

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Senator Neal in the Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Senator Joe Neal, Chairman
Senator Norman Glaser, Vice-Chairman
Senator Wilbur Faiss
Senator Lawrence Jacobsen
Senator Floyd Lamb
Senator Mike Sloan

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Martinelli, Department of Agriculture
Ron Gutzman, Nevada Metric Committee
Lowell V. Smith, State Forester Firewarden

Senator Neal announced that at this time the committee would consider amendments proposed for S.B. 119 and hear testimony on S.B. 180 and A.B. 214.

S.B. 119 - Creates metric system advisory council.

Senator Neal reported to the committee that he investigated placing the metric council under the Science Advisor, as was suggested by Senator Jacobsen in the meeting held February 7th. He discovered that the Science Advisor will be phased out; therefore, the bill was amended according to previous suggestions but left under the Department of Agriculture.

Senator Jacobsen again raised the point that, although he had no objections to placing the council under the Department of Agriculture, he felt there should be an educational attachment and wondered if there was another Department where it would be better placed. Senator Neal responded that no other Department deals with weights and measurements of the State, which is presently a function of the State Sealer. For the lack of not having a better organization in operation at the present time, the Department of Agriculture becomes the only suitable agency.

Senator Jacobsen then asked if any of the members of the State Board of Agriculture were representative of commerce and labor or education. Mr. Phil Martinelli of the Department of Agriculture informed the committee of the names and occupations of the members of the Board and all were ranchers or farmers (one is a beekeeper).

Senator Jacobsen asked Mr. Martinelli if the Department of Agriculture could handle this additional function. Mr. Martinelli answered that would depend on how much the Board expects the Department to do, and how much of a workload it is going to put on them. He referred the committee's attention to Section 8, subsections 1, 2 and 3, and stated that these provisions are the only problems they could see with the bill.

Senator Jacobsen asked if the Department is involved with starting into the metric system in any manner. Mr. Martinelli replied that they are not.

Senator Faiss asked if the Department could handle this function without an additional appropriation. Mr. Martinelli replied that again, it would depend on the demands made by the Board.

Senator Jacobsen asked what the U.S. Metric Board's powers and duties were and the makeup of the Board. Mr. Ron Gutzman of the Nevada Metric Committee answered that the Board is made up of 17 members appointed by the President of the United States. Their duties are to make decisions on how the people of the United States are going to make the change to the metric system and coordinate those efforts.

Senator Neal called for a motion on the adoption of the proposed amendment to S.B. 119.

Senator Jacobsen moved to adopt the proposed amendment #66 to S.B. 119.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

Senator Neal called for final action on S.B. 119.

Senator Glaser moved that S.B. 119 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended. Re-refer to Committee on Finance.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Yeas - 5

Nays - Senator Lamb (1)

Motion carried.

S.B. 180 - Authorizes state forester firewarden to determine costs of plant materials distributed by him.

Mr. Lowell Smith, State Forester Firewarden, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, explained that the purpose of the bill is to clarify a problem which has existed within the operation of nurseries operated by the Division of Forestry. These nurseries produce and distribute plant materials for conservation purposes, as defined in the bill, the prices of which are to be determined by the cost of production. It has been determined that there have been errors in the pricing of the materials because the salaries of persons in the Division managing this program were excluded from the cost of production, and so were the costs of capital improvements and heavy equipment. The costs were not included in an effort to keep the cost of the materials down since providing the plant materials is a service for the people of the State.

Mr. Smith stated that this bill would allow the State Forester Firewarden to determine the price of the plant materials so that the price would be kept low enough and would enable them to do some volume selling. He added that the use of these trees and plants for shelter belts and windbreaks throughout the State has been a big help for conservation and that they have sold millions of trees.

Senator Lamb moved that S.B. 180 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

A.B. 214 - Removes duplicative provisions concerning state energy resources advisory board.

Senator Neal explained that this bill would remove duplicative provisions in the statutes. He mentioned that Mr. Noel Clark, Director of the Department of Energy, submitted a letter advising the committee that the Department is in agreement with A.B. 214. That letter is attached as Exhibit A.

Senator Glaser recalled that when the State Department of Conservation was reorganized last session to set up an Energy Department, they were given an advisory board. This bill apparently contains some old language which needed clarification. The bill would eliminate the second advisory board set up.

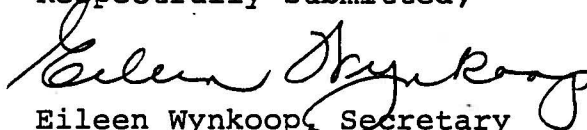
Senator Lamb moved that A.B. 214 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

APPROVED:



Joe Neal, Chairman



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February 20, 1979

Senator Joe Neal
Chairman, Senate Natural Resources Committee

Dear Senator Neal:

Please be advised that the Nevada Department of Energy is in agreement with AB214 regarding the elimination of a duplicative clause allowing the Director of this department to appoint an advisory board.

We have no other specific comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Noel A. Clark
Director

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S. B. 119

SENATE BILL NO. 119—COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
AND LABOR

JANUARY 25, 1979

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Creates metric system advisory council. (BDR 51-342)

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

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

AN ACT relating to weights and measures; creating the metric system advisory council; providing for its organization, powers and duties; 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. Chapter 581 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.
3 SEC. 2. "Council" means the metric system advisory council.
4 SEC. 3. 1. *The metric system advisory council, consisting of 5 mem-*
5 *bers, four of whom are appointed by the governor, is hereby created*
6 *within the state department of agriculture.*
7 2. *The governor shall appoint:*
8 (a) *One member from the state department of education.*
9 (b) *One member from the University of Nevada.*
10 (c) *One member from a trade or labor organization.*
11 (d) *One member from business and industry.*
12 3. *The executive director of the state department of agriculture, or*
13 *his designee, is a member of the council.*
14 4. *The governor shall designate one of the appointed members of*
15 *the council to serve as its chairman.*
16 SEC. 4. 1. *The council shall meet at least once in each quarter, and*
17 *may hold special meetings at the call of the chairman.*
18 2. *Three members of the council constitute a quorum.*
19 3. *Each appointed member of the council is entitled to receive:*
20 (a) *A salary of \$40 for each day's attendance at a meeting of the*
21 *council; and*
22 (b) *The subsistence allowance and travel expenses provided by law.*

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SENATE BILL NO. 180—SENATOR JACOBSEN

FEBRUARY 2, 1979

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Authorizes state forester firewarden to determine costs of plant materials distributed by him. (BDR 47-927)

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 reforestation; authorizing the state forester firewarden to set the cost of plant materials distributed by him; 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 528.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 528.095 "Production" means the propagation, maintenance, pro-
3 tection and distribution [, at cost of production,] of sufficient quantities
4 of conservation plant materials to meet the purposes of NRS 528.091
5 to 528.140, inclusive.
6 SEC. 2. NRS 528.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 528.105 1. Any state nursery authorized by NRS 528.100 [shall]
8 *must* be operated under management of the state forester firewarden and
9 shall propagate stock for uses as provided in this section.
10 2. The state forester firewarden may:
11 (a) Purchase nursery stock, seed and other conservation plant mate-
12 rials.
13 (b) Engage in seed, tree and plant development research.
14 (c) Demonstrate methods of conservation plant material planting,
15 propagation and landscaping to public or private organizations or indi-
16 viduals.
17 (d) Distribute, [at cost of production,] *at a cost to be determined by*
18 *the state forester firewarden*, conservation plant materials for planting
19 on public property for the purposes of soil erosion control, windbreaks,
20 noise abatement, reforestation, greenbelts, watershed protection, wildlife
21 protection and beautification.
22 (e) Distribute, [at cost of production,] *at a cost to be determined by*
23 *the state forester firewarden*, conservation plant materials for planting
24 on private property for the purposes of production of forest or woodlot

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A. B. 214

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 214—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

JANUARY 25, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Removes duplicative provisions concerning state energy resources advisory board. (BDR 46-295)

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 energy resources; removing duplicative provisions of law concerning the appointment of the state energy resources advisory board and its functions; 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 523.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 523.031 1. The department of energy is hereby created.
3 2. The department consists of the director and:
4 (a) The division of Colorado River resources;
5 (b) The division of energy research and development; and
6 (c) The division of energy conservation and planning.
7 3. The governor shall appoint a director to serve as the executive
8 head of the department.
9 4. The director shall:
10 (a) Be in the unclassified service.
11 (b) Be selected with special reference to his training, experience,
12 capability and interest in the field of energy conservation and manage-
13 ment.
14 (c) Devote his entire time and attention to the business of his office
15 and shall not pursue any other business or occupation or hold any other
16 office of profit.
17 5. As executive head of the department, the director is responsible
18 for the administration of all provisions of law relating to the functions
19 of the department.
20 6. The director may employ any clerical and operational personnel
21 necessary for the performance of his duties, prescribe their duties and
22 fix their salaries in accordance with classifications made by the personnel
23 division of the department of administration.

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