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Senate Committee on Government Affairs

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Present: Chairman Gibson Senator Kosinski  
Vice Chairman Ashworth Senator Raggio  
Senator Dodge  
Senator Ford

Also Present: See Attached Guest Register

Chairman Gibson called the seventh meeting of the Government Affairs Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

SB-135 Abolishes state multiple use advisory committee on federal lands.

Senator McCorkle, one of the sponsors, testified to the committee on SB-135 stating that his sole purpose for sponsoring this bill was to cut down duplication of duties within state agencies. The Senator stated that with the passage of AB-653 the review committee would have the identical duties as the advisory committee.

Mr. Julian Smith, Chairman of the State Multiple Use Advisory Board, testified against SB-135, attached are copies of his supporting material. (See Attachment 1 - 1A - 1B) Mr. Smith concluded that there is much to do and the possible abolishment of the State Multiple Use Advisory Committee should be held off for at least two more years. At this time Mr. Smith read to the committee a letter from Mr. Edward Rowland, State Director for the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. Mr. Rowland's letter was also against passage of SB-135 (See Attachment #2)

Assemblyman Dean Rhodes, Elko, testified against SB-135 indicating that it was not his intention to abolish the State Multiple Use Advisory Committee with the passage of AB-653. Mr. Rhodes stated that the two boards should be complimentary to each other.

At this point Chairman Gibson stated that due to the general consensus of the committee there would be no further discussion unless someone wished to testify in favor of SB-135. There was no response from those present.

After discussion from the committee on SB-135 the following motion was made:

Senator Ashworth moved that SB-135 be "Indefinitely postponed", seconded by Senator Ford. Motion carried unanimously.

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SB-6

Creates Southern Nevada Power District.

Senator Neal, sponsor, testified to the committee on the merits of SB-6 and felt that a publicly owned utility would be less expensive for the consumers. Senator Neal continued by stating that this bill has been introduced in the 1975 and 1977 sessions. There has been thorough research on the matter and would present the committee with documents and reports that were prepared to support the passage of this bill.

Chairman Gibson asked if Senator Neal had any current figures to give the committee on taking over the facility.

Senator Neal responded by stating that he could get the figures to the committee at a later date but the bill in its present form is only a skeleton. The main concern was to see if there was enough interest to pass such legislation. If there is enough interest in this type of legislation the figures will be provided.

Senator Raggio did not feel that there was sufficient reason to change from a private enterprise to a publicly owned utility.

Chairman Gibson stated that when this proposition came to a vote by the people it was turned down. Senator Neal added that it lost by only 300 votes.

After considerable discussion on SB-6 the following motion was made:

Senator Ashworth moved that SB-6 be "Indefinitely Postponed", seconded by Senator Raggio. Motion carried unanimously.

SCR-5

Continues existence of select committee on public lands.

Andrew P. Grose, Research Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, testified to the committee in favor of SCR-5 on behalf of Senator Blakemore. Mr. Grose presented each committee member with a copy of the Bulletin on Select Committee on Public Lands (Bulletin No. 79-19). At this time Mr. Grose proceeded to read sections on Page 14 and 41. (See Attachment #3) Mr. Grose felt that the committee has done a tremendous job, most importantly they have brought a considerable amount of attention to the public lands problem in Nevada. The committee has done this in the State, through media appearances and on a regional basis. It has also

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had national influence through the National Conference of State Legislatures and several presentations before committees in Congress at the Department of the Interior and at the White House.

Mr. Grose felt that the land sales in Clark County reflects the persistence of this committee and hopes that it will be allowed to continue to work for the the State of Nevada.

Senator Raggio asked Mr. Grose if the six member committee was enough or too many to be effective. Mr. Grose responded by stating that there should be no less than six members and they worked well together.

Mr. Douglas Miller, representing the Oil, Gas and Mining Boards, testified in favor of SCR-5 and felt that it should continue for at least two more years.

Mr. Ernest Newton, representing the Nevada Tax Payers Association, testified to the committee in favor of SCR-5. Mr. Newton concurred with testimony given by Mr. Grose.

Mr. Grose suggested amending the bill as follows: Page 2, line 13 through 15 should be deleted.

Senator Ford moved, "Amend and Do Pass" on SCR-5, seconded by Senator Ashworth. Motion carried unanimously.

SB-36

Requires division of state parks of department of conservation and natural resources to pre-scribe fee for use of recreational areas.

John Meader, Administrator for the Division of State Parks, testified to the committee that this was not one of their bills but he would be available to the committee for any questions on park fees and usage. He indicated that the park received \$160,000. in revenues last year, their costs were approximately two million.

Ernest Newton also testified in favor of SB-36. Mr. Newton felt that due to the interest of the people in lowering taxes, the state park system in Nevada should be put on a self-sustaining basis. The people who use the park system should pay for their usage.

Senator Dodge felt that the language in the bill would not mandate the state parks to set the fees necessary for it to be self-supporting.

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Senator Raggio requested Mr. Meader to develop some fee structure for the committee to review for better insight into the impact that this will have on the people of Nevada. Senator Raggio was particularly interested in the fees that would be generated from use at Sand Harbor.

Mr. Meader stated that he would get a report together and bring it back to either the committee or Senator Raggio.

Senator Ashworth felt that the fee structure should be phased in over the next six years so that the people using the park facilities would not be hit with a fee they were unprepared to pay.

Mr. Meader agreed and also felt that the fee structure should be based upon the usage and type of facilities being used within the park system.

Senator Ford asked Mr. Newton if he felt that any of the state park lands should be saved and not used or that if all state park lands should be utilized and appropriate fees charged.

Mr. Newton responded by stating that all state park lands should be used and if used appropriate fees charged by those users.

Chairman Gibson concluded testimony and discussion on SB-36 until Mr. Meader could bring the information requested to the committee.

SB-149

Changes certain accounting procedures used by state computer facility and makes an appropriation.

John Crossley, Legislative Auditor, and Mr. Gary Crews, Audit Manager, testified in favor of SB-149 to the committee. Mr. Crossley went over the bill, section by section, for the committee. He further indicated that the fund is self-supporting and by adding depreciation the cost will be lower. The procedures set up for depreciation will be obtained from the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Crossley indicated that Mr. A.F. Crosby, from the Computer facility was present and in favor of this bill. Mr. Gordon Harding, Central Data Processing, testified in favor of SB-149 also.

Senator Ashworth moved that SB-149 be passed out of committee with a "Do Pass", seconded by Senator Dodge. Motion carried unanimously.

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SB-150

Revises accounting procedure for  
lost warrants of state.

Mr. John Crossley, Legislative Auditor, testified in favor of SB-150 and indicated that both Mr. Barrett and Mr. McGowan worked on this bill. It will correct our current procedures by deleting the language on line 16, "direct the state treasurer to transfer from" and adding "credit". Also on line 17, delete "to the general fund" and add "for". On line 19, delete "and make the proper credit in his own accounts." These changes were made to be in accordance with current statute requirements.

Senator Raggio moved that SB-150 be passed out of committee with a "Do Pass", seconded by Senator Ashworth. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Gibson then referred the committee to the following for possible committee introduction.

BDR-27-1465 (SB 141)

Raises threshold for required bidding and facilitates joinder in bidding by local governments in making purchases.

It would raise the threshold from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

BDR-1482 (SCR 10)

Request for expenditure from the legislative fund for the travel expenses of Herbert L. Thorndall to testify to the committee on the formation of a state owned bank.

Mr. Thorndall is the President of the bank of North Dakota, the only other state owned bank in the country. Cost is \$400.00

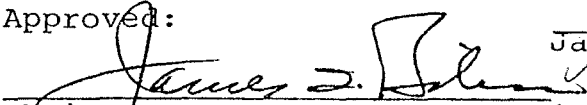
BDR-22-849 (SB 190)

This measure deals with conflicts of interest and the committee voiced no objection to introducing the bill.

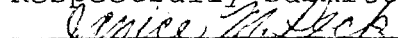
BDR-12-1465, BDR-1482 and BDR-22-849 were passed favorably out of the Government Affairs Committee and would be introduced in the Senate as committee bills.

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

Approved:



Respectfully submitted,

  
Janice M. Peck, Committee Secretary



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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JANUARY 1976 TO PRESENT

1976

Increase in grazing fees  
 Wild horses and burros problem  
 Utilization of range by livestock and game  
 Humboldt River Upstream Storage Project  
 Off-Road Vehicle Use on Public Lands  
 Access to domestic sources of minerals

1977

Environmental Impact Study on grazing  
 Surface Management of Public Land  
 Status of State Multiple Use Advisory Committee  
 on Federal Lands  
 Water pollution control (BDR 40-162)

1978

Wild horses and burros  
 Federal and State Carey Act  
 "Roadless and possible wilderness area"  
 Electrical transmission route - Oreana, Nevada to  
 Hunt, Idaho  
 O'Neil Basin Transmission Corridor  
 Blue Lake - the 1977 closure order  
 MX Missile Siting in Nevada  
 National Water Policy  
 Off-road vehicle recreation on public lands  
 Use of boats on Ruby Marsh Wildlife Refuge

1979

Federal Land Exchanges



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DISCUSSION TOPICS FROM April 7-8, 1978 to Present

4/7-8, 1977

- Railroad Valley Oil
- Law Enforcement -- BLM Organic Act
- "208" Water Quality Program
- Legislative Update
- Carey Act -- Land Exchange

12/2/77

- Wild Horses
- Carey Act -- Process of Application

4/7-8/78

- Environmental Considerations of Oil and Gas Leasing
- State Legislature's Select Commission on Public Lands
- Trespass -- The Issue on Federal Lands
- Update of the Carey Act
- Geothermal Energy -- Status and Future for Nevada

6/10/78

- "208" Water Quality Planning in Nevada - Non-point Source Mgt.
- Update on Carey Act
- MX Missile Siting in Eastern Nevada
- Functions of State Land Office and Commissions
- The Resources Conservation Act and its Impact on Nevada

8/11-12/78

- Ruby Marsh Discussion
- Hazardous Waste - Nuclear Waste
- Rare II Update
- National Water Policy

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- Update on Hazardous Waste Disposal - Legislation and Regulations
- Filing for Water Rights by BLM
- Crossing on Private Lands to Provide Access to Public Lands
- Patent Applications, Mining Claims and Land Transfers - Delays in Processing
- Rare II Update



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- Ed Hollingsworth, Lawyer, Reno
- Ellis Ferguson, Lawyer, Reno
- Helen Riley, Executive Director of Wildhorse Organized Assistance
- Tina Nappe, Nevada Sierra Club
- David Gamble, Attorney from Carson City
- Tom Ballow from the State Department of Agriculture
- Marjorie Sill, Sierra Club
- Dale Lockard, Fish and Game Department
- Frenchie Montero, Rancher
- Max Jones, Sierra Pacific Power
- Dirk Agee, Rancher from O'Niell Basin
- Alan Craigmiles, Vice-President, Nevada National Bank
- Norman Melvin, Reno, BLM
- Bob Wright, Sr., Nevada Cattlemen's Association
- Burt Stanley, U.S. Solicitor's Office in Sacramento, Ca.
- Vernon Sylvester, U.S.F.S.
- Glade Hall, Attorney, Reno
- William Pennington, Nevada Oil Producer
- Ernie Gregory, Administrator, State Department of Environmental Protection
- William Newman, Acting Administrator, State Division of Mineral Resources
- Hillary Oden, U.S.G.S., Menlo Park, CA
- Matt Benson, Nevada Cattlemen's Association
- Howard Winn, Nevada Mining Association
- Jim Linebaugh, Nevada State Conservation Commission
- Jim Breitlow, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
- Jerry Larson, U.S. Soil Conservation, State Office in Reno
- Nevada State Senator Norman Glaser
- William Oscar Jordan, General Counsel for the New Mexico State Lands Office
- Gordon Trombley, Director of Department of Lands for Idaho
- Charles Hansen, Director of Division of State Lands for Utah
- Bob Warren, Executive Director of Nevada Mining Association
- G. P. Etcheverry, Executive Director of Nevada League of Cities
- Colonel L. B. Molnar, Norton AFB, California
- Roland Westergard, State Water Engineer
- James P. Hawke, Nevada Division of Water Planning



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Dr. James K. Channell, Region IX, Office of Environmental Protection  
Leonard Tinman, Vice-President BKK Corporation  
John Sparbel, State Planning Coordinator's Office  
Frank Groves, Nevada Wildlife Federation  
Glen Griffith, Fish and Game Department  
Ed Rowland, Nevada BLM  
Harry Swainston, Deputy Attorney General  
Tom Ballow of the State Agriculture Department  
Dick Serdoz, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
George Abbott, Attorney, Minden  
Earl Hill, Attorney-at-Law, Reno  
John Criswell, U.S.F.S., Regional Office in Ogden, Utah  
Chester Grandjean of the Elko District of BLM  
Jack Walther, Rancher from Lamoille  
Jerry Davis, Humboldt National Forest, U.S. Forest Service, Elko  
Jack Lavin, U.S.F.S., Toiyabe National Forest  
Peter Morros, Deputy Director, Conservation & Natural Resources  
Bob Warren, Nevada Mining Association  
Verne Rosse, Division of Environmental Protection  
Congressman Jim Santini  
Nevada State Senator Cliff Young  
Nevada State Assemblyman Dean Rhoads  
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Julian Smith, Chairman  
Nevada State Multiple Use Advisory  
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FEB 5 1979

Dear Julian,

I have just received a copy of Senate Bill 135 which would abolish the State Multiple Use Advisory Committee on Public Lands and I wish to assure you again as I did two years ago that from the standpoint of the Bureau of Land Management the Committee has and is serving a valuable purpose.

I have personally attended nearly all meetings held by the Committee since its establishment and have had the opportunity to present a number of the Bureau's controversial programs and to respond to comments and criticisms of our policies and activities from committee members and others who attend your meetings. In several instances I have been able to correct misinterpretations of our actions and in other cases I have learned of previously unknown objections or conflicts with the Bureau's programs.

All of the Committee members are also members of organized groups or State boards or commissions having specific but widely different interests in the Federal lands administered by this Bureau. I feel it provides an exceptional forum for interchange of information, attitudes and ideas among Nevada citizens, State government and the Bureau.

The state BLM advisory boards were discontinued in 1977 and we no longer have that means of communicating with our numerous public interests on a statewide basis.

I hope that your Committee will be permitted to continue.

Sincerely,

E. I. Rowland  
State Director, Nevada



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EXHIBIT 2

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V.

Future of the Select Committee

It is not possible to discuss the future of the select committee without some analysis of the accomplishments of this interim. To date, the select committee has not managed to get any federal land disposed to state or private ownership. Given the situation regarding public lands, no one expected such quick results. Several other accomplishments of the committee should be listed. First, and perhaps most important, the select committee has called considerable attention to the public lands problems in Nevada. It has done this in Nevada through media appearances, talking, to civic groups and to official bodies such as the State Multiple Use Advisory Committee. It has done this regionally through appearances at meetings of the Western Conference CSG, Western Region of NACo and Western States Lands Commissioners. It has done this nationally through appearances at meetings of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the several presentations before Congress, at the Department of the Interior and the White House.

Second, the efforts of the select committee have led to the introduction of legislation in Congress. One bill sponsored by Representative Santini but written by the select committee would establish a public lands trust fund so that the money from public lands sold would be used to purchase park and recreation land in other parts of the country (Exhibit B). Hearings may be held on this bill before the end of 1978. Another bill introduced by Senators Laxalt and Cannon along with several co-sponsors would direct the expeditious disposal of the checkerboard lands to the states (Exhibit C). This bill was also instigated and supported by the select committee.

Third, it is no exaggeration to say that the select committee is responsible for the creation of the Western Coalition on Public Lands. The committee used every possible forum and sent some of its members to virtually every relevant regional meeting in order to encourage coalition creation. Not only did it push for coalition creation, it also was the backbone of the coalition in Washington in terms of manpower, staff support and financial commitment.

The weaknesses of the coalition at this point reflect the newness of the group and perhaps the rapidity with which it was assembled and activated. The question of structure and recognized processes for reaching decisions has already been addressed. The absence of either is definitely a current but correctable weakness. Another weakness, related to the first, is the fact that there are not regularly designated state legislators and county officials who are to participate in coalition activities. Nevada is an exception to this because of its select committee but other states have nothing analogous. To correct this weakness, each state must designate coalition representatives and give them some sort of standing authority for travel. Unless this is done, there will not be continuity of membership, and it will require a great deal of time and effort to assemble the coalition whenever this is necessary.

The ad hoc nature of the coalition at this point was reflected in the May 1978 Washington trip. It was not known until everyone arrived in Washington who would be there. The levels of knowledge and experience with public lands varied widely among participants. There was no assurance that those who did attend would be in any position to carry on the work in their own states. The various staff involved--Western CSG, NACo, NCSL, Utah legislature and Nevada legislature--were never quite sure who was in charge. Because the Nevada select committee had been to Washington before, its members and staff took the lead in coalition activities but as a long-term arrangement, this is not viable. The highest priority, therefore, must be placed on formalizing structure. This very definitely does not mean that a new organization and new staff are required. They are not. It is simply a question of figuring out the most rational and effective use of existing resources.

Finally, and as referenced above, Western CSG and Western Region NACo envision an organization with a bit more flexibility that can be the implementing arm of the regional groups on a limited number of issues that are regional in nature and which the organizations agree upon in terms of formal policy positions. The Spokane meeting of Western CSG has moved in this direction.

SUMMARY--Continues existence of select committee on public lands. (BDR 116)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION--Continuing the existence of the select committee on public lands.

WHEREAS, S.C.R. 9 of the 59th session of the Nevada legislature directed the creation of a select committee on public lands charged with several responsibilities including:

1. Traveling to Washington, D.C., to meet with federal executive and legislative officials to consider Nevada's unique situation with respect to the public lands;
2. Studying the alternatives for management of the public lands that would include a role for the state;
3. Increasing the amounts of land in nonfederal ownership;
4. Considering state consent to acquisition of lands by the Federal Government;
5. Proposing federal legislation on public lands;
6. Forming a regional coalition on public lands;
7. Reviewing and assessing plans and decisions of the Bureau of Land Management in the state; and

WHEREAS, The select committee has accomplished some of the assigned tasks and is heavily involved in several others; and

WHEREAS, To accomplish modification of federal land policy is a slow process requiring constant attention over the next several years at least; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada select committee has taken a leading role in forming a western coalition on public lands and is now



GUEST LIST

DATE: 2/5/79

NAME	AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION
ANDY GROSE	LCB on SCR 5 / SB 135
M. Douglas Miller	SCR 5 & SB 135, oil Gas & Mining Bd - member
W.M. Woodward - Chairman	Expl. Geologist of Nev. SB-135 - SCR-5
WARD CARITHERS	GEOLOGIST, EXPLORATION GEOLOG. OF NEVADA
Paul A. Richards	Member State Multi-Use Adv Com.
Jac R. Shaw	Adm - Div. of State Lands
Bob Erickson	Div. of State Lands
Frederick W. Duenkel	Nevada Cattlemen's Association
Julian C. Smith J.	State Multiple Use Advisory Bd.
David Plonover	Nevada Farm Bureau
A.F. Crosby	COMPUTER FACILITY
W.G. Baerhauer	Computer Facility
Robert E. Wright Jr.	State Multiple Use Board
Bob Worm	Nev. Mining Assoc.
Dean A. Rhoads	Assemblyman / <del>SCR</del> SB 135
B.A. Cress	LCB NUBO
Tommye Lyall	A.M.A.C. Reno Co. Treasurer

**S. B. 135**

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SENATE BILL NO. 135—SENATORS McCORKLE AND  
HERNSTADT

JANUARY 26, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Abolishes state multiple use advisory committee on  
federal lands. (BDR 18-1330)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to public lands; abolishing the state multiple use advisory committee on federal lands; 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 232.151 to 232.157, inclusive, are hereby repealed.  
2 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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SENATE BILL NO. 6—SENATOR NEAL

JANUARY 15, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Creates Southern Nevada Power District (BDR S-280)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to electric power; providing in skeleton form for the creation of a public power district in southern Nevada; requiring an election before organizing such a district; 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. The legislature finds that:
- 2 1. Electric power is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the
- 3 people of this state, and it is a responsibility of government to assure a
- 4 reliable supply of electric power, at reasonable cost, adequate to meet this
- 5 need.
- 6 2. The rapid increase in the cost of electric power results:
- 7 (a) In part from the higher rates of interest which must be paid by
- 8 private utilities for the money needed to meet increased demand, and
- 9 this problem can be partly solved by the use of public credit at lower
- 10 rates; and
- 11 (b) In part from the higher dividends paid to stockholders, 94 percent
- 12 of whom live outside the State of Nevada; and the decisions of these
- 13 stockholders substantially affect the health and welfare of the citizens
- 14 of this state through increased rates and demands for further increases.
- 15 3. The provision of an adequate supply of electric power requires
- 16 integrated planning for future land use, urban and economic development
- 17 and the preservation of environmental quality, all of which are among
- 18 the responsibilities of government and can best be coordinated through
- 19 governmental action.
- 20 4. The division of Colorado River resources of the department of
- 21 energy is now engaged in the purchase of electrical power and is selling
- 22 such power to investor-owned utilities; this service could be used to
- 23 decrease the costs of electrical power to the consumer if provided in
- 24 conjunction with a publicly owned utility.



S. C. R. 5

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATORS  
BLAKEMORE, GIBSON, LAMB, CLOSE, WILSON, DODGE,  
GLASER, JACOBSEN, D. ASHWORTH, K. ASHWORTH,  
ECHOLS AND NEAL**

JANUARY 22, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs.

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(BDR 116)**

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21 WHEREAS, The Nevada select committee has taken a leading role in  
22 forming a western coalition on public lands and is now looked to for  
23 leadership on this issue; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly concur-*  
25 *ring,* That the Nevada select committee on public lands be continued



SENATE BILL NO. 149—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

JANUARY 30, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Changes certain accounting procedures used by state computer facility and makes an appropriation. (BDR 19-523)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

AN ACT relating to data processing; changing certain accounting procedures used by the state computer facility; changing the name of a fund; making an appropriation; 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 242.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 242.290 1. Except as provided in subsection 3, the amount receiv-  
3 able from any using agency availing itself of the services of the computer  
4 facility shall be determined by the manager in each case and shall include:  
5 (a) The monthly **[cost]** *expense, including depreciation*, of operating  
6 and maintaining the computer facility, distributed among the using agen-  
7 cies in proportion to the services performed for any using agency.  
8 (b) After July 1, 1971, a service charge in an amount determined by  
9 distributing the monthly installment for the construction costs of the com-  
10 puter facility among the using agencies in proportion to the services per-  
11 formed for any using agency.  
12 2. The manager shall prepare and submit monthly to the using agen-  
13 cies for which services of the computer facility have been performed an  
14 itemized statement of the amount receivable from each using agency.  
15 3. The commission may authorize, if in its judgment the circum-  
16 stances warrant, a fixed cost billing, *including a factor for depreciation*,  
17 for services rendered to a using agency.  
18 SEC. 2. NRS 242.300 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
19 242.300 1. There is hereby created **[in the state treasury a commis-**  
20 **sion revolving fund account]** *the computer facility operating fund as an*  
21 *intragovernmental service fund* in the sum of **[\$125,000]** *\$200,000* for  
22 the use of the manager to operate and maintain the computer facility.

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SENATE BILL NO. 150—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT  
AFFAIRS

JANUARY 30, 1979

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises accounting procedure for lost warrants of state.  
(BDR 31-930)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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

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AN ACT relating to lost warrants of the state; revising the accounting procedure;  
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 353.140 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 353.140 1. The state controller shall establish a lost warrant account  
3 and credit to it the amount of each warrant canceled.  
4 2. If a state controller's warrant has been lost or destroyed, the  
5 person in whose favor such warrant was drawn may, within 1 year from  
6 the date of the original warrant, file with the state controller an affidavit  
7 setting forth the reasons for the failure to present such warrant for pay-  
8 ment and that such warrant is not to the knowledge of affiant held by  
9 any other person or persons. If the state controller is satisfied that the  
10 original warrant is lost or destroyed, and the claim has not been paid by  
11 the state, he may issue another warrant in lieu of the original warrant  
12 and charge the amount thereof to the lost warrant account.  
13 3. In June of each year, as to each warrant whose original date is at  
14 least 1 year old and whose amount credited to the lost warrant account  
15 has not been charged out as provided in subsection 2, the state controller  
16 shall [direct the state treasurer to transfer from] *credit* the fund upon  
17 which the original warrant was drawn [to the general fund] *for* an  
18 amount equivalent to the original warrant, and shall charge the lost  
19 warrant account. [and make the proper credit in his own accounts.]