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Senate Committee on Government Affairs

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Present: Chairman Gibson  
Vice Chairman Keith Ashworth  
Senator Dodge  
Senator Echols  
Senator Ford  
Senator Kosinski

Also Present: Debby Sheltra, rep. Franktown  
Assemblyman Tod Bedrosian  
Russ McDonald, Washoe County  
Lawrence Warner, Public Works Board  
Press

Chairman Gibson called the eighteenth meeting of the Government Affairs Committee to order at 11:00 a.m. The only item on the agenda was the hearing of AB-345

AB-345 Amends Carson City charter to authorize supervisors to acquire and operate a water project within and without Carson City.

Russ McDonald, representing the Board of Supervisors in Carson City, testified in favor of AB-345. Mr. McDonald stated that the bill attempts to clarify in the statutes the authority to acquire water both within and without Carson City.

Lawrence A. Warner, Public Works Director in Carson City stated that this bill merely gives enabling legislation and clarifies the authority as noted by Mr. McDonald.

Senator Dodge questioned the authority and where its limits would be with regard to acquiring water intended for agricultural use.

Russ McDonald responded that it is not clearly stated in the bill and if it is a fear of the committee the bill could be killed and it would not harm the authority in Carson City but the bill does clarify the intent and could save taxpayer's dollars if a person took Carson City to court on the matter of acquiring water.

Chairman Gibson asked Mr. McDonald what other cities have such a statute, outside of Henderson and Boulder City. Mr. McDonald stated that they have a similar statute in Lovelock although they are presently having difficulties.

Debby Sheltra, representing the Franktown district, testified to the committee that this bill might endanger the water availability to both Washoe County and Douglas County by enabling Carson City to go elsewhere for their water needs.

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Mrs. Sheltra further stated that if the committee wishes to pass the bill it could be amended to provide that Carson City must consult with the other political entities that could be involved prior to buying water rights outside their boundaries.

Chairman Gibson stated that this is not within the purview of the Government Affairs committee and should be taken to the committee on Natural Resources.

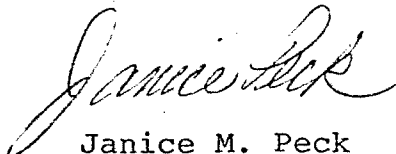
Mr. McDonald could not give the committee the exact statute and chapter reference where the language was taken to write AB-345 but would check and bring that information back to the committee.

Senator Kosinski asked Mr. McDonald to bring the committee an analysis of eminent domain in and around the Carson City area which could be affected by the passage of this bill.

No action was taken on this bill until Mr. McDonald could bring the necessary information back to the committee for its review.

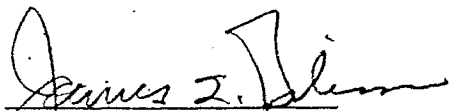
With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice M. Peck  
Committee Secretary

Approved:



Chairman  
Senator James I. Gibson

Some facts and figures about Nevada Libraries

Nevada library services are heavily used:

in 1977/78 Nevada citizens

read 3,400,139 books from public and university libraries

borrowed 25,414 films

received 15,259 items through Information Nevada

851,487 viewed films borrowed from public libraries

Library services cost money:

In 1978 the average cost of a book was \$12.58

Per capita cost for public library services in 1977/78 was \$5.83 - about  
equal to the cost of a movie with a coke and a box of pop-corn.

Value of books read in 1977/78 - \$39,213,759.58.

Expenditure per book - \$1.33.

Some other facts about libraries:

circulation per vol. - 3.1

circulation per capita - 4.4

reference questions answered by Washoe, UNR and UNLV - 157,431.

Washoe County Library answered a reference question every 4.7 minutes.

Nevada Libraries are heavily used

Nevada Libraries need more funds

Nevada Libraries deserve additional support.

Nevada Libraries are your winning card.

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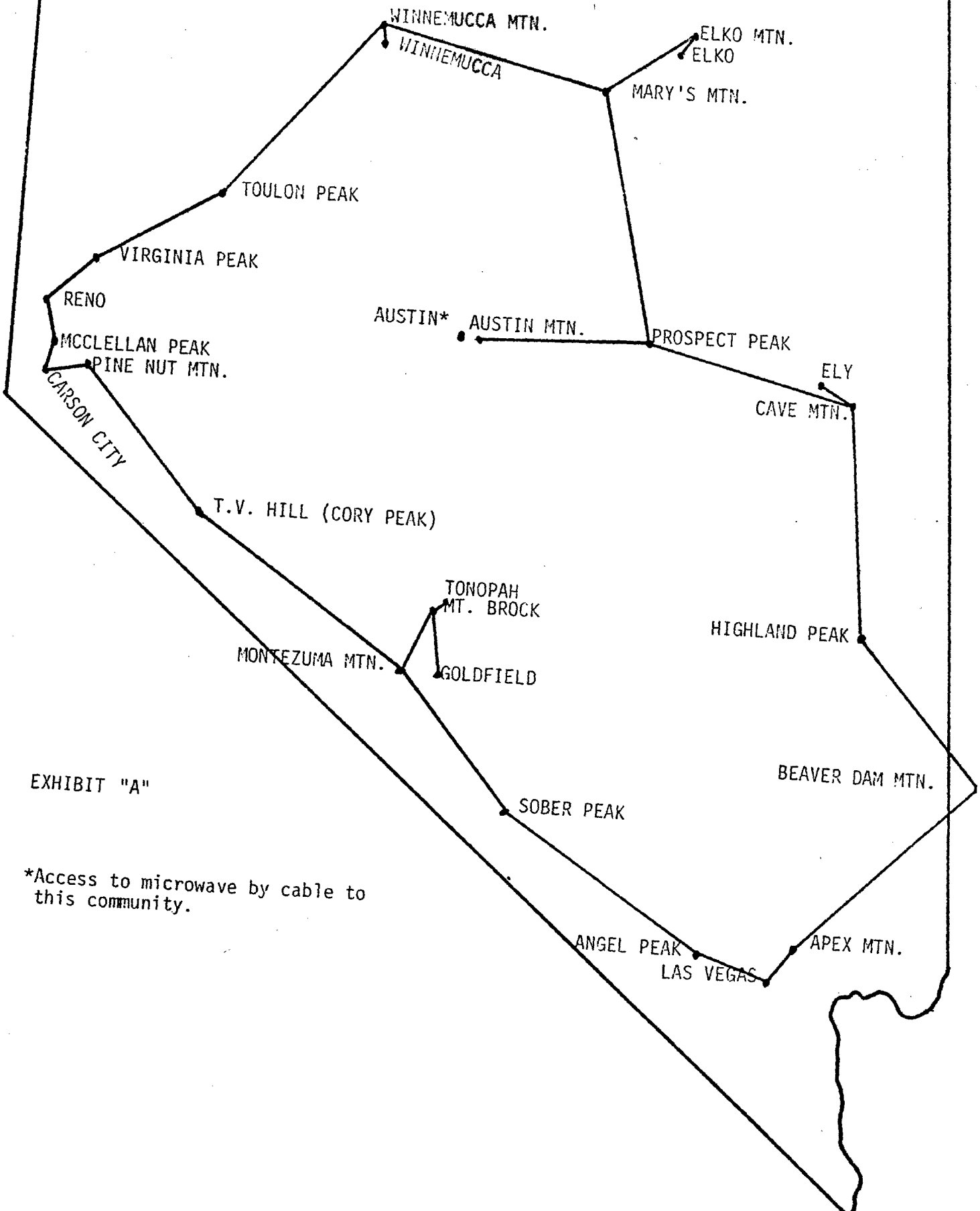


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this community.