

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Senator Neal in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Neal, Chairman  
Senator Glaser, Vice-Chairman  
Senator Faiss  
Senator Jacobsen

ABSENT: Senator Lamb  
Senator Sloan

OTHERS

PRESENT: Robert Erickson, Division of State Lands  
Bob Sullivan, Carson River Basin Council of Governments  
Merv Flaunder, Bureau of Services to the Blind  
Glenn Griffith, Department of Fish and Game

Senator Neal announced that the committee would consider Senate Bills 119, 140 and 175.

S.B. 119 - Creates metric system advisory council. (Fiscal note included)

Senator Neal reminded the committee that Mr. Tom Ballow of the Department of Agriculture suggested making certain amendments to the bill. The committee discussed the amendments and agreed to amend the bill as follows:

The council would consist of 5 members rather than 12 members. Of the five members, one would be chosen from the State Department of Education, one from the University of Nevada, one from a trade or labor organization, and one from an organization representative of the interests of consumers. The fifth member will be the Executive Director of the State Department of Agriculture, or his designee, thereby giving him a vote on the council. The members of the council would be allowed travel allowance but no salary.

Senator Jacobsen felt that the council should not be under the Department of Agriculture since it is a regulatory agency. He felt it would be more proper under the Science Advisor since metric conversion affects the whole educational system and commerce. Senator Glaser remarked that the council was included under the Department of Agriculture because Weights and Measures is under their jurisdiction. He agreed that it would be better placed somewhere else, but questioned if the Science Advisor was being phased out.

Senator Neal will obtain further information and report back to the committee next Wednesday. The bill will be reprinted and a new fiscal note drawn up.

S.B. 140 - Removes certain restrictions from fishing licenses issued to blind persons.

Mr. Merv Flaunder, Chief of the Bureau of Services to the Blind, explained the purpose of the bill is to eliminate the requirement that blind persons designate someone to fish for them. Blind persons have no objection to the requirement that they designate someone to do their hunting for them, but they would like to fish for themselves. Presently, if a blind person is holding the fishing pole, he is theoretically violating the law.

Mr. Glenn Griffith of the Department of Fish and Game informed the committee that although the Department has no real objection to the change, the bill is superfluous. A blind person who wishes to fish by himself can simply obtain a license and not include the word "blind" on the license application.

Senator Neal remarked that he felt the bill was not aimed at just the procedural aspect. Blind persons want it to be known that they are blind, but don't want to be restricted to fishing only with assistance.

S.B. 175 - Clarifies provisions concerning the resolution of inconsistencies between the land use plans of local government entities.

Mr. Ron Erickson, Deputy Administrator for the Division of State Lands, questioned the origin of the bill and stated that the Division of State Lands did not request the bill although it does affect their office.

Mr. Erickson explained that the bill basically deals with the section of the 1977 law which created a vehicle for resolving conflicts between two or more local governments on planning matters. If the government entities could not reach a solution, they could approach the Division to resolve the situation. The bill would change the word "planning" to the word "plans", which is a fine differential. "Planning" would apply to day-to-day operations, and "plans" would apply to a document. He remarked that since this section of the law was adopted in 1977, it has not been utilized.

Mr. Erickson suggested that if the bill were passed, the language in NRS 321.640 subsection 5 should also be amended to make the language consistent with this change.

Senator Neal asked Mr. Erickson if he would have any problem with the bill. Mr. Erickson replied that basically the bill would provide a narrower definition for consulting with the Land Use Planning Advisory Council, and that would probably be beneficial and would create no problems for them.

Bob Sullivan of the Carson River Basin Council of Governments also questioned the origin of the bill and the rationale behind it. He felt it was a question of whether the State Lands Division should get involved in critical areas before the fact or after the fact. The counties he represents would rather have the Division be involved at the document stage than the planning stage. He stated that so far State Lands has always been requested to get involved.

Senator Neal called for final action on S.B. 175.

Senator Jacobsen felt the bill intends to resolve the inconsistencies in the law by changing the terminology and language to be positive. Senator Glaser agreed that the purpose of the bill is just a matter of semantics.

Senator Neal will consult with the bill drafter's office to confirm the origin and rationale of the bill and discuss whether NRS 321.640 subsection 5 should also be amended as suggested by Mr. Erickson.

Senator Glaser moved that S.B. 175 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass, pending information from the Legislative Counsel concerning further amendment.

Seconded by Senator Jacobsen.

Motion carried.

Senator Neal asked for final action on S.B. 140.

Senator Jacobsen moved that S.B. 140 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 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eileen Wynkoop*  
Eileen Wynkoop, Secretary

APPROVED:

*Joe Neal*  
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Joe Neal, Chairman

SENATE BILL NO. 175—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

FEBRUARY 1, 1979

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Clarifies provisions concerning the resolution of inconsistencies between the land use plans of local government entities. (BDR 26-294)

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 control and sale of state lands; clarifying provisions concerning the resolution of inconsistencies between the land use plans of local government entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. NRS 321.755 is hereby amended to read as follows:
321.755 1. The executive council of the land use planning advisory council is hereby created to consider and make recommendations for land use planning in areas of critical environmental concern and to resolve inconsistencies [in] between the land use [planning between] plans of local government entities.
2. The executive council consists of the administrator and four persons selected by the land use planning advisory council from among its members. Each member of the executive council shall serve for 2-year terms.
SEC. 2. NRS 321.763 is hereby amended to read as follows:
321.763 1. When an inconsistency in land use [planning] plans is submitted for decision, the executive council may direct the staff of the state land use planning agency to conduct studies, assemble information and prepare proposals for alternative courses of action if necessary.
2. The executive council shall conduct public hearings in the affected areas before arriving at a decision in the matter.
3. In rendering its decision, the executive council may sustain the position of one or more of the local government entities involved or prescribe its own land use plan for the area of inconsistency. The executive council may adopt land use regulations to carry out its decision.
4. All land use plans and regulations adopted by the executive

Original bill is 2 pages long. Contact the Research Library for a copy of the complete bill.

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SENATE BILL NO. 140—COMMITTEE ON HUMAN  
RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

JANUARY 29, 1979

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Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Removes certain restrictions from fishing licenses  
issued to blind persons. (BDR 45-154)

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



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

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AN ACT relating to licenses to hunt or fish; removing certain restrictions from  
fishing licenses issued to blind persons; 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 502.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 502.075 The department shall issue to a blind person, as defined in  
3 subsection 2 of NRS 361.085: **[**, any license authorized to be issued by  
4 the department under the provisions of this chapter. Such license shall:**]**  
5 1. **[Authorize]** *A hunting license which:*  
6 (a) *Authorizes* a person selected by the blind person to hunt **[or fish]**  
7 on his behalf if:  
8 **[(a)]** (1) The person selected is a resident of the State of Nevada  
9 and possesses a valid Nevada hunting **[or fishing]** license; and  
10 **[(b)]** (2) The blind person is in the company of or in the immediate  
11 area of the person selected.  
12 **[2. Be]** (b) *Is* issued pursuant and subject to regulations pre-  
13 scribed by the commission.  
14 **[3. Contain]** (c) *Contains* the word "Blind" printed on the face of  
15 the license.  
16 2. *A fishing license which authorizes the blind person to fish whether*  
17 *or not accompanied by or in the immediate area of any other person.*