Morgan

Kim Morgan, Committee Secretary

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- Page 4, line 30 through 39 delete substitute attached language.
- Page 5, line 14 change assistant director to "administrator of the division of state lands"
- Page 5, line 17 following appoint, insert "up to 6"
- Page 30, line 28 change shall to "may"
- Page 30, between lines 31 and 32 add "3. Each appointee shall be a member of the museum"
- Page 31, line 16 and 17 change purposes and objectives to "policies in non-administrative areas"
- Page 31, line 40 add following "appoint from a list of three names submitted by the board"
- Page 31, line 41 change as to "a"
- Page 36, line 18 change purposes and objectives to "policies in non-administrative areas"
- Page 37, line 11 add following "appoint from a list of three names submitted by the board"
- Pages 45 and 46 delete sections 154 through 160
- Page 62, line 39 delete period continue with "within limitation of appropriations"
- Page 62, lines 40 and 41 delete
- Page 62, line 46 after to add " reactivating idle properties",
- Page 63, between lines 10 and 11 add "6. The state engineer, director of Nevada, bureau of mines and geology and one lay member shall be established as a standing subcommittee of the mineral resources advisory board and shall function as the oil and gas conservation commission."
- Page 75, line 32 change commission to "board"
- Page 83 Board of accountancy change present statutues to reflect Governor may select from a list submitted by rather than shall.
- Page 83, line 34 change 4 to "6"

Add new section to reinstate State Multiple Use Advisory Committee on Federal Lands, as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>: Provide a vehicle to exchange information and viewpoints between the various users of the federal lands of the State of Nevada.

Duties:

- 1. Advise federal and state administrating agencies concerning the effect the agencies' administration and use has on the users of the land under jurisdiction of the federal government.
- 2. The State Multiple Use Advisory Committee shall cooperate with the State Land Use Planning Advisory Council in identifying issues that affect both private users and local governments.

Composition:

- The Governor shall appoint seven members who are representatives of users of land within this state which is under the jurisdiction of the federal government.
 - 2. The Governor may appoint up to six additional members representing users for one year terms depending upon the issues affecting the federal lands.
 - 3. The Governor may appoint the representatives of users from other state agency boards and commissions.

Administration: The division within the department of conservation and natural resources that is responsible for State land use planning shall provide administrative support to the State Multiple Use Advisory Committee on Federal Lands.

Revise NRS 232.157-1. to read - The Director shall appoint an assistant director [to serve as the secretary of the committee as provided in NRS 232.152. In addition, he] who shall perform such other duties as may be designated by the director.

513.010 [There is hereby created an advisory mining board for the state of Nevada consisting of seven members.] The mineral resources advisory board consisting of seven members appointed by the governor is hereby created.

513.020 [Members of the advisory mining board shall be bona fide residents of the state who are trained, experienced and qualified in the operation of the mining industry of the state and completely conversant with its problems.]

The governor shall appoint:

- a) one member who is the director of the Nevada bureau of mines and geology
- b) one member who is the state engineer
- three members who shall be bona fide residents of the state who are trained, experienced and qualified in the operation of the mining industry of the state and completely conversant with its problems.
- d) one member trained in oil and gas operations
- e) one general public
- 513.030 [1. Within 30 days after March 24, 1943, the governor shall appoint the members of the advisory mining board for the terms of 2 years.
- 2. Thereafter, members shall be appointed by the governor for terms of 2 years.] repeal same as sections 3 and 375 of AB 278.
- 513.040 [Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.] repeal same as section 3 of AB 278.
- 513.050 [The members of the advisory mining board shall qualify by taking the oath of office.] repeal
- 513.060 1. The members of the board shall serve without pay.
- 2. They shall be entitled to receive their traveling and living expenses at the same rate and in accordance with the provisions of NRS 281.160.
- 513.070 The members of the [advisory mining board] mineral resources advisory board shall meet immediately after their appointment and qualification and organize by selecting a chairman and a secretary from their number.

- 513.080 The [advisory mining board] mineral resources advisory board shall meet at the time and place designated by the chairman, after consultation with the chairman of the oil and gas commission [, but shall meet at least once in each six months of each calendar year,] subject to limitations of legislative appropriations.
- 513.090 [From any legislative appropriation made for the use of the board, the advisory mining board may pay for necessary secretarial services and necessary office expenses in connection therewith.] repeal
- 513.100 The [advisory mining board] mineral resources advisory board shall, as its objects and purposes:
- 1. Study ways and means of furthering the mining industry of the state particularly in regards to reactivating idle properties, assistance to small operations and in prospecting.
- 2. Study ways and means of further exploring and developing the oil and gas industry of the state.
- 3. [Report the results of such studies to the governor and to the United States Senators and Representative in Congress from this state in all instances where the board deems such action appropriate.] Advise the division of the department of conservation and natural resources that is responsible for the mineral resources of the state of Nevada.
- 4. Reports its recommendations for legislation deemed necessary through the department of conservation and natural to further the mining industry of the state.
- 5. Call upon the state bureau of mines and geology and the state analytical laboratory for their assistance and to cooperate with them in furthering the objects and purposes of this chapter.
- 6. The state engineer, director of Nevada bureau of mines and geology and one lay member shall be established as a standing subcommittee of the mineral resources advisory board and shall function as the oil and gas conservation commission.

Ex2

Summary of Issues Raised During AB 278 Testimony On 2/23/77

- 1. Placement of general public members on boards
 - 1. Accountancy, Nevada State Board of
 - 2. Architecture, State Board of
 - 3. Contractors' Board, State
 - 4. Medical Examiners of the State of Nevada, Board of
 - 5. Opticians, Board of Dispensing
 - Veterans' Advisory Commission, Nevada
 - Chiropractic Examiners, Nevada State Board of (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator - not Committee)
 - Dental Examiners of Nevada, Board of (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator - not Committee)
 - 9. Engineers, State Board of Registered Professional (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator not Committee)
- 11. Two year limit on number of terms
 - 1. Colorado River Advisory Commission
 - 2. Contractors' Board, State
 - 3. Employment Security Council
 - 4. Medical Examiners of the State of Nevada, Board of
 - 5. Pharmacy, State Board of
 - 6. Review, Board of (ESD)
 - 7. Public Works Board
 - 8. Racing Commission, Nevada (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator not Committee)
 - Welfare Board, State (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator not Committee)
- III. Change in appointment authority for director of agencies
 - 1. Arts, Nevada Council on
 - 2. Museum Board of Trustees, Nevada State
 - Rural Housing Authority, Nevada State (problem resolved see proposed amendment by Planning Coordinator)
 - 4. Public Works Board
 - 5. Agriculture, State Board of
 - Historical Society (Comment raised to State Planning Coordinator not Committee)
- IV. Removal of boards' administrative powers
 - 1. Crimes, Delinquency and Corrections, Commission on
- V. Removal of boards' policy authority
 - 1. Child Care Policy Board
 - Museum Board of Trustees, Nevada State (problem resolved see proposed amendment by Planning Coordinator)
 - Historical Society (problem resolved see proposed amendment by Planning Coordinator)

- VI. Removal of the authority to submit list of names to governor prior to appointment of members
 - 1. Accountancy, Nevada State Board of
 - 2. Child Care Policy Board
 - 3. Conservation Commission, State
- VII. Change in the size of board (either too large or too small)
 - 1. Accountancy, State Board of
 - 2. Arts, Nevada Council on
 - 3. Crimes, Delinquency and Corrections, Commission on
 - 4. Energy Resources Advisory Board, State
 - 5. Oriental Medicine, Board of
- VIII. Objections to any change
 - Mining Advisory Board (amendment to be offered by State Planning Coordinator)
 - 2. Barbers' Health and Sanitation Board, State
 - 3. Cosmetology, State Board of
 - 4. Educational Communications Commission
 - 5. Landscape Architecture, Board of
 - 6. Livestock Show Board, Nevada Junior
 - 7. Children and Youth, Governor's Advisory Council on
 - 8. Federal Lands, State Multiple Use Advisory Committee on (see proposed amendment by State Planning Coordinator)
 - 9. Fish and Game Advisory Board, State
 - 10. Mobile Home and Travel Advisory Commission, Nevada

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Board	Current	Report	Legis.	Reason for Change
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Dental	7M	5M+2GP	7M+2GP	Workload of professiona
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Hearing Aid				
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Phys. Therapy	ار 	/M±1CD	Jame Samo	
Podiatry	3M	2M+1CD	Same	
Liaison Comm				•
Phycho. Examin.				
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medical Examin.	>M	4M+1GP	5M+ZGF	members necessitates re
Vets		hw. 100	C	tention of professional
Marriage & Fam				
Nursing	\W+ GE	5M+2GP	Same	
Nursing Admin			same	•
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Accounting	5M	5M+2GP	Same	
Grievance Comm	At least 2M	Abolish	Retain	Statutory base necessary
	•			to carry out functions
Funeral Homes				
Architects				
Landscape Arch	3M	Abolish	Same	
Contractors				
Reg. Prof. Eng				
Priv. Investig				
Liq. Petro. Gas	5GP	3M+2GP	No Change-	Error in report. Status
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•				appointment authority

M = Member of profession
GP = General Public
SHO = State Health Officer

AG = Attorney General
HA = Hospital Administrator
HR = Director of Human Resources

hem= Chemist

Law = Lawyer

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STATE OF NEVADA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING COORDINATION

CAPITOL BUILDING, ROOM 45

CAPITOL COMPLEX

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89710

(702) 885-4865

March 3, 1977

Assemblyman Patrick M. Murphy Nevada State Legislature Legislative Building Carson City, Nevada 89710

Re: AB 278

Dear Assemblyman Murphy:

During the March 3, 1977 hearing on AB 278, Assemblyman Jacobsen requested information on the boards and commissions that are paid a salary. Enclosed is a list of such boards with sufficient copies for all members of your committee.

Of the 148 boards and commissions studied, 63 have statutory authority to pay salaries. Of these, 53 receive \$40/day with the others ranging from a daily low of \$25 to a daily high of \$100. Also included in the number of boards which receive a salary are four boards whose members receive full-time salaries (i.e., Gaming Control Board, Public Service Commission, Nevada Industrial Commission and Pardons Commissioners). Six commissions are specifically prohibited from receiving any form of compensation. The remaining 79 boards are reimbursed essentially for per diem and/or travel, or no mention is made in NRS as to compensation.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Arkell

State Planning Coordinator

BDA/cc

Enclosures

Board

Compensation

Accountancy, Nevada State Board of	\$100/day + per diem & travei
Advance Right-of-Way Acquisition	not mentioned in NRS
and Management Agency	
Agriculture, State Board	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Board	per diem & travel
Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board	per diem & travel
Apprenticeship Council, State	
Architecture, State Board of	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Arts, Nevada Council on the	shall serve without compensation
Archaeological Council, Nevada	not mentioned in NRS
Athletic Commission, Nevada	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Barbers/Health and Sanitation	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Board, State	, iii, iii, ji
Bicentennial Commission, Nevada	\$40/day + per diem & travel
American Revolution	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Cancer Advisory Board	shall serve without compensation
Child Care Policy Board	per diem & travel
Children and Youth, Governor's	per diem & travel
Advisory Council on	•
Chiropractic Examiners, Nevada	\$40/day + per diem & trayel
State Board of	
Civil Defense Advisory Council	reasonable & necessary expenses
Colorado River Advisory Commission	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Communications Board States	chall corve without compensation
Comprehensive Health Planning	per diem & travel
Advisory Council, State	
Contractors' Board, State	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Conservation Commission, State	per diem & travel
Cosmetology, State Board of	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Credit Union Advisory Council	
Crimes, Delinquency and Corrections	per diem & travel
Commission on	
Dairy Commission, State	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Data Processing Commission	
Data Processing Advisory Board	per diem & travel
Dental Examiners of Nevada,	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Board of	
Economic Development Advisory	per diem & travel
Council (Tourism)	
Economic Development Advisory	per diem & travel
Council (Industry)	
Educational Communications	per diem & travel
Commission, Nevada	
Educational Television Develop	not mentioned in NRS
ment Council, Nevada	
Eldorado Valley Advisory Group	
Employee-Management Advisory Committee	
Employment Security CouncilEnergy Resources Advisory Board	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Energy Resources Advisory Board	per diem & travel
Engineers, State Board of	\$40/day per diem & travel
Registered Professional	
Environmental Commission, State	per diem & travel

Environmental Education, Nevada	-per diem & travel
Advisory Committee for	
Ethics Commission, State	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Equal Rights Commission, Nevada	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Equalization, State Board of	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Examiners, State Board of	-not mentioned in NRS
Federal Lands, State Multiple	-per diem & travel
Use Advisory Committee on	
Finance, State Board of	
	per diem & travel
Fire Marshal's Advisory Board,State	
Fish and Game Advisory Board,	•
Fish and Game Commissioners,	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
State Board of	
Forestry and Fire Control, State Board of	-per diem & travel
Funeral Directors and Embalmers,	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Board of	y to, day a por a com o arato,
Game Management Boards (17),	-shall serve without compensation
County	
Gaming Commission, Nevada	-\$40/day + per diem & travel -
	chairman dets salary of \$500/yr
Gaming Control Board, State	-Chairman \$26,450, others \$24,725
· ·	+ per diem & travel
Gaming Policy Committee	-not mentioned in NRS
Girls Training Center Advisory	-per diem & travel
Board, Nevada	•
Grazing Boards, Central Committee of Nevada State	•
Grazing Boards, State	-per diem & travel
Grievance Committee (to the	-\$100/day + per diem & travel
Board of Accountancy)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Ground Water Boards	-per diem & travel
Health, State Board of	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Health Facilities Advisory Council	-per diem & travel
Hearing Aid Specialists	-per diem & travel only
State Board of	,
Highways, Board of Directors of the	-not mentioned in NRS
Department of	
Historical Society Board of Trustees,	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Nevada	, , ,
Housing Commission, State	-not mentioned in NRS
Indian Commission, Nevada	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Indian Education, Nevada	-per diem & travel
Advisory Committee for	•
Industrial Commission, Nevada	-Chairman \$25,000, others \$21,850
·	+ per diem & travel
Industry, Agriculture and	-not mentioned in NRS
irrigation, State Commission on	
Instructional Planning Council, Nevada	-not mentioned in NRS
Insurance, Committee on Group	-shall serve without compensation
Investment Committee (to PERB)	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Irrigation District Bond Commission	
Land Use Planning Advisory Council,	
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Landscape Architecture, Board of	\$40/day + per dlem & travel
Legislative Communications Council, Nevada	Not mentioned in NRS
Liaison Committee (to State Board	not mentioned in NRS
of Psychological Examiners and	
Board of Medical Examiners)	·
Libraries, Nevada Council on	travel only
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, Nevada	per diem & travel
Livestock Show Board, Nevada Junior	per diem & travel
Local Government Advisory Committee	
(to Tax Commission)	
Local Government Employee	per diem & travel
Management Relations Board	por arom o ordinar
Lost City Museum Advisory Commission,	not mentioned in NRS
The	,
Marlette Lake Water System Advisory	per diem & travel
Committee	per crem o charer
Marriage and Family Counselor Examiners	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Board of	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Medical Advisory Board	shall serve without compensation
Medical Boards (NIC)	-up to \$50/referred case +
(,	necessary travel
Medical Care Advisory Group	per diem & travel
(Health Board)	F
Medical Examiners of the State of	-\$40/day + expenses
Nevada, Board of	•
Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee	per diem & travel
Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation	per diem & travel
Advisory Board	Por Trom 1 or and 1
Merit Award Board	-not mentioned in NRS
Mining Board, Advisory	-per diem & travel
Mining Safety Advisory Board	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Mobile Home and Travel Trailer	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Advisory Commission, Nevada	,,,
Museum Board of Trustees, Nevada State	per diem & travel
Nursing, State Board of	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Nursing Facility Home Adminis	-per diem & travel
trators, Nevada State Board of	
Examiners for Skilled	
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission,	-per diem & travel
Nevada	•
Older Americans, Advisory Committee on	-per diem & travel
Opticians, Board of Dispensing	
Optometry, Nevada State Board of	
Oriental Medicine Advisory Committee	
Oriental Medicine, Board of	
Osteopathy, State Board of	
Pardons Commissioners, State	-either \$0/yr or \$7,000/yr
Board of	
Park Advisory Commission, State	per diem & travel
Parole Commissioners, State	-\$40/day + per diem & travel
Board of	
Peace Officers Standards and Train	not mentioned in NRS
ining Committee	
Personnel Commission, Advisory	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Pharmacy, State Board of	\$40/day + per diem & travel
Physical Therapy Examiners	-\$40/day + per diem & travel

State Board of

Plumbing Boards, Regionalper diem & travel
Podiatry, State Board of\$40/day + per diem & travel
Police and Fireman's Retirementnot mentioned in NRS
Advisory Committee
Post-Secondary Institutionalper diem & travel
Authorization, Commission on
Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee,per diem & travel
State
Prison Commissioners, Board of Statenot mentioned in Constitution
Private Investigator's Licensingper diem & travel
Board
Psychological Examiners, State Board of\$40/day + actual expenses
Public Defender Selection, Commissionnot mentioned in NRS
on State
Public Employees' Retirement Board\$40/day + per diem & travel
Public Health Sanitarians, Board ofper diem & travel - secretary
Registration for receives salary fixed by
board (currently \$0)
Public Service Commission of NevadaChairman \$27,123, others \$24,000
+ per diem & travel
Public Works Board, Stateper diem & travel
Racing Commission, Nevadaper diem & travel
Real Estate Advisory Commission,\$40/day + per diem & travel
Nevada
Renal Disease Advisory Committeeper diem & travel
Review Board (Occupational Safetyper diem & travel and Health)
Review, Board of (ESD)\$40/day + per diem & travel
Rural Housing Authority, Nevada\$40/day + per diem & travel
State
Rural Manpower Services Advisory Council\$40/day + per diem & travel
Savings Association Appeal Boardper diem & travel
Sheep Commissioners, State Board ofper diem & travel + up to \$500
salary
Shorthand Reporters Board of Nevada,\$50/day + per diem & travel
Certified Control of the Control of
Tax Commission, Nevada\$40/day + per diem & travel
Taxicab Authority\$40/day + per diem & travel
Textbook Commission, Stateper diem & travel
Veterans' Advisory Commission, Nevada\$40/day + per diem & travel
Veterans Advisory Commission, Nevada
Veterinary Medical Examiners, Nevada\$40/day + per diem & travel
State Board of
Virginia City Historic Districtnot mentioned in NRS Commission
Vocational Education, State Board fornot mentioned in NRS
Vocational-Technical Education,per diem & travel
Nevada Advisory Council for
Water District Advisory Boardsper diem & travel not to exceed
\$800/yr/board
Welfare Board, State\$40/day + per diem & travel
Welfare Division, Advisory Committee toper diem & travel
Well Drillers' Advisory Boards\$25/day + per diem & travel
Youth Training Center Advisory Board, diem & travel
The
Youth Services Agency Advisory Board

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T E S T I M O N Y

Committee on Government Affairs

AB 278 AMENDED

Friday, March 25, 1977

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Government Affairs Committee:

I am Jack Lemen, Executive Director of the Nevada Educational Communications Commission.

Today, you are considering AB 278 as amended, which affects our agency, our future development, instructional programming for the schools and communities of Nevada, and the long-awaited development of the Nevada Educational Television Network.

Before I get into some details on the actual bill and its ramifications on this agency, I need to point out a few discrepancies. The study that was the basis for the draft of the bill initially, makes a recommendation for the Commission, that if the legislation proposed by the Commission is approved, functions should be transferred to the Board of Education, since the Department of Education will be funding it, otherwise the Commission and its functions should be repealed. This recommendation made by the Planning Coordinator is based on the fact that the funding for the operation of the television network is coming from the State Department of Education on a contract basis to this Commission. That agreement you have before you today, represents a unanimous vote by the State Board of Education and by the Educational Communications Commission culminating ten years of active partnership between the two agencies. The agreement also represents the best arrangement by which we can provide services to the schools



as studied and documented by the State Department of Education through the network, and yet be able to adequately program, maintain, and operate a system truly out of the purview of the State Board of Twenty-eight out of thirty-one station and network operations such as our proposal are run this way in the United States. State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, and the Educational Communications Commission do not support the recommendation to transfer the responsibility and the statutes for the Educational Communications Commission to the State Board. Although the State Board of Education has mandated a need for educational television in this State since 1967, just as the Educational Communications Commission, no discussion concerning the State Board's attempt to take over this operation or to accept responsibility for it has ever taken place between the Planning Coordinator's Office and the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education has never discussed with us or provided agenda information requests to us concerning this proposal. They are perfectly happy with the arrangements that have been mutually drawn up, the agreement, and the future working relationship between the two parties.

Of utmost importance in this consideration is the fact that the State Board of Education does not have any people, money, or responsibility to provide either educational broadcasting facilities and operation, audio-visual facilities, or advisory/consultancy services in this area. For the past ten years, the Educational Communications Commission has provided those services for Nevada's educational institutions and for the State Board. This is of major importance to us because the study and the bill seem to imply that a transfer of responsibility from ECC to the State Board would be

a simple thing, and the State Board could pick up where ECC left off. Just to consider the financial ramifications makes that premise an impossible situation. As you know, no discussion of finances has surfaced in relation to AB 278, even though there is a major effect on this Commission and its staff. We had to assume that if the bill passes, from the standpoint of the bill alone, we would be part of the State Department of Education. No funds are listed in the State Department of Education budget to run the Commission or the Satellite program and we've had to offset that problem by writing three bills of our own to continue the agency, the Satellite program, and build the television network. The State Department of Education has worked with us as we developed these materials and is unanimously supportive.

We don't feel that the State Board of Education can handle the network operation or for that matter, the Commission and the Satellite. We don't feel it is economically sound to consider the transfer; we don't feel it's fair to the Commission or the staff who have worked extremely hard these last ten years to arrive at the point we are now in front of this legislature. From this standpoint of expertise alone, the Commission obviously has it. The State Department does not. From the standpoint of our statutes, which allow us to provide these services to educational institutions and communities, so that a separate agency could handle these responsibilities, unencumbered by other priorities. The State Board of Education does not. And, finally, from the standpoint of the study that led to AB 278, the State Department of Education is paying for part of the operating budget for the educational television network, but in no means are they paying for all of it. They are supporting the first two years of network construction and operation, with a grant to provide services

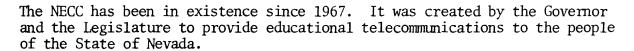


once the network is finished, to the schools. Before the end of that biennium, the Educational Communications Commission, as the licensee of the network, will be receiving grants from Washington, monies from fund raising and auctions in the Nevada communities, to augment, and within four years, completely equal the amount of funds coming from the State Board. We point this out because the study states that because the State Department is paying for the network, the functions of ECC should be part of the State Board of Education. You have my material before you, and I think the letter to Mr. Arkell, December 13, 1976, really spells out our activities in an adequate manner. We would ask now that you read these documents and ask questions if you don't fully understand it and pay especially close attention to the cover sheet which summarizes some of our activities. I think you will see that we are a unique agency. We have not been remiss in our obligations. We have met regularly. We have a full-time staff, and it is necessary for us to be retained as a State agency for the purposes of providing services to communities and educational institutions in this State. We would also like to point out to you in the study document, Mr. Arkell's comments in his letter to Governor O'Callaghan: "Unfortunately, the statute search in most cases did not provide information as to why the board was created. Further, because of the length of time some of the boards have been in existence, it was not possible to interview individuals instrumental in the creation of these boards." Because the bill as originally submitted recommended the repeal of our Commission and three of its committees, two of which do not exist, and that that recommendation represented ten percent of the total bill in the repeal section, we think that considering our agency was ten percent of Mr. Arkell's consideration, the least he could do was talk to our Commissioners and talk to the State Board of Education,

because after all, that's the recommendation he was making. We don't feel that adequate input was provided or asked for. We don't feel adequate time was allowed for so-called public comment. We don't feel that the Planning Coordinator's Office had adequate information in which to make this decision. Also, we don't feel the criteria used for the study should have included us, because we can't find anything in the study that we seem to fit in with. Also, in the O'Callaghan memo leading the study, an implication arises that concerns us. The study states that there will be a net reduction of forty-three boards and commissions, and approximately 200 statutory/gubernatorial appointees as a result of this bill. We realize the bill has been amended and that's probably less than forty-three now. We can't really understand two things. One, does the State Executive Branch, and specifically the Planning Coordinator's Office, have any responsibility to supposedly provide the necessary activities of State Government that are required by Federal law, of which the Educational Communications Commission is one, responsible to federal agencies. And, secondly, if we're talking about forty-three boards, at approximately 200 appointees, why aren't we talking about full-time employees of those boards and commissions? We think a great deal can be said about the dedication, for that matter, the longevity and the serious intent being made by these agencies to further their programs, serve the communities, and truly serve the Executive Branch of State government. If, in fact, State government is looking for a way to communicate better with boards and commissions, and for that matter, agencies, we feel that the boards and commissions study and AB 278 is not the way to do it. Communications is our field, and as the State grows, so do the communications endeavors. We've gone out of our way to make that point,



both to the legislature and the Executive Branch, and because we are so far down that road towards development of systems and programming to serve that need, we feel to throw it out the window now, either by repealing it completely, or making it part of the State Board of Education, is a massive waste of the efforts of the agency, and for that matter, the taxpayer's money.



The NECC has expended \$570,000 to prepare the educational television network plan for federal and legislative submission.

The NECC has 5 Commissioners, 2 of which have served since 1967.

NECC filed their FCC-HEW application in 1971. The application has had 24 amendments and 6 deferments.

The NECC has met 60 times since 1967.

The Commission staff has 3 full-time people.

The NECC is the State's representative for educational telecommunications to the: Federal Communications Commission; Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Public Broadcasting Service; National Association of Educational Broadcasters; Joint Council for Educational Telecommunications; National Institute of Education.

The NECC is the license authority for educational broadcasting facilities to serve Nevada statewide.

The NECC has programmed instructional materials to Northern, Eastern, and Central Nevada for 3 years.

The NECC contracts, assists with funding, acquisition, and programming of "Sesame Street" on KOLO-TV to Reno, Carson City, and 23 Nevada communities.

The NECC assisted in the formation of many local translator districts for commercial and educational television services.

The NECC manages, funds, and coordinates the ATS-6 and CTS Satellite programs in Nevada. The NECC-TV Satellite program is operating with 9 sites in Nevada; presently pending is a request for program user status with NASA-NIE.

The NECC provides production and distribution services to the legislative sessions.

The NECC represents Nevada before Congress in matters related to educational media.

The NETN has support from every educational and public entity in the State of Nevada.

The NECC has submitted 3 bills: 1. For the continuation of the NECC's activities; 2. For the continuation of the NECC-TV Satellite program's activities; and 3. For the <u>construction</u> of the Nevada Educational Television Network.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEVADA EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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The Nevada Educational Communications Commission (Commission), and the Nevada Department of Education (Department), hereby agree to combine facilities, staff and funding to provide educational television to the schools and communities of Nevada. With Department operational funding and staff assistance, the Commission would develop the Nevada Educational Television Network (NETN), and operate the system from the Master Control Facility on the University of Nevada-Reno campus.

The Commission will construct an open-broadcast television network to serve the State's 239,213 viewers, including approximately 50,000 school children. The Commission will provide programming, engineering, production, utilization, ascertainment, and research and development as an integral function of the operation.

The Commission/NETN staff would construct, manage, program, and operate the network on a seven-day-a-week basis, 52 weeks a year. Yearly operating hours total approximately 4,420. The NETN system will provide:

- A. Broadcasting feeds to 41 communities from Master Control in Reno;
- B. Video and audio interconnect two-way betweenLas Vegas and Reno;
- C. Data transmission two-way Reno to Las Vegas -Las Vegas to Reno;
- D. Audio-visual production, dubbing, editing, and distribution in all State formats;
- E. Programming resource capability statewide;
- F. Live, tape and film production capability;
- G. Instructional materials broadcast with audiovisual dissemination;
- H. Printed materials distribution statewide coupled with the utilization process;

- I. Engineering support statewide assistance with receivers, antennas, video-tape machines, and production gear;
- J. In-service training workshops in cooperation with the Department; and
- K. Programming to serve elementary and secondary education, higher education, and the public.

The NETN will be licensed to the Commission, and the Commission will control policies and administration through its offices. Operating decisions will be handled by the NETN staff at the University of Nevada-Reno, with coordination through the Commission offices. Programming, production, and operation input will be provided by the NETN Committee for Instructional Elementary and Secondary Education, the Friends of the Network for community input, and a Higher Education Committee for post-secondary education. The Department would be represented through its member on the Commission, and through its member-ship on the NETN Committee.

Construction funding for the NETN will be requested by the Commission from the Nevada Public Works Board and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare Educational Broadcasting Facilities Program.

Operational fundings for the NETN will be requested by the Department from the 1977 Nevada State Legislature as a companion piece to the construction request.

The operational biennium requests total:

First Year: \$ 96,106.00

Second Year: 294,061.00

TOTAL: \$390,167.00

The Commission will provide an annual report in the type and form as mutually agreed upon to the Department.

The Department will also provide assistance to the Commission as mutually agreed on in the areas of:

- A. Research and development;
- B. Assessment of educational needs;
- C. Evaluation;
- D. In-service training; and

E. Curriculum planning and coordination.

This agreement is drawn with the understanding that the NETN activation is contingent on Nevada State Legislative funding.

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into on this 26 day of July, 1976.

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Nevada State Legislators

FROM:

Jack A. Lemen, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Governor's Agency Abolishment Recommendations

DATE:

September 22, 1976

On September 18, 1976, the Governor and the State Planning Director announced their recommendations for abolishment of forty-three State boards and commissions which have outlived their usefulness. Included in this report is the Nevada Educational Communications Commission and its three mandated committees (NRS 398), two of which were de-activated in 1970 and 1973.

The report suggests that many boards and commissions have not met in several years and that the boards are filled with citizens, no State full-time workers.

The NECC has met sixty times since 1967, averaging six meetings a year, and the Commission staff has three full-time people. The Nevada Instructional Television Planning Council has met thrity-five times, averaging three meetings per year.

A brief review of the NECC's functions might help put our agency in perspective:

- 1. The NECC is the State's representative for educational telecommunications to the:
 - a. Federal Communications Commission
 - b. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
 - c. Corporation for Public Broadcasting
 - d. Public Broadcasting Service
 - e. National Association of Educational Broadcasters
 - f. Joint Council for Educational Telecommunications
 - q. National Institute of Education

- h. Public Service Satellite Consortium
- i. Federation of Rocky Mountain States
- j. Western Educational Network
- k. Western Educational Society for Telecommunications
- 1. United States Congress
- The NECC is a clearinghouse for all Nevada educational media applications to HEW and FCC.
- 3. The NECC is the license authority for educational broadcasting facilities to serve Nevada statewide.
- 4. The NECC maintains an information flow and programming service for school districts, higher education, communities, and government.
- 5. The NECC has programmed public instructional materials to Northern, Eastern, and Central Nevada for three years.
- 6. The NECC contracts, assists with funding, acquisition, and programming of "Sesame Street" on KOLO-T.V. to Reno, Carson, and twenty-three Nevada communities.
- 7. The NECC provides audio-visual acquisition, production, and distribution statewide.
- 8. The NECC assisted in the formation of many local translator districts for commercial and educational television services.
- 9. The NECC manages, funds, and coordinates the ATS-6 and CTS Satellite programs in Nevada.
- 10. The NECC provides consultant services to governments, communities, schools, and individuals in all educational telecommunications matters.
- The NECC provides production and distribution services to the legislative sessions.
- 12. The NECC, through its councils, provide research and development, curriculum planning and utilization of instructional materials.
- 13. The NECC receives grants to carry out satellite activities, programming development, and telecommunications activities.
- 14. The NECC represents Nevada before Congress in matters related to educational media.
- 15. The NECC has developed engineering, contracted, and proposed the Nevada Educational Television Network for the purposes of meeting its mandate to provide telecommunications services statewide.

The Commission and staff are dedicated to improving the educational materials available to the State through broadcasting. After ten years of planning, proposal development, and submission, we think the agency should certainly continue and serious consideration be given to the NETN proposal.

If you need further information, please let us know.



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Bruce D. Arkell, State Planning Coordinator

FROM:

Jack A. Lemen, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Commission Recommendation For Repeal

DATE:

December 13, 1976

First of all, we would like to thank you for your concern, suggestions, and criticism concerning the NECC and the proposed television network. The Commission and staff have spent a great deal of time considering your recommendation for repeal and its ramifications on the future of telecommunications development in Nevada. Obviously, we don't agree with the recommendations for many reasons, some of which you may not be familiar with.

The study was designed to combine common program goals to achieve centralization on some boards, to combine where duplicative activities exist, to tighten responsibilities and authority, and to eliminate unneeded boards and those not active.

The central theme to the study seems to apply to most of the boards listed, with the exception of the NECC. We can only assume that in your memo heading the study, the statement on page two at the bottom, "the responsibilities of the Board could be assumed by a line agency or another existing board," is the criteria by which the NECC recommendation was made. This obviously ties in with the recommendation underneath the repeal recommendation, which states that we should become part of the Department of Education if our funding for the network is successful. We are confused by this recommendation, because obviously if the network is funded by the Legislature and we follow your recommendation, bills designed to set up an ECC type statute at the State Department of Education level would have to be submitted in January of 1977, not after we find out what happens with the network. As you know, the Department of Education has been extremely supportive of the television network, and for that matter, the ECC and the Satellite project.

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To suggest that the Board of Education statutes and mandates should be changed in order to abosorb the activities of this office is an extremely major problem and one that we feel is next to impossible to attempt.

On the same page as the repeal recommendation, you also recommend repeal of the three committees involved with planning and advice to the NECC. For the record, the Nevada Legislative Communications Council was deactivated in 1970. The Nevada Educational Community Development Council was deactivated in 1973. However, the Nevada Instructional Television Planning Council has been active as long as the agency has, and has provided a great deal of input over these past ten years. Your recommendation on these three councils is the first time we have seen any reference to the fact that statutory authority is not needed by the agency in order to set up these councils. As you know, we can only refer to the Nevada Revised Statutes in reference to these authority functions.

Although I have a great deal more information to provide, I think we should list some of the concerns involved with a possible absorption of the agency into the State Board and Department of Education.

The Board of Education has the mandate to serve K-12 in this State and special vocational and gifted needs. The network is designed to serve all individuals in the State, not just the K-12 students.

The Network Manager according to law (FCC and HEW) has to answer directly to the licensee. This works within the policies, procedures, and regulations of the NECC. However, at the State Board level, that person would have to answer to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which would not meet the criteria of the federal agencies.

We have serious concerns over the possibility that the State Board of Education could not administer the network from the standpoint of construction, long-range ten-year equipment obligation, being able to conduct fund raising appeals, parties, etc., and of course, program insulation from the funding source.

Our agreement with the State Department of Education spells out the type of role that should be conducted in the operation of a television network in this country, whereby there is a certain amount of insulation in the funds and yet a great deal of involvement between the two parties to benefit the network and the State Department's activities.

The relation of the State Department with the network from the

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standpoint of the partnership is that the Department of Education will be funding a biennium grant to operate, and for that matter, construct a television network in this State. Within five years of that point, approximately \$275,000 will be raised on the outside from public sources through fund raising, grants from Washington, grants from Nevada, and membership campaigns. We feel very frustrated from the standpoint that this information was not provided to the executive branch, as the State Department of Education is not funding all of the network operation. We would be selling out our community viewership if we attempted to fire up the television network for K-12 programming and not expect to provide programs to the community and the adult viewers.

I'd like to ask you to read the attachment, which is a list of activities that the Commission handles in the State and nationwide. The common executive branch thinking at the time during the budget process has been that we have worked so hard and spent so much time on the development of the television network, that this is really our only goal. It certainly is true that we have spent a great deal of time on this because we firmly believe that a lot of our activities cannot go forward without the network capability. But to suggest that it's our only activity simply implies ignorance.

The Educational Communications Commission is the only telecommunications planning agency in this State. A mandate was written in 1967 with honest, faithful intent by the Legislature and by the Governor at that time. Since then, we have provided video-tape programs to schools, seminars, workshops, Congressional hearings, advisory consultancy services, and of course, planning for the television network. Because we've spent such a long time on this process, and because we have considered a number of alternatives, we have always come back to the suggestion that the television network would provide us with the basis by which we could expand our services.

But let's not stop there. We were instrumental in the formation of many translator districts in this State. We formed the Nevada Translator District Association quite a few years ago. We programmed instructional programs for school districts on Channel 2 in Reno. We program Sesame Street. We testify in Congress on the Copyright Bill, long-range funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the future of the Office of Telecommunications policy in the White House, and the frequency battle which is going on next year in Geneva. We testified before HEW and FCC concerning the development of the small public radio station in Battle Mountain, Nevada. We testified and assisted with Board meetings and the development of the National Public Radio Station in Las Vegas. We've assisted KUNR-FM in their quest for more funds and grants from

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Washington. We have discussed inequities in commercial broadcasting with commercial and cable broadcasters throughout the State. The list goes on and on.

If the agency is abolished, those activities will cease. There is really no agency in this State that can handle the activities that we've handled in the past, and that's the reason it was set up in the first place. We don't feel someone can simply pull our plans off the shelf three to four years from now and reactivate and file in Washington. It's an ongoing process. There is ongoing planning, and of course, there are changes which have to be made as we go along. Once again, the time is this year, the money is available, both State and Federal, and without the Commission, Nevada will probably slip ten years behind again.

Whether or not the agency and its programs continue, the need goes on. If the executive branch feels it's foolish to continue for support or for budget reasons, then where is planning's proposal to meet these needs? The NECC is the planning agency, and after ten years, it certainly deserves more than a cursory recommendation in the repeal document.

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Enclosures

Rt. 1, Box 95 Lovelock, Nevada 89419 March 25, 1977

Assembly Committee on Government Affairs Hon. Patrick Murphy, Chairman Nevada State Legislature Carson City, NV. 89701

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity you have given me to appear here today to give testimony as to the anticipated impact AB 278 will have on the alfalfa seed industry in Nevada.

My name is Alan List, and I am engaged in farming in the Lovelock area. I am on the board of directors of the Lovelock Alfalfa Seed Growers Association, am a member of the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, and am currently president of the Interstate Alfalfa Seed Growers Council, an organization of growers from Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Utah.

I speak here today not only for myself, but for the growers from the Lovelock and Humboldt County areas where most of the alfalfa seed in Nevada is raised. We, like yourselves, are very busy this time of year. I guess you might say I drew the short straw and was given the honor of coming here today.

Probably most of you know little about alfalfa seed production in Nevada, but in fact, it is the fourth leading agricultural crop in Nevada, following livestock, hay, and potatoes. Some 6 - 8% of the seed produced annually in this country comes from Nevada - and this has been as high as 10%. It is indeed an important industry here, and those of us involved hope to keep it strong. Essential to this effort, we believe, is the retention of the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Fund as provided for in NRS 561.409 and the retention of the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board as provided for in NRS 587.131 through NRS 587.185.

Our understanding is that AB 278 will eliminate what is now known as the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, which acts in an advisory

capacity to, and is appointed by, the Nevada State Board of Agriculture. The duties now performed by the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board would become the responsibility of the Nevada State Board of Agriculture.

These duties are outlined in NRS 587.145. Briefly, they include: 1) Preparation of a budget covering anticipated income and expenses for utilizing the funds deposited in the alfalfa seed research and promotion fund, 2) Adopting procedures for filing with the advisory board any proposed research or promotion projects, and 3) Recommending projects and individuals to manage them to the State Board of Agriculture.

It is our opinion these duties can best be performed by people who are directly involved with the industry - the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board as now constituted. You will note that the Board is composed of six persons actively engaged in the growing and production of alfalfa seed in the State of Nevada and one person actively engaged as a dealer in alfalfa seed in the State of Nevada.

If the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board is eliminated, who then would provide the input into development of research and market promotional efforts?

As a brief background to the development of the provisions creating the Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Fund and the Advisory Board, let me explain that the states of California, Idaho, and Washington have similar systems for generating funds from growers of alfalfa seed to assist in funding research and market promotion efforts. It became apparent that if Nevada Seed Growers were to carry their fair share in correcting production and marketing problems unique to the industry, they would also have to develop a system for participating financially with research projects. Much of the research being conducted is



coordinated on an interstate basis to take advantage of specific researchers' expertise and to avoid duplication of effort.

It was only after careful consideration of various alternatives of accomplishing grower-imposed assessments that representatives of the Nevada Alfalfa Seed Industry determined the system identified in the previously-mentioned statutes was the most fair and least costly for participating growers. You will note that growers who do not desire to participate are able to claim a refund of their assessment.

In reference to the funds derived for conducting programs to be developed, the total cost for implementation is provided only by alfalfa seed growers. NO state or other governmental funds are requested or are anticipated for these programs.

The members of the Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board serve without pay and, while they are allowed per-diem, only one request for per-diem has been submitted in the two years of the program's existence, and this was later withdrawn.

Should not a group such as ours, which pays the entire cost of its program, have the right to provide input, in the form of recommended budgets and projects, into the direction research and promotional effort should take?

We believe our industry has very competent and informed people who can serve a vital role, in an advisory capacity, to the Nevada State Board of Agriculture, in providing purposeful and objective direction to the use of research and promotional funds which we provide. This system has been in existence only two years and has worked well to date.

The Alfalfa Seed Advisory Board, through discussions with growers, determines what types of research are needed, seeks competent people to present proposals, and then selects which projects should be recommended to the State Board of Agriculture.



We in the alfalfa seed industry feel this bill, AB 278, offers a poor substitute for the present system of providing input to the State Board of Agriculture as now outlined in the statutes. There is absolutely no benefit for the state or any individual if Sections 239, 249, and 250 of AB 278 are passed. On the other hand, their passage would be very detrimental to the future of the alfalfa seed industry in Nevada.

I therefore respectfully request, on behalf of myself and my fellow alfalfa seed growers, that Sections 239, 249, and 250 be deleted from this bill.

Thank you,

ALAN LIST

March 25, 1977



As a former officer and member of the Nevada State Council on the Arts I am appearing today with suggestions for reorganization of the council as outlined in AB 278 (amended).

Since its creation in 1967, the Nevada State Council on the Arts has been allotting federal funds to non-profit groups and organizations throughout Nevada in an effort to provide arts education, entertainment, and employment to Nevadans statewide.

Nevada State Council on the Arts is one of the few boards and commissions considered in this bill whose primary purpose is to allocate funds for projects.

Because of the growth of arts programs in the state, the increasing demands placed on the small staff by the federal government, and the necessity of all members of the council to be actively involved in the granting of funds and the monitoring of their use, I request that AB 278 be amended as follows to insure a board of manageable size, all of whose members will actively participate:

Amend Section 27, page 7, line 46

NRS 233C.030. The Nevada state council on the arts, consisting of <u>five (5)</u> members appointed by the governor, is hereby created.

Amend Section 29, page 8, line 8

NRS 233C.030. 1. Meetings of the council shall be held annually or at the discretion of the chairman or executive director.

Amend NRS 233C.030 to include provision for removal of a member for unexcused absences from three (3) meetings of the council.

Thank you,

Barbara J. Mello





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March 24, 1977

To: Assembly Committee On Government Affairs

Re: AB 278

The following is a list of copies of letters from landscape architects and other professionals in opposition to Sect. 371. 2. of AB 278, First Reprint, page 117, line 25, which attempts to repeal NRS 623A, the law establishing and regulating the Nevada State Board Of Landscape Architecture:

Lawrence R. Moss, L.A. (Landscape Architect)
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Jack Riske, L.A.
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