

PRESENT:

Chairman Jeffrey  
Vice Chairman Redelsperger  
Assemblyman Dini  
Assemblyman Kovacs  
Assemblyman Mello  
Assemblyman Polish  
Assemblyman Schofield  
Assemblyman DuBois  
Assemblyman Rhoads

OTHERS PRESENT:

Senator Wilson  
Mr. Jac Shaw  
Mr. G.P. Etcheverry

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey at 2:05 P.M. Chairman Jeffrey called for testimony on SJR 9.

SJR 9

Urges Congress to mandate stronger controls over the numbers of wild horses and burros in Nevada.

Assemblyman Dean Rhoads was the first to testify on behalf of SJR 9. He stated that this resolution was to see if Congress should mandate stronger control over the wild horses and burros. He stated that the management of wildhorses and burros was certainly one of the top priorities in Washington and feels that the time is right to get stronger control over these animals. It is his feeling that Congress would appreciate resolutions from the states, especially Nevada who has approximately 3/4 of the wild horse population in the Western States.

Mr. Jac Shaw, of the Division of State Lands, stated that SJR 9 is very important, to the Nevada State Legislature. There are two areas that need Federal Legislation, one is the Wild Horse Act and the other is on the Wilderness Lands Act. It is his feeling that these resolutions are vital to get encouragement to Congress. Secretary Watt announced that he was going to Congress with both of these issues. Due to the number of wild horses and burros they are harming themselves and in his opinion the Wild Horse Act is not working and needs stronger Federal Legislation.

There being no further testimony on SJR 9 the public hearing on this matter was closed.

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Chairman Jeffrey then called for testimony on SB 175.

SB 175                      Provides for state to acquire capital improvements made for "MX" missile projects.

Mr. Jac Shaw, of the Division of State Lands, was first to testify on SB 175. He stated that acquiring title to capital improvements such as roads, power lines, pipelines and wells built during the MX construction would be beneficial to the state as long as the state is required to take over, and could pick the improvements that they wanted.

Senator Wilson, sponsor of the bill was next to testify and he stated that the basic intent of SB 175 was to preserve the states position to control the uses of land in its interior whether they be private or Federal. If MX does come to the state, the construction project is one of the largest ever to be undertaken by mankind, therefore we are looking at substantial development of water appropriation, plant roads, pipelines, etc. It is his feeling that he would like to see the state in control of the resource rather than seeing it revert to another federal agency which may use it in a way not compatible with our own interests or having it sold to private companies for use that may not be compatible with the public interest. He stated that the Air Force has indicated an appetite to enter into agreements at this time. It is also his feeling that this bill has long reaching effects which are significant. He stated that there may be some improvements that we do not want simply because of their maintenance cost, but there may be others that we do want.

Mr. G. P. Etcheverry, League of Cities, stated that he concurs with the intent of SB 175, however on lines 13, and 14 of the bill the language should be broadened to include such things as water plants, sewer plants and those itmes that are not covered under this bill. He bases his feeling on the meeting that the League of Cities has had with the Air Force. He agrees with Assemblyman Rhoads that an attempt should be made to acquire the land as well, because there may be a few

unincorporated townships left when the Air Force leaves the construction area. He feels that the aquisition of the land from the Federal Government should be incorporated in this bill or the Assembly bill or both.

There being no further testimony on SB 175 the public hearing was closed by Chairman Jeffrey.

At this time Chairman Jeffrey called for testimony on SB 177.

SB 177            Removes duplicative statutory provision concerning identification numbering for motorboats.

There being no one to testify regarding this bill it was held over and no action was taken.

Chairman Jeffrey called for action on SJR 9 at this time.

Assemblyman Schofield moved for a DO PASS, Assemblyman Rhoads seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Jeffrey proposed the following amendment to SB 175,  
Line 14, after capital improvements to make the language permissive to allow this state to take title to these improvements. (using whatever language the bill drafter feels necessary) Then it was his suggestion that after the permissive language insert, "including but not limited to power lines, etc.,"

After a brief discussion by the committee Assemblyman Mello moved to adopt the amendment and made a motion to AMEND AND DO PASS, Mr. Schofield seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the committee the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M., with Chairman Jeffrey in the chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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