

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING
Monday, May 2, 1977

The twenty-seventh meeting of Senate Natural Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Gary Sheerin at 6:20 p.m.

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

Committee action was taken on SJR 28 and AJR 34.

SJR 28 Urges Secretary of Interior to develop recreational facilities at Fire Mountain project.

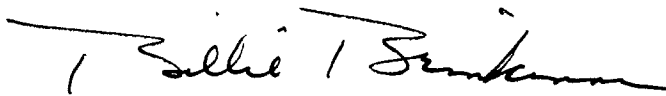
Senator Lamb moved "DO PASS."
Senator Echols seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

AJR 34 Urges the President and Congress to reevaluate the importance of completing the Humboldt River and Tributaries Project and to provide money to complete advance planning studies.

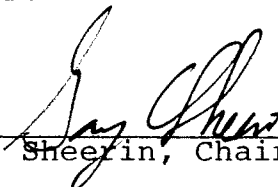
Senator Glaser moved "DO PASS."
Senator Echols seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Billie Brinkman, Secretary

APPROVED:



Gary A. Sheerin, Chairman

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28—SENATOR GIBSON

APRIL 29, 1977

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Secretary of Interior to develop recreational facilities at Fire Mountain project. (BDR 1941)

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the United States Secretary of the Interior to develop water-based recreational facilities at Fire Mountain in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.

- 1 WHEREAS, Recreational facilities at Eldorado Canyon in the Lake
2 Mohave district of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area were
3 destroyed by a flash flood in 1974; and
4 WHEREAS, The National Park Service of the United States Department
5 of the Interior has conducted a feasibility study to identify the best loca-
6 tion for replacing the facilities destroyed at Eldorado Canyon; and
7 WHEREAS, Fire Mountain, which is 4 miles from Eldorado Canyon,
8 has been identified in the study as the best location for the development
9 of such facilities; and
10 WHEREAS, Fire Mountain is within a day's drive from Las Vegas, Salt
11 Lake City, Phoenix and Los Angeles; and
12 WHEREAS, The study indicates that there is a substantial need for
13 water-based recreational facilities to serve the populous southwestern
14 region of the United States; and
15 WHEREAS, Visitation projections for the Lake Mohave district of the
16 Lake Mead National Recreation Area indicate that use will increase by
17 about 200,000 visitor-days each year; and
18 WHEREAS, The expansion of existing recreational sites at Lake Mohave
19 will not meet this future demand; and
20 WHEREAS, The Fire Mountain project will help to meet this demand
21 by providing much needed water-based recreational facilities; now, there-
22 fore, be it
23 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
24 That the legislature hereby strongly urges the United States Secretary of
25 the Interior to develop recreational facilities at the Fire Mountain site in
26 the Lake Mohave district of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area;
27 and be it further
28 *Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted
29 forthwith by the legislative counsel to the United States Secretary of the

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34—
ASSEMBLYMAN RHOADS

MARCH 10, 1977

Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Resources

SUMMARY—Urges the President and Congress to reevaluate the importance of completing the Humboldt River and Tributaries Project and to provide money to complete advance planning studies. (BDR 1609)

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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and Congress to reevaluate the importance of completing the Humboldt River and Tributaries Project and to provide money to complete advanced planning studies.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Humboldt River and Tributaries Project was authorized
2 in the Flood Control Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-516, 81st Congress,
3 2nd Session) to provide flood control and to enhance the opportunities for
4 irrigation along the Humboldt River and its tributaries; and
5 WHEREAS, Various technical conditions were not satisfied at the local
6 level and the project was classified as "deferred" in 1954; and
7 WHEREAS, The project was reactivated in 1974 and substantial amounts
8 of money, time and energy were expended by both state and federal
9 authorities to investigate the effects of the project if completed; and
10 WHEREAS, The United States Office of Management and Budget
11 removed the necessary funding for the completion of the planning phase of
12 the project from the executive budget for fiscal year 1977-1978 without
13 consulting state or local officials; and
14 WHEREAS, The worsening drought cycle which continues to plague the
15 West further illustrates the critical importance of water conservation and
16 storage; now, therefore, be it
17 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
18 *That the legislature of the State of Nevada hereby urges the President of*
19 *the United States and the Congress to reevaluate the importance of the*
20 *Humboldt River and Tributaries Project to the people of Nevada; and be*
21 *it further*
22 *Resolved, That not more than \$250,000 be appropriated to complete*
23 *the final planning stages of the project; and be it further*
24 *Resolved, That if the project is approved, all existing water rights be*
25 *fully honored in accordance with the Humboldt River Adjudication and*

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