

SENATE

ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC RESOURCES and AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

MINUTES of MEETING
Wednesday, February 23, 1977

The eighth meeting of the Environment, Public Resources and Agriculture Committee was called to order on the above date at 1:40 p.m.

Senator Gary Sheerin was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Chairman Sheerin
Senator Echols
Senator Lamb
Senator Dodge
Senator Neal
Senator Glaser

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendell Wheat, Nevada State Beekeepers Association
Will P. Carver, Nevada State Beekeepers Association
Earl W. Nygren, Nevada State Beekeepers Association
Leslie Hermance, Yerington
Coleen Hermance, Yerington
Russell Hermance, Yerington
Jack Cardinalli, State of Nevada, Division of Water
Roland D. Westergard, State Engineer
Ernie Gregory, Nevada Environment Protection Service
Fred Welden, Nevada State Land Use Planning Agency

Committee action was taken on SB229, SB106 and SB171.

SB229 Increases special tax and registration fee for bees and apiaries.

Introducer Senator Dodge reviewed the bill stating it basically is to standardize terminology; and increases a special tax from 25¢ to 35¢ which the Department of Agriculture may levy on bee colonies.

WENDELL WHEAT, Nevada State Beekeepers Association, testified in favor of SB229.

Senator Dodge moved "DO PASS."
Senator Lamb seconded the motion
Motion carried unanimously.

SB106 Modifies requirements for the regulation of certain sources of air pollution.

FRED WELDEN, representative of Nevada State Land Planning Agency, was present for further technical input concerning the language of this bill.

ERNIE GREGORY, acting administrator, Nevada Environment Protection Service, was also asked to contribute to the technical input.

In explaining the language of SB106, Mr. Welden stated the bill says in essence that if the Federal Government passes a complex source regulation program, then SB106 gives Nevada cities and counties authority to also implement a like program. However, if the Federal Government does not enact such regulations, then Nevada communities cannot impose regulations.

Senator Dodge voiced his opposition to the cities and counties having the authority to implement their own individual regulations. Senators Lamb and Glaser cited their favoritism toward local government control.

Senator Dodge moved to amend the language in SB106.
Senator Glaser seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

SB171 Exempts geothermal exploration holes from certain statutory provisions and regulations and requires confidentiality to certain data.

ROLAND WESTERGARD, State Engineer, and JACK CARDINALLI, Nevada Division of Water, were invited to participate in technical discussions for possible amendment of SB171.

Senator Neal moved "AMEND and DO PASS."
Senator Dodge seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

UNANIMOUS ACTION was taken on the following:

BDR 22-885 Adopts California's version of amendments to Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

Senator Dodge moved for committee introduction.
Senator Echols seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously.

BDR 22-1002 Restricts gaming to certain areas under control of Tahoe Regional Planning Agency.

Senator Dodge moved for committee introduction.
Senator Glaser seconded the motion.
Passed unanimously.

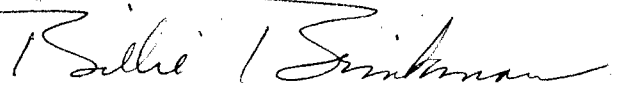
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March 14 was tentatively set for hearings to commence on TRPA bills.

Chairman Sheerin announced a trip is planned to Lake Tahoe for reviewing activities in the Tahoe Basin. March 16 was set for that tour.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



Gary A. Sheerin, Chairman

GUEST REGISTER

COMMITTEE

DATE:

Feb 23, 1977

THOSE WISHING TO TESTIFY SHOULD IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BEFORE GIVING TESTIMONY.....

NAME	DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY	BILL NO.	REPRESENTING
Nerndell Wheat	YES	229	Nevada State Beekeepers Ass.
Will P. Carver	NO	229	Nevada State Beekeepers Ass.
Earl W. Wythe	NO	229	Nevada State Beekeepers Ass.
Leslie Bernance	NO		Yerington 128 NO Bybee
Coleen Skemana	NO		128 N. Bybee 2 N. Yerington
Russell Skemana	NO		" " "
JACK CARDINALI	NO		DIV OF WATER
Roland D. Westergard	yes	SB 171	State Engineer
Ernie Gregory			New Environment Protection
Fred Mulder			New State Land Use Planning Agency

SENATE BILL NO. 229—SENATOR DODGE

FEBRUARY 16, 1977

Referred to Committee on Environment, Public Resources and Agriculture

SUMMARY—Increases special tax and registration fee for bees and apiaries. (BDR 49-913)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No. State or Industrial Insurance Impact: Yes.

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

AN ACT relating to bees and apiaries; increasing the special tax and registration fee; revising terminology; 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. NRS 552.085 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 552.085 As used in this chapter:
- 3 1. "Apiary" means any hive or other place where bees are kept,
- 4 located or found, and all appliances used in connection therewith.
- 5 2. "Appliance" means any implement or device used in manipulating
- 6 bees or their brood, including honey-extracting equipment, and any con-
- 7 tainer thereof.
- 8 3. "Bees" means honey-producing insects (*Apis mellifera*), and
- 9 includes adults, eggs, larvae, pupae, and all material, excluding honey and
- 10 rendered beeswax, that is deposited into beehives by the adults.
- 11 4. "*Colony*" means the bees, comb and honey contained in the hive.
- 12 5. "Colony strength" means the potential of a hive of bees to pollinize
- 13 horticultural or agricultural crops.
- 14 [5.] 6. "Department" means the state department of agriculture.
- 15 [6.] 7. "Destroy" means to burn a subject in its entirety.
- 16 [7.] 8. "Disease" means any condition adversely affecting bees, or
- 17 their brood, which may become epidemic, including American foul brood
- 18 and acarine disease (*Acarapis woodi*).
- 19 [8.] 9. "Hive" means any receptacle or container made or prepared
- 20 for the use of bees. [, or of which bees have taken possession.]
- 21 [9.] 10. "Inspector" means any person authorized by the depart-
- 22 ment to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- 23 [10.] 11. "Location" means any place where an apiary is located.
- 24 [11.] 12. "Person" means any [individual,] natural person, part-
- 25 nership, association or corporation.

Original bill is 4 pages long.
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a copy of the complete bill.

SENATE BILL NO. 171—SENATOR RAGGIO

FEBRUARY 2, 1977

Referred to Committee on Environment, Public Resources
and Agriculture

SUMMARY—Exempts geothermal exploration holes from certain statutory provisions and regulations and requires confidentiality of certain data. (BDR 48-590)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.

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

AN ACT relating to geothermal resources; exempting exploration holes from the provisions of chapter 534 of NRS and the regulations of the state engineer; requiring confidentiality of certain data; 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. NRS 534.180 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 534.180 1. This chapter [shall not apply in the matter of obtaining]
3 *does not apply with respect to* permits for the [developing] *development*
4 and use of underground water from a well for domestic purposes where
5 the draught does not exceed a daily maximum of 1,800 gallons, except as
6 to the furnishing of any information required by the state engineer.
7 2. *Exploration holes drilled only to collect geochemical, geological or*
8 *geophysical data are not wells subject to the provisions of this chapter or*
9 *the regulations of the state engineer, except as provided in chapter 534A*
10 *of NRS.*
11 SEC. 2. Chapter 534A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
12 new section which shall read as follows:
13 *Any exploration or subsurface data acquired through regulation of a*
14 *geothermal project is confidential and shall not be disclosed without the*
15 *express written consent of the operator of the project.*

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