

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jeffrey
 Vice Chairman Redelsperger
 Assemblyman Dini
 Assemblyman Kovacs
 Assemblyman Mello
 Assemblyman Polish
 Assemblyman Schofield
 Assemblyman Rhoads

MEMBERS ABSENT: Assemblyman DuBois (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Nicholson, League of Women Voters
 Jac Shaw, Division of Lands
 Assemblyman Robinson
 Assemblyman Hayes
 Senator Glaser
 Bob Erickson, Senior Research Analyst
 Pete Kelly, Nevada Retailers Association
 Dennis Berringer, K Mart Stores

Chairman Jeffrey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked for testimony on SCR 17.

SCR 17 Continues existence of select committee on public lands.

Senator Glaser stated that SCR 17 extends the authorization of the Select Committee for two years. SCR 17 goes back to 1975 when a legislative Select Committee was formed to maximize the returns from vacant public lands. Two of the original members of that committee are Assemblyman Karen Hayes and Senator Richard Blakemore, and they are still serving on that Select Committee. The Select Committee was reconstituted two years ago to include three from the Senate and three from the Assembly. Last year that number was increased to four from the Assembly and this resolution keeps that apportionment of four Assemblymen and three Senators.

One of the things that they have done is to draw national attention to Nevada because of the Sagebrush Rebellion. The Sagebrush Rebellion is not the only thing the Select Committee has done but probably the most visible. It has created a lot of interest nationally, not only because people are intrigued at the idea of a state the size of Nevada taking on the Federal Agency, but this has also had State's Rights implications. A lot of the states relate to the Sagebrush Rebellion, in issues other than Sagebrush. Some of this interest has been because the Federal Government has been abusing the state governments by rules and regulations. Consequently, these other states began getting together to form an alliance with Nevada. Specifically, in addition to the devesture, the Sagebrush Rebellion would accomplish on the public lands by the Federal Government, other things that were done that didn't receive as much press, but have been equally as important. Since the advent of the Select Committee and AB 413,* the devesture bill, we've got the attention of the Federal Government. The Federal Agencies have become easier and are more amenable to

* from 1979

to work with. The BLM is now anxious to cooperate and see what can be done for the folks out in the country. This has been especially true in the Las Vegas Valley since the devesture has been started. Lands that have been previously locked up in checkerboard pattern in the Las Vegas Valley have been moved into the private sector and onto the tax rolls. In the rural areas, they are talking about exchanges that are in the public interest. These are changes that they have been talking about for the past twenty years. It is Senator Glaser's opinion that this select committee has been a worthwhile exercise and has brought national attention to the state. This committee should be continued for the next two years because of the necessity of working with other states in the devesture movement. Also, Senator Laxalt has indicated that he would like the Select Committee to come to Washington, D.C. in an educational program. Senator Glaser urges the committee to support the passage of SCR 17.

Assemblyman Dini wondered if this committee was as important at the present time as it has been in the past considering the cooperative attitude of the new Secretary of the Interior.

Senator Glaser stated that this resolution is vital because there is no guarantee that this type of cooperation would last for any longer than the next four years. The present administration is in authority, principally through congressional action. Hopefully through established policy, they will continue to apply in the west, and devest the Federal Government of at least half of their holdings. Secretary Watts of the Department of the Interior as matter of cooperation is instituting a program of asking the cities and counties what vacant surrounding public lands surrounding these islands that should be released for cities to expand into. Tonopah, Winnemucca, Ely are prime examples. Unless mandated by Congress, there won't be anything to continue this effort after the present administration goes out of power.

Assemblyman Karen Hayes stated that when they were in Washington and met with Secretary Watts, he stated that the states that were pushing the Sagebrush Rebellion should not give up. They should not trust President Reagan or Secretary Watts, but keep pushing and continue the present efforts. She stated that this is the exact thing that the Select Committee is doing.

Assemblyman DuBois wondered how much money had been spent in the last two years.

Senator Glaser stated that \$21,000 had been spent, and it would take an additional \$10,000 to \$20,000 to continue this committee for the next two years.

Jac Shaw, State Division of Lands, was next to testify in support of SCR 17. He stated that there were four things the Secretary had done in the past four months that are directly attributed to the Select Committee's efforts. (1) Secretary Watt stated that he is going to ask Congress to amend the Wilderness Act to allow the areas that do not qualify as Wilderness to be released from multiple use management immediately. This is especially

important to Nevada because of the amount of land involved in the Wilderness Study. Over 25% of the entire Wilderness Studies of the West have been in Nevada. (2) Secretary Watt has also said that he is going to try to override the necessity for wasteful and unfruitful grazing environmental impact statements that are going on and costing between \$200,000 and \$400,000 each, and there are 144 of these studies. Even the Bureau of Land Management has felt this is a tremendous waste, but it is presently being done by court order. (3) He has also stated that he is going to try to amend the Wild Horse and Wild Burrow Act to make it workable and manageable immediately. (4) Lastly, he is going to ask the governors to determine which lands should be released for expansion.

Mr. Shaw stated that the fact that these things have been accomplished in just 60 days is highly commendable.

Chairman Jeffrey called for further testimony on SCR 17, and there being none, the public hearing on this matter was closed. He called for testimony regarding ACR 21.

ACR 21 Urges local governments to protect shopping carts.

Assemblyman Robinson distributed newspaper clippings and photographs to the members of the committee regarding the destruction and theft of the shopping carts in different areas. These clippings are attached hereto marked EXHIBIT "A", pages 1 through 5. Also attached hereto is EXHIBIT "B", which is a copy of the sign being used in many areas to warn of the penalty for removing shopping carts from their designated stores.

Assemblyman Robinson stated he felt these abandoned carts are an eyesore and that some of the local governments have ordinances covering the situation but enforcement of those ordinances is very difficult. He then read a letter from a representative of the Woolco Company, which stated in 1980 they had a loss of \$10,000 in lost shopping carts. Since they opened their store in 1965 they have had a loss of \$150,000 which is a problem that cannot be overlooked any longer.

Assemblyman Robinson stated that he had had correspondence and telephone conversation with Emily Palmer of the Skaggs Corporation regarding the similar loss of the Woolco Company but to an even greater extent.

He stated that the director of the Secret Witness Program in Las Vegas had recently received a telephone call and had in turn intercepted a truck and trailer load of stolen shopping carts with a total worth of over \$100,000. Thus just signifying that this is in no way a small problem.

He stated that there was an effort being made in the Las Vegas area to educate the public to the fact the loss of shopping carts increases the cost of goods purchased.

Assemblyman Robinson stated this loss of carts adds 1 to 2 percent to the cost of the merchandise in the stores. He stated that

had sent a letter to all of the members of the Las Vegas Retailers Association in the Las Vegas requesting information on the number of shopping carts lost and what the financial impact is to the consumer.

Mr. Pete Kelly of the Nevada Retailers Association and Mr. Dennis Berringer, Manager of the K Mart Store in Sparks, Nevada, were next to testify in support of ACR 21. (Written testimony is Exhibit C)

Mr. Kelly stated that the combined losses from the Safeway, Albertsons and K Mart Stores in that area run conservatively \$225,000.

Mr. Berringer said this problem is of great magnitude and there is a business in the Reno area where two university boys run a regular route and pick up lost shopping carts for a fee from each store that own the carts. This also costs the merchants and the costs have to be passed on to the consumers.

Assemblyman Mello wondered if there was an ordinance in the Sparks area for the control of this problem. He wondered if the merchants shouldn't first approach the local governments regarding ordinances to control this problem. If the local governments did not respond, then was the time to come to the Legislature for further solutions.

Mr. Berringer stated that the cost last year to his store in Sparks for replacement and repair of the shopping carts was close to \$14,000. He stated that the problem was probably greater for the grocery stores because of the nature of the business requiring more use of the shopping carts. The carts used by grocery stores are more expensive to replace, the cost being close to \$100 per cart or more.

Chairman Jeffrey called for further testimony on ACR 21. There being none, he called for testimony on SCR 16.

SCR 16 Urges employers to consider volunteer work of prospective employees.

Esther Nicholson representing the League of Women Voters was the first to testify regarding this resolution. She stated that they feel this is a very worthwhile resolution. Many women, particularly women who choose to take a non-paying job and volunteer their time to develop skills and expertise. She also stated that for many jobs, you can present a resume and summary of volunteer job experience, however, if there is just a form handed out for employment application and no resume is required, there is usually no place on a regular job application to put volunteer work experience. This resolution urging prospective employers to consider volunteer work experience when considering employees, would be beneficial to the prospective employers and employees as well.

There being no further testimony on SCR 16, the hearing was closed by Chairman Jeffrey.

Chairman Jeffrey stated that he had been contacted by Mr. Ace Martelle regarding SB 86, the main provision of the bill they are concerned about is line 14, page 1, dealing with the third party inspector. He stated that they were meeting with the State Health Department on Wednesday and needed this committee to act on the bill as soon as possible. Chairman Jeffrey stated that he had told them he would attempt to have the bill put on April 7, 1981, but it would require a committee motion to waive the notice period.

A motion was made by Assemblyman Dini and seconded by Assemblyman Schofield to suspend that 5 day notice requirement and hear SB 86 on April 7th. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jeffrey at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully yours,


Judy E. Sappenfield,
Committee Secretary

ACR-21
SCR-16
SCR-17

GUEST LIST

Date: APRIL 6, 1981

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		FOR	AGAINST	BILL NO.
ESTHER NICHOLSON	League of Women Voters	SCR 16		
KENNETH WOOD				
WALTER WOOD				
JOE P. SMITH	State lands			
M. L. KODAY	Nevada Retail Ass'n	ACR 21		
Mrs. E. BARRINGTON	K-mart stores, Sparks	" "		

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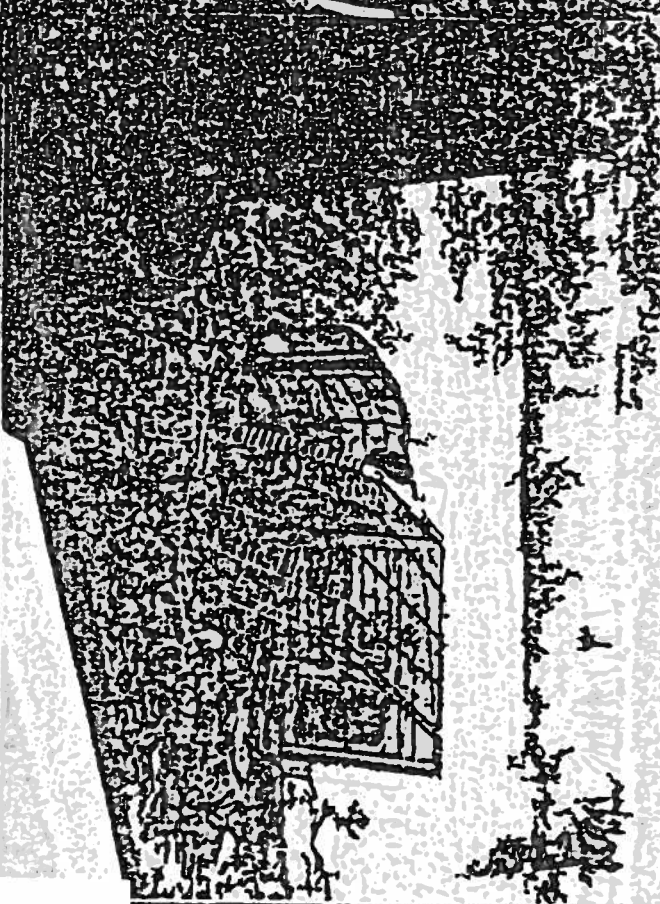
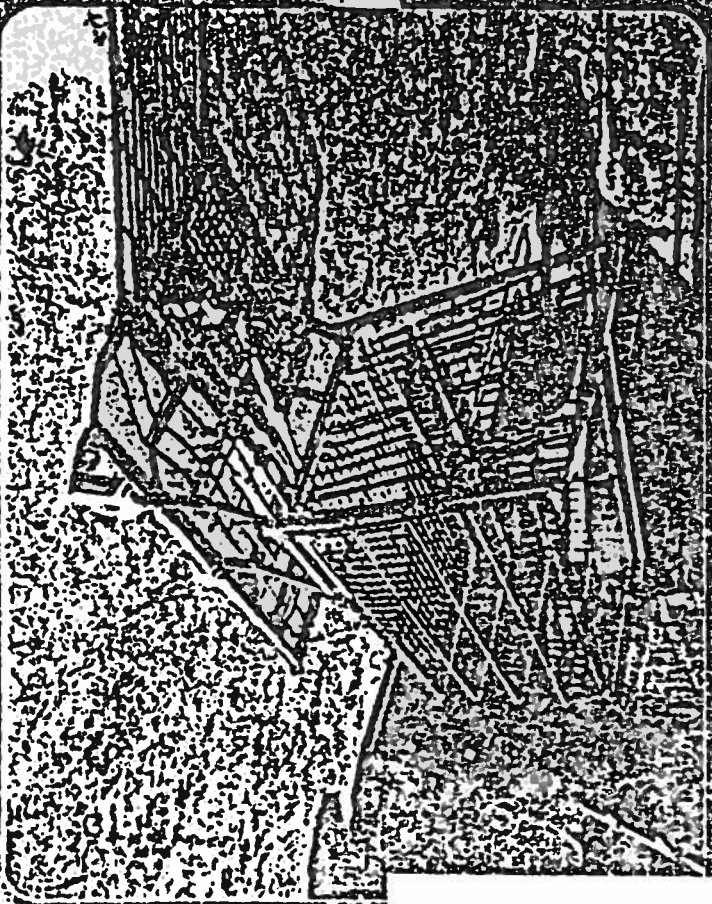
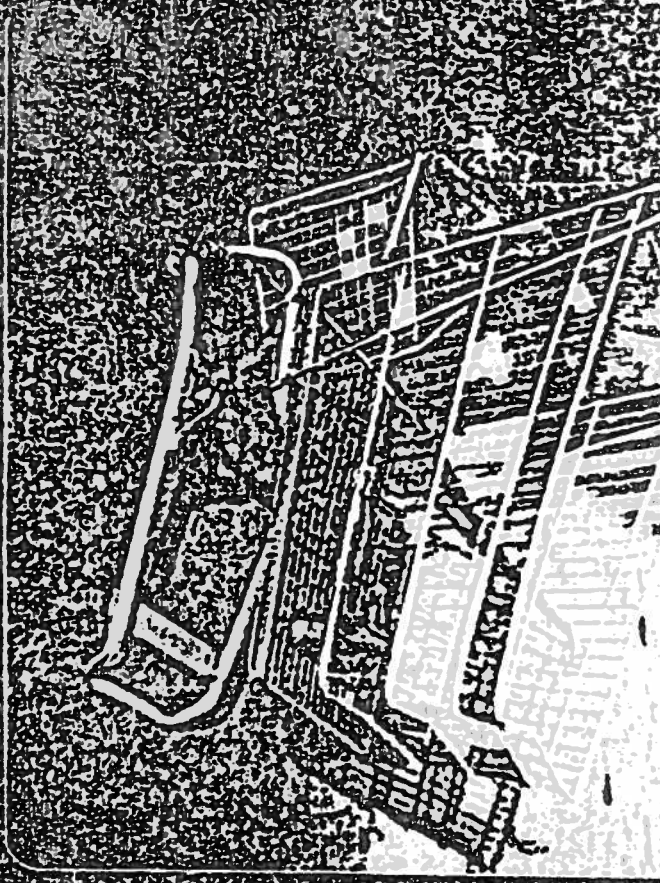
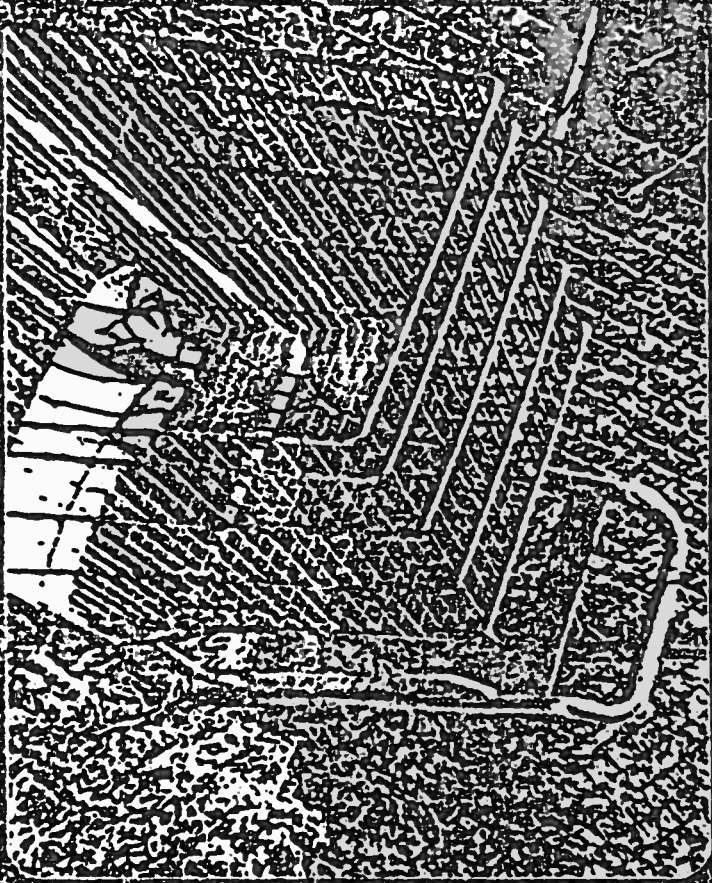


Exhibit "A" 4/6/81

Area Stores Reeling From Shopping Cart Thefts

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Shopping Cart Theft Rolls On

By CHRIS WOODYARD
SUN Staff Writer

Faced with losses of more than \$300,000 annually, local security chiefs for grocery and department stores have launched a campaign to stop thefts of shopping carts.

The centerpiece of the push will be small metal plates affixed to carts warning potential thieves of penalties of up to \$500 and six months in jail in the city and county and \$100 and 10 days in jail in North Las Vegas.

About 2,000 of the plates have been bought for placement on carts belonging to such major merchandisers as Albertson's, Woolco and Skaggs, according to officials of the Retail Security Association, a group of store security chiefs.

The campaign is prodded by a rapid increase in the cost of carts, from \$35 several years ago to between \$50 and \$80 each today. And the losses, they warn, must ultimately be passed on to customers.

"You're talking about a 1 or 2 percent price increase," association member Bob Dahlgren said. "If you're going to keep your prices down, you have to do something."

Last year the losses "conservatively" totaled \$308,000 worth of carts among the top four retail chains alone in Las Vegas, association president Bruce Cole said.

Who takes the carts?

They are removed by everyone from older women who can't afford tote carts to kids in need of wheels for go-carts. Metro Police has at least one shopping cart at the Rehabilitation Farm for handling laundry, association officials said.

"A lot of parents will watch their kids tear apart a shopping cart and will be the first to complain about high food prices," Cole said.

Cart rip-offs have even become big business in some areas. Southern California stores have lost large numbers of carts to thieves who fix them up and resell them to retailers in other states, Smith's Food King security chief John Sleeper asserted.

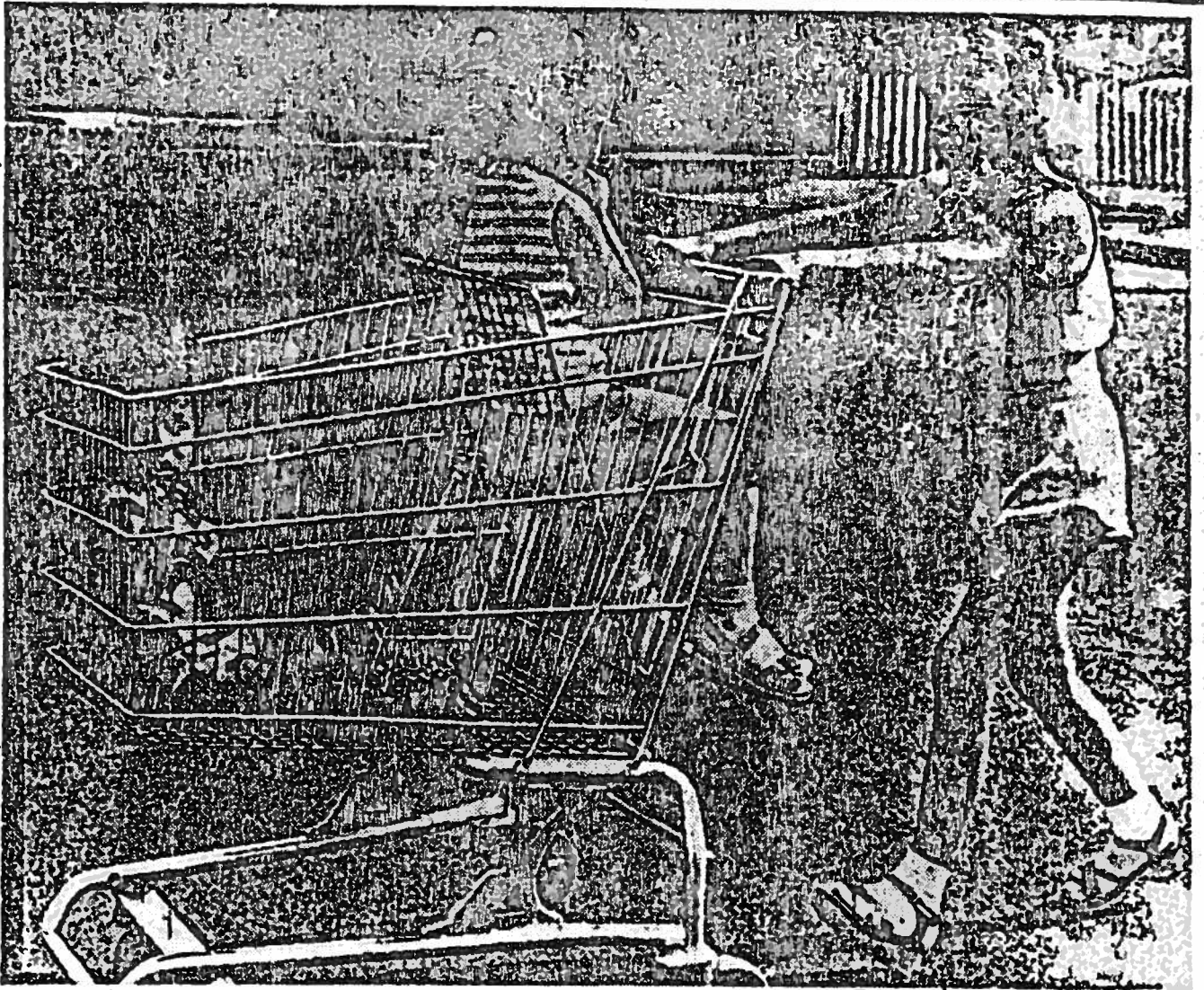
In turn, the bandits may haul a load of stolen carts back from out-of-state for resale in California, he added.

"We understand Las Vegas and Southern California have the largest losses of carts," Cole said. He could not explain, however, what accounts for the heavy toll.

Some chains have full-time employees hired specifically to comb neighborhoods for lost shopping carts, Sleeper said.

As part of the stepped-up enforcement, the security chiefs said they have decided to make citizen arrests on flagrant violators of shopping cart laws. They added that anyone with two carts can be booked for grand larceny, since the combined value of the carts exceeds \$100.

They urged concerned shoppers to use the Metro Police Secret Witness Hotline, 386-3213, to report major caches of shopping carts.



Young Shoppers

These three young sisters found another use for the common grocery shopping cart as they take a little stroll

7-5-79 SUN
Photo By John Kleinman
across North Bruce St. Left to right: Marcos Carrizales, Yolanda and Rachel.

Thursday, February 7, 1980

Do you sometimes wonder why the cost of groceries and all the other sundry items you buy keep going up in price?

One reason is due to shoplifting. You the consumer have to pay for someone else's crime. And this includes the loss of shopping carts taken from the premises of supermarkets and other types of stores which provide them for their customer's use.

During the past year right in Clark County approximately \$300,000 has been lost through the removal of shopping carts from five companies - Albertsons, Skaggs, Smith's Food King, Vegas Village and Luckys. That's over a quarter of a million dollars!

Now the companies, all of which are members of the Las Vegas Retail Security Association except Luckys, have begun a campaign to try to cut down and hopefully eliminate the loss of the carts.

For the past month, carts are now carrying a sign with the warning that, "The removal of this shopping cart from these premises without the

written permission from the management is a violation of law" and then goes on to cite the appropriate statute.

In Clark County, and

Henderson falls under this area, the penalty for taking a cart is \$500 or six months in jail.

"Taking a cart is just like shoplifting," said

Emily Palmer, security supervisor for Skaggs Companies and a member of the association.

"The costs of the cart run from \$45, for the

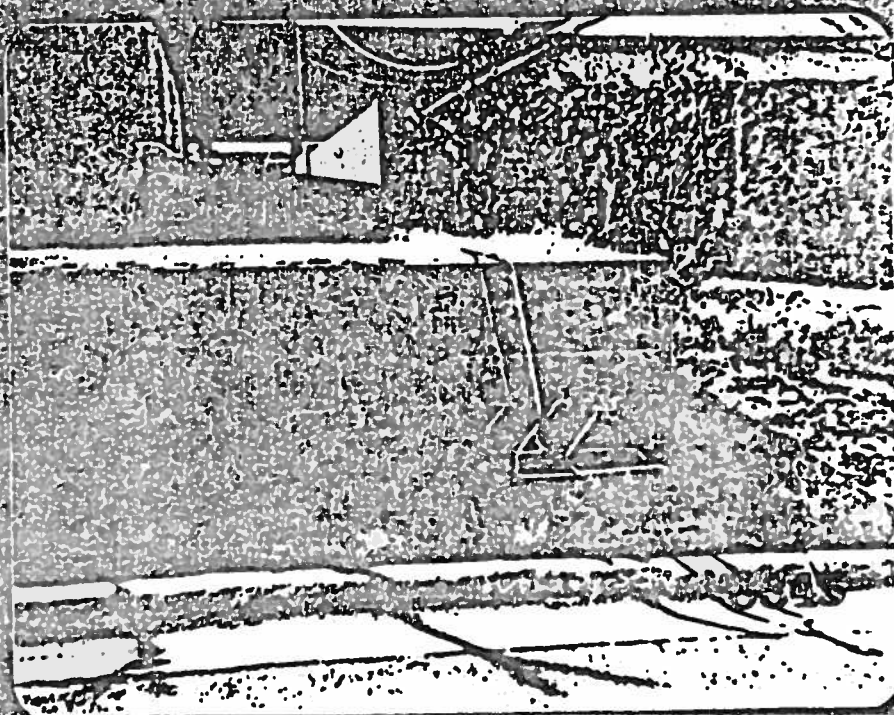
smaller carts," she said, adding that anyone with two carts can be booked for grand larceny since the combined value of the carts would exceed \$100.

With the high loss rate on just carts alone, one or two cents is added onto the cost of items people purchase. Someone has to pay and it is the consumer.

Palmer said that they really don't want to have to prosecute anyone and for a time are just giving

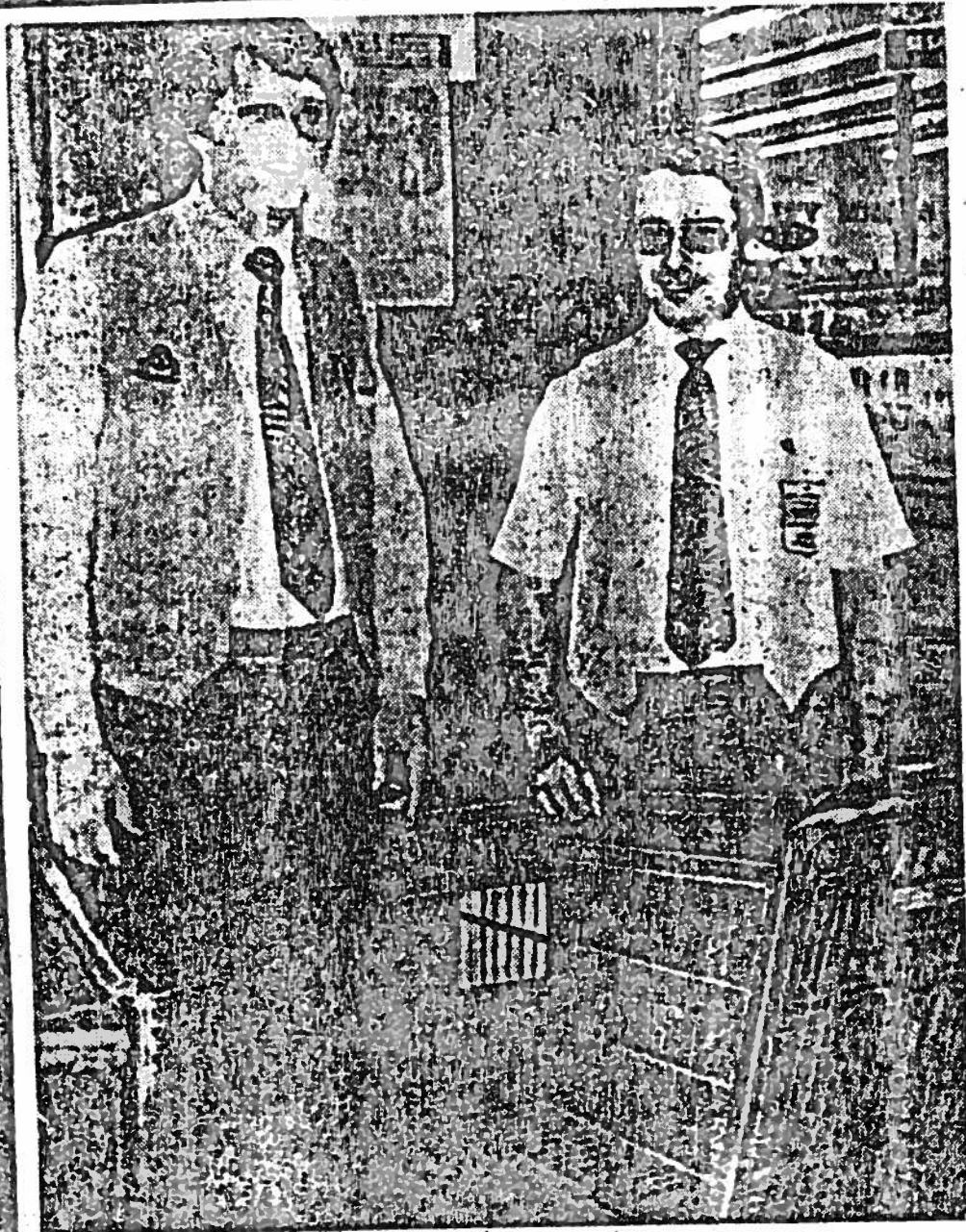
warnings and hope that the signs will be sufficient. But soon arrests will be made and the Henderson Police Department has offered their complete cooperation in the problem.

Brad Shultis, manager of the local Andersons, said he felt the warning signs were already helping and was encouraged with the efforts being made to cut down on shopping cart losses.



Home News, Henderson, Nevada
Violators To Be Prosecuted

Removal Of Shopping Carts A Violation Of The Law



BETTER NOT REMOVE IT! Brad Shultis, left, manager of the local Albertsons store, and Bob Monroe, manager of Skaggs, show one of the signs which have been placed in shopping carts warning people that the carts are not to be removed from the premises. A campaign has begun to insure that the carts, valued between \$45 and \$80, stay where they belong.



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**WHERE HAVE ALL
THE CARTS GONE?**

Exhibit "B"

Replacing this cart adds to the cost of your food bill..



Replacing shopping carts that have been removed from the store premises has become a costly problem for us, and for you . . . our customers. Please do not remove the carts from the parking lot because the cost of replacing it adds to everyone's food bill. And it makes shopping much more inconvenient for you. So if you should see one of our shopping carts in the neighborhood, please call and tell us. We'll pick it up immediately.

If you have no response in 24 hours
call 800-772-2501

WARNING

THE REMOVAL OF THIS SHOPPING CART FROM THESE PREMISES WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE MANAGEMENT IS A VIOLATION OF LAW:

**N.L.V. City Code-Title 7, Chapter 772, Sec. 030
Penalty \$100.00 Fine Or 10 Days**

**City Of Las Vegas Code-Title 6, Chapter 1, Sec. 25
Penalty \$500.00 Or 6 Months.**

Clark County Code - Penalty \$500.00 Or 6 Months.

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED!!



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Statement-by-Pete Kelley, Nevada Retail Association, on ACR 21, April 6, 1981

I am Pete Kelley, representing the Nevada Retail Association.

We are wholeheartedly in support of ACR 21.

Statistics I've obtained indicate that shopping cart loss or destruction amounts nationally ^{to K MART alone} to between \$2½ and \$3,000,000 annually. In Nevada the amount is proportionately substantial.

I have made a check of three major outlets in ~~northern~~ Nevada--⁴ with Safeway Stores, Albertson's and Kmart. Their combined shopping cart losses annually run a conservative \$225,000. This means that hundreds of carts turn up missing annually.

Albertson's, as an example, reported that it costs them about \$115,000 annually for shopping carts in their 14 stores in Nevada. That figures out at about \$8,200 per store for replacement, repair and recovery.

Between November 1979 and July 1980, Safeway lost 286 carts at a cost of \$31,174; and between July 1979 and April of this year lost 494 carts at a cost of \$53,846. It has 28 stores in Nevada. Safeway also reported its 502 stores in California last year lost 15,600 carts at a reported cost of over a million dollars.

Kmart has seven stores in Nevada ~~and~~ and its estimated losses last year were between \$45,000 and \$50,000. I have here with me today, Dennis Barringer, manager of a Sparks Kmart store, who in a few minutes will relate first hand some of the problems.

We would urge ^f local governments in Nevada to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the removal of shopping carts from premises of a store and limiting how far they may be ~~taken~~ ²⁴⁹.



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At the same time, we would encourage local authorities to work closely with store owners in establishing proper guidelines for such an ordinance and perhaps this requirement should be made part of this resolution.

Ordinances which have been adopted in other states, as an example, make it a misdemeanor for removing carts from an owners parking lot and this seems to be a reasonable approach in Nevada if a sincere effort is to be made in cutting expenses which usually are passed on to the consumer.

At this time I would like to introduce Dennis Barringer of Kmart who will give you more specifics about the problem.

Thank you for your attention.

ASSEMBLY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND

AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

TUESDAY

Date MARCH 31, 1981 Time 2:00 P.M. Room 131

Bills or Resolutions
to be considered

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| AB 196 | Provides for regulation of hazardous waste. | |
| AB 200 | Prohibits licensing of persons to dispose of or operate sites for disposal of radioactive or other hazardous waste on state-owned land. | |
| AB 211 | Provides for temporary water permits for certain purposes | |
| AB 256 | Prohibits transport of radioactive waste through Nevada or its disposal within Nevada if generated outside the state. | |
| AB 300 | Limits disposal of radioactive or hazardous chemical waste to that generated | |

THIS AGENDA CANCELS AND SUPERSEDES THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 24, 1981

*Please do not ask for counsel unless necessary.

ASSEMBLY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MONDAY

Date April 6, 1981 Time 2:00 P.M. Room 222

Bills or Resolutions to be considered	Subject	Counsel requested*
ACR 21	Urges local governments to protect shopping carts.	
SCR 16	Urges employers to consider volunteer work of prospective employees.	
SCR 17	Continues existence of select committee on public lands.	

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