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MEETING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION
NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE
May 4, 1981

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Norman Glaser at 1:45 P. M., Monday, May 4, 1981, in Room 323 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Norman Glaser, Chairman
Senator Wilbur Faiss, Vice Chairman
Senator James H. Bilbray
Senator Joe Neal

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen
Senator Floyd R. Lamb

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert E. Erickson, Senior Research Analyst
Carolyn L. Freeland, Committee Secretary

Senate Bill No. 599

Mr. Steve Mahoney, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Director, Brands Division, said he is in favor of this bill. His division has all the facilities to handle sheep and goat brands without additional cost or personnel. He feels it would be beneficial to place all brand recordings in one department. In addition, most county recorders have very little requests for sheep or goat brands. He said his division would do anything it could to implement the bill.

Senator Neal asked Mr. Mahoney questions regarding definitions of "equine," "bovine," and "porcine." There was a brief discussion of these definitions and their applicability to the bill under consideration.

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Mr. Jim Wright, Chief Deputy Recorder, Washoe County, said this bill is one which the county recorder had had introduced. He said the chief benefit from it would be a savings in time and money to the county recorder; presently, such a recorder has to advertise a specified length of time in a newspaper and notify brand holders of impending expiration every five years. He also feels it would be beneficial to have all brands in one department, under one jurisdiction.

The Chair called for further questions or testimony. There was none and the hearing on this bill was concluded.

Senator Faiss moved Do Pass
Senate Bill No. 599 (Exhibit C).

Senator Bilbray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (Senator Lamb and Senator Jacobsen were absent for the vote).

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28

Mr. Robert Erickson, Senior Research Analyst, explained this resolution, and said it had been introduced by Assemblyman Redelsperger. He said there is a proposed bill in Congress to designate land in Nevada as a wildlife refuge for pupfish. Mr. Erickson presented an overlay of the area to be covered by the refuge, saying part of it is on private land. He also noted there are four kinds of pupfish designated for preservation.

Mr. Jac Shaw, Director of State Lands, testified, saying he does not feel this kind of action preserving this fish is in the best interests of the state. It would tie up 40,000 acres of land, and the Multiple Use Advisory Committee has recommended opposing such restrictive use. He added although it is felt the Desert Pupfish National Wildlife Refuge Act will not make much progress in Congress, it is important the Nevada Legislature express the feeling of the State of Nevada in this regard.

Chairman Glaser noted, in the event the national act is passed, it would remove 15,000 acres of tax revenue land from the state.

Senator Neal had questions regarding the pupfish and asked that more information be presented on it by the Department of Wildlife at the next committee meeting. It was the consensus of the committee to do so, and the Chairman asked Mr. Erickson to arrange for presentation of such material.

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The hearing on Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28 was concluded as there was no further testimony.

The committee then went into work session. Senate Bill No. 504 is to receive final disposition on Friday, May 8, 1981, at which time the subcommittee previously appointed by the Chairman is to make its report. If no report is forthcoming, final action will taken in any event. Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7 is also to receive final disposition at this time.

Senate Bill No. 164

Committee concurrence or non-concurrence in the Assembly amendment to the bill was requested by Chairman Glaser. Mr. Erickson referred to the amendment saying the primary change is on page 2 of the bill. Mr. Bill Newman, state engineer, explained the amendment saying the bill now really does not do what the department wants it to do. Mr. Pete Morros, Assistant Director of the Department of Conservation, had problems with the language in section 3, subsection 4 of the amendment (No. 628) regarding "construction." Mr. Morros concluded by saying he preferred the bill the way it was first written.

Senator Bilbray moved the committee not concur in Assembly Amendment No. 628 (Exhibit D) to Senate Bill No. 164 (Exhibit E).

Senator Neal seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (Senator Lamb and Senator Jacobsen were absent for the vote).

Chairman Glaser then declared the matter would go to conference and that he would appoint a conference committee.

BDR INTRODUCTIONS

The committee concurred in non-introduction of BDR 10-1841, BDR 46-1843, BDR 46-1842, BDR 48-1844, at this time, in addition to a bill drafter's request sponsored by Senator Jacobsen dealing with the sale of raw milk.

BDR 1870

This measure, requested by Senator Faiss, was considered by the committee. Its summary is: "Urges United States Government

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to supply imported water to Nevada to compensate for taking
land for "MX" missile system."

Senator Neal moved for committee introduction
of BDR 1870 (Exhibit F).

Senator Bilbray seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously. (Senator Lamb
and Senator Jacobsen were absent for the vote).

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the
meeting adjourned at 2:25 P. M.

Respectfully submitted by:


Carolyn L. Freeland, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Norman Glaser, Chairman

DATE: May 6, 1981

* (S.J.R. 36)

SENATE AGENDA

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EXHIBIT A

Committee on Natural Resources , Room 323
Day Monday , Date May 4, 1981 , Time 1:30 P. M.

A. J. R. No. 28--Urges Congress to refrain from establishing Desert Pupfish National Wildlife Refuge in Nevada.

S. B. No. 599--Transfers duty of recording brands of sheep and goats from county recorder to state department of agriculture.

WORK SESSION

S. B. 504--Creates state fair board. Report of sub committee. If no report, this bill will be moved forward to later in the week.

A. J. R. 7--Opposes designation of rivers in Nevada pursuant to Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

S. B. 164--Relates to the development of geothermal resources; provides for administration and utilization. Committee concurrence in Assembly amendments or non-concurrence needed by Secretary of the Senate.

BDR INTRODUCTIONS

BDR 10-1841--Authorizes recordation without notarization of memorandum or notice of agreement to convey interest in mining claim.

BDR 46-1843--Extends period for recording mill site and tunnel locations.

BDR 1870--Urges United States Government to supply imported water to Nevada to compensate for taking land for "MX" missile system.

BDR 46-1842--Provides alternate methods of attesting execution of affidavit of work performed on mining claims.

BDR 48-1844--Changes time for filing notice of exceptions to state engineer's order of determination of water rights.

S. B. 599

**SENATE BILL NO. 599—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES**

APRIL 23, 1981

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Transfers duty of recording brands of sheep and goats from county recorder to state department of agriculture. (BDR 50-1926)

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 brands and marks; transferring the duty of recording brands of sheep and goats from the county recorder to the state department of agriculture; 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 564.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 564.010 As used in [NRS 564.010 to 564.150, inclusive:] *this*
3 *chapter:*
4 1. "Animals" means:
5 (a) All cattle or animals of the bovine species.
6 (b) All horses, mules, burros and asses or animals of the equine
7 species.
8 (c) All swine or animals of the porcine species.
9 (d) *All sheep and goats.*
10 2. "Department" means the state department of agriculture.
11 3. "Executive director" means the executive director of the state
12 department of agriculture.
13 SEC. 2. NRS 564.160 to 564.380, inclusive, are hereby repealed.

Exhibit D

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