

The meeting was called to order at 1:20 p.m. Senator Neal in the Chair.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Senator Joe Neal, Chairman  
Senator Norman Glaser, Vice-Chairman  
Senator Wilbur Faiss  
Senator Mike Sloan

MEMBERS

EXCUSED: Senator Lawrence Jacobsen  
Senator Floyd Lamb

OTHERS

PRESENT: Assemblyman Robert Rusk

Senator Neal announced that the committee would hear testimony on A.B. 796, A.J.R. 36, A.B. 745 and take action on A.B. 513.

A.B. 796 - Makes various changes in law relating to taxation of sheep.

Senator Glaser explained that an industry representative was in Carson City last Friday when this bill was first scheduled for hearing. Because that meeting was cancelled and the representative could not attend today's meeting, Senator Glaser spoke on the bill.

Senator Glaser explained that the bill was requested by the Woolgrowers Association, and it would raise the tax on the sheep in order to promote the industry.

Senator Sloan moved that A.B. 796 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

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A.J.R. 36 - Urges United States Fish and Wildlife Service to abandon certain projects which use large amounts of water from Truckee River.

Assemblyman Rusk explained that this bill would ask the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stop using large amounts of water from the reservoir to cool down the fishes to encourage spawning.

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Senator Sloan moved that A.J.R. 36 be passed out of committee with the recommendation: Do pass.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

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A.B. 745 - Provides for liability of dog owners and certain counties for injury to or death of livestock in certain circumstances.

The members of the committee felt that S.B. 571 dealt with this same subject in a preferable manner, and that bill was passed out of the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Sloan moved that A.B. 745 be indefinitely postponed.

Seconded by Senator Faiss.

Motion carried.

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A.B. 513 - Provides additional circumstances for extending powers and duties of Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.

The committee agreed to put the bill on the second reading file with the amendments suggested, and any problems with the amendments could be worked out in conference committee with the Assembly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Eileen Wynkoop  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED:



Joe Neal, Chairman

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 13—COMMITTEE ON  
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

MARCH 7, 1979

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

**SUMMARY**—Provides additional circumstances for extending powers and duties of Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency. (BDR 22-1081)

**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 the Nevada Tahoe regional planning commission; providing for the extension of its powers and duties under additional circumstances; making a conditional 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 278.024 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 278.024 1. In the region of this state for which there has been  
3 created by NRS [278.702 to 278.770, inclusive,] 278.780 to 278.828,  
4 inclusive, and sections 7 to 14, inclusive, of this act, a regional planning  
5 agency, the powers conferred by NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive,  
6 upon any other authority are subordinate to the powers of such regional  
7 planning agency, and may be exercised only to the extent that their  
8 exercise does not conflict with any ordinance or plan adopted by such  
9 regional planning agency. The powers conferred by NRS 278.010 to  
10 278.630, inclusive, shall be exercised whenever appropriate in further-  
11 ance of a plan adopted by the regional planning agency.  
12 2. Upon the adoption by a regional planning agency created by NRS  
13 [278.702 to 278.770, inclusive,] 278.780 to 278.828, inclusive, and  
14 sections 7 to 14, inclusive, of this act, of any regional plan or interim  
15 plan, any plan adopted pursuant to NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive,  
16 shall cease to be effective as to the territory embraced in such regional  
17 or interim plan. Each planning commission and governing body whose  
18 previously adopted plan is so affected shall, within 90 days after the  
19 effective date of the regional or interim plan, initiate any necessary  
20 procedure to revise its plan and any related zoning ordinances which  
21 affect adjacent territory.  
22 SEC. 2. NRS 278.792 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 745—COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

APRIL 16, 1979

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

SUMMARY—Provides for liability of dog owners and certain counties for injury to or death of livestock in certain circumstances. (BDR 50-1670)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.  
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 animals; providing for the liability of dog owners and certain counties for injury to or death of livestock in certain circumstances; 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 575 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act.

3 SEC. 2. *As used in sections 3 to 5, inclusive, of this act, "livestock"*  
4 *means:*

5 1. *All animals of the bovine, caprine, equine, ovine and porcine spe-*  
6 *cies; and*

7 2. *All domesticated fowl and rabbits.*

8 SEC. 3. 1. *If a dog chases, worries, injures or kills any livestock on*  
9 *the land of any person other than land which is owned or leased by the*  
10 *owner of the dog, the dog may be killed by the owner of the livestock.*

11 2. *The owner of a dog which is killed pursuant to subsection 1 may*  
12 *not bring an action for damages against the person who killed the dog.*

13 SEC. 4. 1. *The owner or possessor of any dog which worries, injures*  
14 *or kills any livestock on the land of another is liable to the owner of the*  
15 *livestock for double the amount of his actual damages.*

16 2. *In any action to recover damages the plaintiff does not have to*  
17 *show that the owner or possessor of the dog knew of any particular pro-*  
18 *pensity of the dog.*

19 SEC. 5. *In counties which collect fees for the issuance of dog license*  
20 *tags:*

21 1. *Those fees must be deposited into a separate account in the gen-*  
22 *eral fund of the county and may be used only to pay damages to the*  
23 *owners of any livestock which are injured or killed by dogs whose owners*  
24 *are unknown. The liability of a county is limited by the amount in the*  
25 *account.*

Original bill is 2 pages long.  
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a copy of the complete bill.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 796—COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

APRIL 26, 1979

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

SUMMARY—Makes various changes in law relating to  
taxation of sheep. (BDR 50-2085)

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 animals; making various changes in the law relating to the  
taxation of sheep; 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 562.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 562.170 1. The boards of county commissioners of the several  
3 counties, at the time of their annual levy of taxes, must levy the rate of  
4 tax fixed by the board, as provided for in NRS 562.160, not to exceed  
5 the equivalent of [8] 18 cents per head on all sheep. [assessed by the  
6 taxing authorities of the various counties for the year concerned.]  
7 2. The tax [shall] *must* be collected as other taxes are collected and  
8 paid in full to the state treasurer, who shall keep the [same] *money* in a  
9 separate fund to be known as the sheep inspection fund. The sheep inspec-  
10 tion fund [shall] *must* be made available and disbursed by the proper  
11 state officials upon request of the board for the purposes provided for in  
12 this chapter.  
13 3. *At the end of each fiscal year the balance of the sheep inspection*  
14 *fund may not exceed an amount equivalent to 6 cents per head of all*  
15 *sheep.*  
16 SEC. 2. NRS 562.210 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
17 562.210 1. The board [shall have power to do all things it may con-  
18 sider necessary to] *may* encourage, promote, advance and protect the  
19 sheep interests of the state, and may, directly or indirectly, by expendi-  
20 ture, or by payment or otherwise to any association formed for any such  
21 purposes or objects, pay annually, out of the sheep inspection fund, for  
22 any enumerated purposes, not to exceed the equivalent of [2] 10 cents  
23 of the levy assessed pursuant to NRS 562.170.  
24 2. The board [shall be] *is* the sole and exclusive [judges] *judge* of

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36—ASSEMBLYMEN  
RUSK, COULTER, BARENGO, POLISH, STEWART, JEFF-  
REY, FIELDING, PRENGAMAN, WEISE, DINI, WESTALL,  
MANN, BERGEVIN, MARVEL, BREMNER, FITZPATRICK,  
MALONE, WEBB, RHOADS AND GETTO

MAY 11, 1979

Referred to Committee on Environment and Public Resources

SUMMARY—Urges United States Fish and Wildlife Service to abandon certain projects which use large amounts of water from Truckee River. (BDR 2167)



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

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to abandon certain projects which use large amounts of water from Truckee River.

- 1 WHEREAS, The population of the Truckee Meadows area which  
2 includes the cities of Reno and Sparks and nearby communities is rapidly  
3 growing; and  
4 WHEREAS, This increase in population means a greater demand for  
5 water; and  
6 WHEREAS, There is a limited water supply in the area; and  
7 WHEREAS, The area has not recovered from a drought in 1976 and  
8 1977; and  
9 WHEREAS, The limited amount of available water is, therefore, a  
10 precious resource which should not be wasted in any way; and  
11 WHEREAS, The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is engaged in  
12 programs which use 1,200 acre-feet of water a day to cool the Truckee  
13 River and to aid the Lahontan cutthroat trout and cui-ui suckers in  
14 Pyramid Lake to spawn; and  
15 WHEREAS, The success of those programs is, at best, questionable;  
16 and  
17 WHEREAS, The water used by the United States Fish and Wildlife  
18 Service is being taken from the same reservoirs which provide water  
19 to the people of the Truckee Meadows area; and  
20 WHEREAS, While the legislature of this state recognizes the environ-  
21 mental importance of the federal projects, it nonetheless feels that the  
22 people should be given priority to the water; now, therefore, be it  
23 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,*  
24 That the legislature hereby urges the United States Fish and Wildlife