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SIXTIETH SESSION

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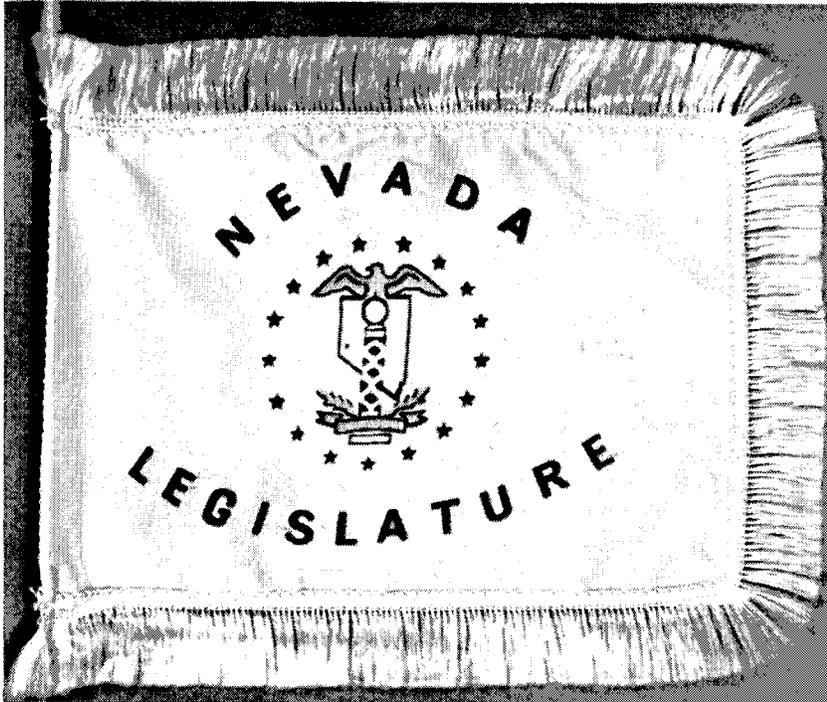
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The Flag of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

At its 1967 session, the legislature of the State of Nevada adopted an official flag, which flies outside the legislative building whenever the senate and assembly are in session. The flag was designed by the senior government class of Tonopah High School.

INTRODUCTION

The *Legislative Manual* is produced each biennium by the legislative counsel bureau. It is designed primarily as a reference tool for legislators. However, it is also intended for use by members of the executive and judicial branches of government, representatives of private interest groups and interested citizens.

The manual contains information pertaining to legislative structure and procedures, legislative counsel bureau staff support services and administrative details for legislators. In addition, the structure and personnel of the executive and judicial branches of government are provided.

Any suggestions for corrections or improvements of the manual are most welcome and should be directed to the research division, legislative counsel bureau.

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PERSONNEL OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

1979 SESSION

SENATE

<i>Name and Party</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Ashworth, Don W. (D)	Clark, No. 3	228 S. 4th St., Suite 300, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	384-5451 (O)
*Ashworth, Keith (D)	Clark, No. 3	2805 Ashworth Circle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107	385-7211 (O)
*Blakemore, Richard E. (D)	Central Nevada Senatorial District	P.O. Box 672, Tonopah, Nevada 89049	482-6680 (H)
Close, Melvin D., Jr. (D)	Clark, No. 3	300 S. 4th St., Suite 700, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	735-4303 (H) 385-4202 (O)
Dodge, Carl F. (R)	Western Nevada Senatorial District	1850 Manchester Circle, Fallon, Nevada 89406	423-2373 (H) 423-3987 (O)
Echols, Gene (D)	Clark, No. 2	1832 Renada Circle, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-3528 (H) 384-9111 (O)
*Faiss, Wilbur (D)	Clark, No. 2	1212 Stanley Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-4984 (H)
Ford, Jean (D)	Clark, No. 3	3511 Pueblo Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	735-0375 (H)
Gibson, James I. (D)	Clark, No. 1	806 Park Lane, Henderson, Nevada 89015	564-2104 (H) 565-8741 (O)
*Glaser, Norman D. (D)	Northern Nevada Senatorial District	Box 1, Halleck, Nevada 89824	738-5967 (H) 738-8985 (O)
*Hernstadt, William H. (D)	Clark, No. 3	3111 Bel Air Drive, Apt. 25G, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	732-2100 (H) 735-3191 (O)
Jacobsen, Lawrence E. (R)	Capital Senatorial District	P.O. Box 367, Minden, Nevada 89423	782-2334 (H) 782-2311 (O)
Kosinski, James N. (D)	Washoe, No. 2	P.O. Box 1129, Reno, Nevada 89504	359-1762 (H) 323-1321 (O)
*Lamb, Floyd R. (D)	Clark, No. 3	P.O. Box 7498, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101	386-3730 (O)
McCorkle, Clifford E. (R)	Washoe, No. 1	303 Hill Street, Reno, Nevada 89501	359-4313 (H) 322-7144 (O)

*Neal, Joe (D).....	Clark, No. 4.....	304 Lance Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030.....	642-2148 (H) 734-3151 (O)
*Raggio, William J. (R).....	Washoe, No. 1.....	P.O. Box 3137, Reno, Nevada 89505.....	329-6232 (O)
*†Sloan, M. H. (Mike) (D).....	Clark, No. 3.....	1716 Griffith Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89104.....	384-6957 (H)
Wilson, Thomas R. C. (D).....	Washoe, No. 1.....	P.O. Box 2670, Reno, Nevada 89505.....	329-5616 (H) 322-0635 (O)
*Young, C. Clifton (R).....	Washoe, No. 1.....	232 Court Street, Reno, Nevada 89501.....	786-7600 (O)

*Term expires November 1980.

†Appointed to fill unexpired term.

***ASSEMBLY**

<i>Name and Party</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Banner, James J. (D).....	Clark, No. 11.....	2223 Poplar Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.....	386-4500 (O)
Barengo, Robert R. (D).....	Washoe, No. 29.....	P.O. Box 1074, Reno, Nevada 89504.....	329-5578 (H) 323-1366 (O)
Bedrosian, Tod (D).....	Washoe, No. 24.....	1181 Wagon Wheel Circle, Reno, Nevada 89503.....	747-6436 (H)
Bennett, Marion D. (D).....	Clark, No. 6.....	1911 Goldhill Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106.....	648-1205 (H) 648-7806 (O)
Bergevin, Louis W. (R).....	District No. 39 (Douglas County, Part of Carson City).....	P.O. Box 188, Gardnerville, Nevada 89410.....	782-2675 (H)
Brady, Bill D. (R).....	Clark, No. 5.....	6480 Darby Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102.....	876-4281 (H) 876-3990 (O)
Bremner, Roger (D).....	Clark, No. 3.....	821 Fairway Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.....	870-6968 (H)
Cavnar, Peggy (R).....	Clark, No. 1.....	301-A Misty Isle Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107.....	878-5244 (O)
Chaney, Lonie (D).....	Clark, No. 7.....	504 Kasper Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106.....	642-4056 (H) 647-1117 (O)
Coulter, Steven A. (D).....	Washoe, No. 27.....	P.O. Box 13877, Reno, Nevada 89507.....	322-5115 (H) 329-3285 (O) or 784-6531 (O)
∞ Craddock, Robert G. (D).....	Clark, No. 20.....	6090 East Lake Mead Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89110.....	452-9169 (H)

PERSONNEL OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE—*Continued*

<i>Name and Party</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Dini, Joseph E., Jr. (D)	District No. 38 (Lyon, Storey counties, Part of Churchill County)	104 N. Mountain View, Yerington, Nevada 89447	463-2669 (H) 463-2868 (O)
Fielding, Jack F. (D)	District No. 36 (Esmeralda, Mineral, Nye counties)	P.O. Box 12, Pahrump, Nevada 89041	727-5567 (H) (after 6 and weekends)
Fitzpatrick, Michael T. (R)	Clark, No. 12	1405 Vegas Valley Drive, Apt. 116 Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	732-9800 (H) 384-7971 (O)
Getto, Virgil M. (R)	District No. 37 (Pershing County, Part of Churchill County)	1400 Lovelock Highway, Fallon, Nevada 89406	423-3544 (H)
Glover, Alan (D)	District No. 40 (Part of Carson City)	230 South Iris Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701	882-3498 (H) 882-1636 (O)
Harmon, Harley L. (D)	Clark, No. 16	P.O. Box 42849, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104	451-5483 (H) 382-6011 (O)
Hayes, Karen W. (D)	Clark, No. 13	6010 Euclid Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89120	736-1031 (H) 736-7396 (O)
Hickey, Thomas J. (D)	Clark, No. 18	805 Glendale Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-6038 (H)
Horn, Nicholas J. (D)	Clark, No. 15	2543 Boise Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121	457-0555 (H) 643-6060 (O) Ext. 251
Jeffrey, John (Jack) E. (D)	Clark, No. 22	340 E. Chaparral, Henderson, Nevada 89015	564-1444 (H)
Malone, Mike (R)	Clark, No. 4	4229 Gaye Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108	648-5965 (H) 386-3111 (O)
Mann, Lloyd W. (D)	Clark, No. 2	6113 Elton Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107	878-2716 (H)

Marvel, John (R)	District No. 34 (Humboldt, Eureka, Lander counties and Carlin Township)	P.O. Box 432, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820	635-2538 (H) 468-0571 (H)
May, Paul W., Jr. (D)	Clark, No. 19	3309 Wright Avenue, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-6042 (H) 735-5143 (O)
Mello, Donald R. (D)	Washoe, No. 30	2590 Oppio Street, Sparks, Nevada 89431	358-0736 (H)
Polish, John M. (D)	District No. 35 (Lincoln, White Pine counties)	675 Murry Street, Ely, Nevada 89301	289-4591 (H)
Prengaman, Paul (R)	Washoe, No. 26	1510 Model Way, Reno, Nevada 89502	826-4109 (H)
Price, Robert E. (D)	Clark, No. 17	1809 Renada Circle, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030	642-5669 (H) 382-2939 (O)
Rhoads, Dean A. (R)	District No. 33 (Elko County, less Carlin Township)	Tuscarora, Nevada 89834	Elko 6587 (H) 738-4031 (O)
Robinson, Robert E. (D)	Clark, No. 8	Suite 5, 3000 W. Charleston Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102	878-1881 (H) 878-3202 (O)
Rusk, Robert F. (R)	Washoe, No. 28	1338 Jones Street, Reno, Nevada 89503	323-3477 (H) 329-6411 (O)
Sena, Nash M. (D)	Clark, No. 21	144 West Victory Road, Henderson, Nevada 89015	565-8450 (H)
Stewart, Janson F. (D)	Clark, No. 14	2098 Winterwood Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada 89122	452-5446 (H) 386-6201 (O)
Tanner, Darrell D. (R)	Clark, No. 9	1420 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104	384-4074 (H) 382-9022 (O)
Vergiels, John M. (D)	Clark, No. 10	3966 Visby Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109	735-1314 (H) 739-3232 (O)
Wagner, Sue (R)	Washoe, No. 25	845 Tamarack Drive, Reno, Nevada 89509	826-4363 (H)

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<i>Name and Party</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>Mailing Address</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
Webb, Doug (R).....	Washoe, No. 32.....	295 Kietzke Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502.....	972-1172 (H) 329-3441 (O)
Weise, Robert L. (R).....	Washoe, No. 23.....	P.O. Box 1847, Carson City, Nevada 89701.....	882-6832 (O)
Westall, Peggy (D).....	Washoe, No. 31.....	211 Galleron Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431.....	358-0807 (H)

*Terms expire November 1980.

INTERIM SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

1977-79

(The Chairman is named first on each subcommittee.)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE NEVADA INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION AND ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PROVIDING WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE—

Dini, Ashworth, Neal, Banner, Barengo, Bremner, Jacobsen, Jeffrey, Price, Robinson.

THE CONDITION OF THE STATE PRISON—

Mann, Chaney, Bryan, Schofield,* Jacobsen, Polish, Sena.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DIVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SYSTEM—

Hickey, Gibson, Glaser, Raggio, Sheerin, Bremner, Ross, Sena, Serpa.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO OBSCENITY—

Gibson, Brookman, Echols, Kissam, Wagner.

FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A COMMISSION TO REGULATE TRANSPORTATION—

Hayes, Barengo, Ashworth, Hernstadt, Glover, Horn, Jeffrey, Schofield.**

ADMINISTRATION OF MENTAL HYGIENE AND MENTAL RETARDATION PROGRAMS IN NEVADA—

Kosinski, Bennett, Neal, Vergiels, Westall.

STUDY OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY—

Robinson, Westall, Glaser, Jacobsen, May.

STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION—

Vergiels, Foote, Craddock, Gomes, Goodman, Horn, Schofield.**

THE PROBLEMS OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE—

Hilbrecht, Banner, Young, Harmon.

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT IN NEVADA—

Bryan, Gomes, Sheerin, Dreyer, Horn.

AVAILABILITY OF LIABILITY AND EMPLOYEE GROUP INSURANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS—

Harmon, Dodge, Glaser, Banner, Barengo.

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF SMALL BUSINESS—

Murphy, Faiss, Hernstadt, Coulter, Demers, Harmon, Howard, Moody, Rhoads.

FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A NEW COUNTY TO GOVERN THE NORTH SHORE AREA OF LAKE TAHOE—

Weise, Murphy, Raggio.

RECODIFICATION OF NEVADA'S EDUCATION LAWS—

Dodge, Craddock.

PROBLEMS OF TREATMENT OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE—

Price, Echols.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES—

Gojack, Craddock.

STATE VETERANS' HOME IN NEVADA—

Schofield,* Howard.

*Senator Schofield.

**Assemblyman Schofield.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Sixtieth Session, 1979

(The Chairman is named first on each committee; the Vice Chairman is named second on each committee.)

COMMERCE AND LABOR—

Wilson, Blakemore, Don Ashworth, Close, Hernstadt, McCorkle, Young.

FINANCE—

Lamb, Gibson, Echols, Glaser, Wilson, Jacobsen, McCorkle.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Gibson, Keith Ashworth, Echols, Ford, Kosinski, Dodge, Raggio.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND FACILITIES—

Keith Ashworth, Neal, Blakemore, Faiss, Kosinski, Young.

JUDICIARY—

Close, Hernstadt, Don Ashworth, Ford, Sloan, Dodge, Raggio.

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS—

Echols, Close, Ford, Gibson, Wilson, Young.

NATURAL RESOURCES—

Neal, Glaser, Faiss, Lamb, Sloan, Jacobsen.

TAXATION—

Glaser, Lamb, Don Ashworth, Kosinski, Sloan, Dodge, Raggio.

TRANSPORTATION—

Blakemore, Faiss, Keith Ashworth, Hernstadt, Neal, Jacobsen, McCorkle.

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

James I. Gibson.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE—

Floyd R. Lamb.

ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER—

Thomas R. C. Wilson.

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

William J. Raggio.

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES

Sixtieth Session, 1979

(The Chairman is named first on each committee; the Vice Chairman is named second on each committee.)

AGRICULTURE—

Hickey, Price, Chaney, Dini, Fielding, Mann, Getto, Marvel, Tanner.

COMMERCE—

Jeffrey, Robinson, Bennett, Bremner, Chaney, Horn, Sena, Fitzpatrick, Rusk, Tanner, Weise.

EDUCATION—

Vergiels, Craddock, Banner, Hayes, Stewart, Westall, Malone, Wagner, Webb.

ELECTIONS—

Horn, Bedrosian, Barengo, Harmon, Hickey, Cavnar, Malone.

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC RESOURCES—

Coulter, Fielding, Bedrosian, Dini, Polish, Price, Bergevin, Prengaman, Rhoads.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Dini, Harmon, Bedrosian, Craddock, Jeffrey, Robinson, Westall, Bergevin, Fitzpatrick, Getto, Marvel.

HEALTH AND WELFARE—

Bennett, Chaney, Craddock, Glover, Brady, Cavnar, Getto.

JUDICIARY—

Hayes, Stewart, Banner, Coulter, Fielding, Horn, Polish, Sena, Brady, Prengaman, Malone.

LABOR—

Banner, Bennett, Bremner, Fielding, Jeffrey, Robinson, Brady, Rhoads, Webb.

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS—

Westall, Mello, Barengo, Glover, Harmon, Vergiels, Rusk, Tanner, Weise.

TAXATION—

Price, Craddock, Chaney, Coulter, Dini, Mann, Bergevin, Marvel, Rusk, Tanner, Weise.

TRANSPORTATION—

Sena, Glover, Hayes, Polish, Stewart, Westall, Fitzpatrick, Prengaman, Wagner.

WAYS AND MEANS—

Mello, Bremner, Barengo, Glover, Hickey, Mann, Vergiels, Cavnar, Rhoads, Wagner, Webb.

SPEAKER—

Paul W. May, Jr.

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Harley L. Harmon.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE—

Robert R. Barengo.

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Robert L. Weise.

ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

John M. Vergiels.

**BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF
NEVADA SENATE**

1979 SESSION

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
and
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**



Myron E. Leavitt
Democrat

Born: October 27, 1930, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Educated: University of Nevada, 1952, B.A. in Journalism; University of Utah, 1956, Juris Doctor Degree in Law.

Married: Shirley Haueter.

Children: Dennis, Steve, Kathy, Cindy, Debbie, Tom, Andy, Shelly, Delbert, Jimmy and Susan.

Religion: Mormon.

Occupation: Attorney at Law.

Affiliations: Lions Club; March of Dimes; member, District Board of Health, 1971-78, chairman, 1978; director, Nevada League of Cities, 1975-78.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Deputy city attorney, North Las Vegas, 1956-57; justice of the peace, Las Vegas, 1961-62; Clark County commissioner, 1971-74, chairman, 1973; trustee, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital, 1971-74; member, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Commission, 1973-74, 1977-78; Las Vegas city commissioner, 1975-78; Lieutenant Governor and President of Nevada Senate, 1979-.

DON W. ASHWORTH

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.

Attorney at Law.



Don W. Ashworth

Born: September 18, 1937, Pioche, Nevada.

Educated: Las Vegas High School; Brigham Young University, B.S., M.Acc; University of Utah Law School, Juris Doctorate.

Married: Mary Bonelli.

Children: Jay, Michelle, Kristen, Heidi, Daniel, Tamara and Candace.

Religion: Mormon.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Las Vegas Rotary Club; Southern Nevada State Planning Council; Nevada Bar Association; Utah Bar Association; American bar Association; Clark County Bar Association; board of directors, Boulder Dam Area Council of Boy Scouts of America; board of directors, Brigham Young University Alumni Association; board of directors, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Southern Nevada; Editorial Board of Community Property Journal.

Personal and Professional Achievements: President, Las Vegas Rotary Club, 1975-76; Executive Board, Las Vegas Rotary Club, 1973-77; president, Southern Nevada Planning Committee; chairman, Nevada Bar on Taxation, 1973-75.

KEITH ASHWORTH

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.

Public accountant, corporate vice president, government-community relations, Del Webb Hotels, Sahara-Nevada Corporation.



Keith Ashworth

Born: September 4, 1924, Kimberly, Nevada.

Educated: White Pine County High School, Ely, Nevada; Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana; University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Married: Colleen Christensen.

Children: Glen, Kenneth and Brian.

Military: U.S. Air Force pilot, World War II.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1967-76; Nevada Senate, 1977-79—seven regular and one special session of the legislature; member, Legislative Commission, 1969-76, chairman, 1969-70; speaker of the Nevada Assembly, 1973-75; chairman, Clark County Delegation, 1977.

Affiliations: Nevada Advisory Council for Manpower Training and Career Education; chairman, Transportation Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1976-77; chairman-elect, Western Conference of The Council

of State Governments, 1978-79; Las Vegas Jaycees, president, 1957; National Society of Public Accountants; Nevada Society of Public Accountants, president, 1957-59; Greater Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, past director; Elks Lodge, Exalted Ruler, 1965; Rotary Club, president, 1973; Masonic Lodge; Shrine Club; United Fund, director; Variety Club; Boys' Club of Clark County, board of directors; Multistate Tax Compact Commission for State of Nevada.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Public administrator for Clark County, 1950-54; Las Vegas Youth Advisory Council, 1955-60; Outstanding Young Man of the Year for City of Las Vegas and State of Nevada, 1958.

RICHARD E. BLAKEMORE

Democrat, Central Nevada Senatorial District (Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye and White Pine counties).

Trucking and mining business.



Richard E. Blakemore

Born: September 21, 1922, Parsons, Kansas.

Educated: Monrovia High School, California; Pasadena Junior College, California.

Married: Angela Majerus.

Children: Richard, Brian and John.

Religion: Christian Science.

Military: U.S. Navy, chief petty officer, 1940-46.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1973-79—four regular sessions; chairman, Select Committee on Public Lands.

Affiliations: VFW; Elks; Masons; Kerak Temple of the Shrine; Nye County Selective Service Board; Nevada Civil Defense Advisory Board; Nevada Executives for Economic Development; vice president, Advisory council on Vocational Education; chairman, Nye County Democratic Central Committee.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past president, Walker Lake Shrine Club, 1969-70; Nye County Hospital Board, 1972; past president, Lions Club, 1964-65; past president, Chamber of Commerce, 1962-63; listed in *Who's Who in American Politics*; delegate, National Democratic Convention, 1968.

MELVIN D. CLOSE, JR.

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.
Attorney at Law.



Melvin D. Close, Jr.

Born: April 24, 1934, Provo, Utah.

Educated: Las Vegas High School; Brigham Young University; University of California Law School at Berkeley.

Children: Melvin D. III, Michael and Stephanie.

Religion: Mormon.

Military: U.S. Army, 2 years.

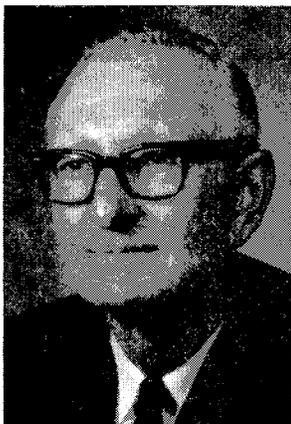
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1965-69, Nevada Senate, 1971-79—eight regular sessions and three special sessions; Legislative Commission, 1965-68, 1977-79; vice chairman, Legislative Commission, 1975-77; speaker of the Assembly, 1967-68; minority floor leader, Assembly, 1969; president pro tempore, Senate, 1977.

Affiliations: Elks Club; Kiwanis Club; member, National Conference on Uniform State Laws, 1965-79; member, The Council of State Governments, 1972-79; member, Steering Committee on Suggested State Legislation.

CARL F. DODGE

Republican, Western Nevada Senatorial District (Churchill, Lyon, Pershing and Storey counties).

Rancher.



Carl F. Dodge

Born: June 8, 1915, Reno, Nevada.

Educated: Fallon, Nevada; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.; Stanford University, LL.B.

Married: Bette Cochran.

Children: Carl F. III and Audys Elizabeth.

Religion: Protestant.

Military: U.S. Navy, World War II.

Recreation: Golf and traveling.

Legislative Service: Appointed to fill vacancy in Nevada Senate, 1958 special session; member, Nevada Senate, 1958-79—twelve regular and five special sessions of the legislature; alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1959-62, member, 1963-77, chairman, 1964-65 and 1968; minority floor leader, 1967 and 1968.

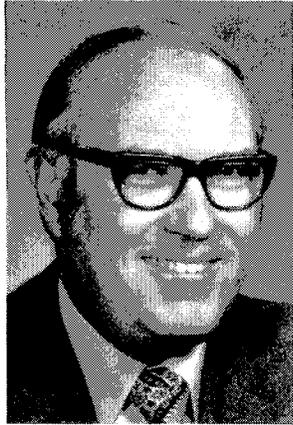
Affiliations: York Rite Masonic bodies; Kerak Temple of the Shrine; American Legion.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past chairman, State Personnel Commission; past director, Nevada Taxpayers' Association; past chairman, Board of Trustees, Churchill County School District; member, Special Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Affairs, 1959-60; member, Western Interstate Committee on Workmen's Compensation, 1961; member, Higher Education Advisory Committee, 1967-70; member, Education Task Force, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1972-77; member, Committee on Indian Affairs, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1977-.

GENE ECHOLS

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 2.

Realtor, Roberts Realty, Inc.



Gene Echols

Born: December 1, 1919, Stonewall, Oklahoma.
Educated: Stonewall High School, Oklahoma; Humphrey's Business College, Stockton, California; American Institute of Banking, Stanislaus County Chapter, Modesto, California; Institute for Organization Management, University of Santa Clara, California.

Married: Wanda Bengé.

Children: David and Gary Echols, Ron and David Spurlock, Jr.

Religion: "Born-again Christian."

Military: U.S. Army, 1941-45.

Recreation: Golf, reading.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: North Las Vegas Lions Club; North Las Vegas Elks Lodge; Democratic Club; North Las Vegas Post of the American Legion; VFW; Las Vegas Board of Realtors; Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Mayor, North Las Vegas, 1969-72; associated with Findlay Oldsmobile and Friendly Ford, Las Vegas, 1970-72; managing director, North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 1966-69; officer, First National Bank of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1962-64; assistant manager, Central Valley National Bank, Escalon, California, 1951-62; Jaycees.

WILBUR FAISS

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 2.
Retired.



Wilbur Faiss

Born: October 14, 1911, Centralia, Illinois.
Educated: Brown's University of Business, Chillicothe, Missouri.
Married: Theresa Watts.
Children: Robert, Donald and Ronald.
Religion: Protestant.
Recreation: Golf, senior citizen assistance activities.
Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1977-79—two regular sessions of the legislature.
Affiliations: North Las Vegas Lions Club; Clark County Seniors' Golf Club; YMCA Men's Health Club; Southern Nevada Teamster Retirees.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Member, Nevada Youth Agency Advisory Board, 1974-76; secretary, Eldorado Valley Advisory Group.

JEAN E. FORD

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.
Adult education specialist.



Jean E. Ford

Born: December 28, 1929, Miami, Oklahoma.
Educated: Public schools, Joplin, Missouri;
B.A. in Sociology *cum laude*, 1951, Southern
Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; M.P.A.,
1978, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Children: Janet and Carla.

Religion: Unitarian.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly,
1973-75, Nevada Senate, 1977—three regular
sessions; alternate member, Legislative Commis-
sion, 1973-75.

Affiliations: President, Las Vegas Chapter of
American Society for Public Administration;
program chairman, 1978 Governor's Conference
on Nevada's Library and Information Needs;
Western Regional Advisory Committee to the
National Parks Service; Nevada State Advisory
Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission;
Nevada Natural History Association; League of
Women Voters; American Association of Uni-

versity Women; Business and Professional Women; National Women's Political
Caucus; Clark County Women's Democratic Club; Clark County Democratic
Central Committee; Allied Arts Council.

Personal and Professional Achievements: "Distinguished Service Award,"
Nevada State Park System, 1973; "Outstanding Citizen" award, Business and
Professional Women's Clubs, 1975; "Woman of the Year," Henderson Toast-
mistress Club, 1975; "Community Public Service Award," American Society for
Public Administration, 1977; finalist, Outstanding Woman in Government and
Politics, Goodwill Industries Award, 1978; Phi Kappa Phi, scholastic honor
society; Pi Sigma Alpha, national political science honor society.

JAMES I. GIBSON

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 1.
Civil engineer.



James I. Gibson

Born: March 22, 1925, Golden, Colorado.

Educated: McGill, Carson City and Las Vegas, Nevada, schools; University of Kansas; University of Colorado; U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, B.S.; graduate work, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.C.E. and M.C.E., Troy, New York.

Married: Audrey Brinley.

Children: James Brinley, David Scott, Robin Lee Hales, Terry Lynn Walker, Cynthia Rae and Holly Jo.

Religion: Mormon; president, Lake Mead Stake, LDS Church, 16½ years; regional representative, LDS Church, 1973-.

Military: U.S. Navy, World War II, Korean War.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1959-66, Nevada Senate, 1967-79—twelve regular and four special sessions of the legislature; alternate member, Legislative Commission,

1959-63; member, Legislative Commission, 1963-79, chairman, 1965, 1967, 1971-72, 1975-77; Interim Finance Committee, 1961-79, chairman, 1966; majority leader, Nevada Senate, 1977-79.

Affiliations: Vice president and director, Pacific Engineering & production Company of Nevada, Henderson; American Institute of Plant Engineers and Registered Professional Engineers, Nevada, Arizona and National; chairman, Intergovernmental Relations Committee Medical Advisory Group Title XIX, Nevada.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Member, Western Interstate Committee on Workmen's Compensation, 1959-60; Joint Interregional Conference on Water Problems, 1959-60; Higher Education Advisory Committee, 1967-70; vice president, Western Conference, The Council of State Governments, 1967-68, president, 1968-69, executive board, 1970-79; member, Board of Governors, The Council of State Governments, 1968-79; vice president, Boulder Dam Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, 1965-70, treasurer, 1970, executive board, 1970-76; Executive Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures, 1977-79.

NORMAN D. GLASER

Democrat, Northern Nevada Senatorial District (Elko, Eureka, Humboldt and Lander counties).

Cattle rancher.



Norman D. Glaser

Born: April 4, 1921, Elko, Nevada.

Educated: Elko High School; Oklahoma State University, B.S., agricultural engineering.

Married: Nelda Marie Lancaster.

Children: Steven, Sharon and Brent.

Religion: Presbyterian.

Military: U.S. Navy, World War II, lieutenant.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1961-71, Nevada Senate, 1977-79—eight regular and four special sessions; speaker of the Assembly, 1964 special session; speaker pro tempore, 1963, 1965-66.

Affiliations: Life member, Northeastern Nevada Historical Society; Toastmasters; VFW; Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Elko Chamber of Commerce; PTA; Rotary Club; Jaycees; Nevada Farm Bureau.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Elko County School Board, 1954-60; presented Distinguished Citizen Award, Elko Chamber of Commerce; Outstanding Young Farmer and Honorary State Farmer, Nevada FFA; member, Joint Committee on Financial Affairs, 1961; past president, Nevada Farm Bureau, 1965; chairman, Nevada Environmental Commission, 1973-76.

BILL HERNSTADT

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.
Television executive, general manager KVVU-TV.



William H. Hernstadt

Born: November 21, 1935, New York City, New York.

Educated: Scarsdale High School, New York; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York, B.S., physics.

Married: Judith Filenbaum.

Children: Ruth, Edward, Liane and Stephanie.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1977-79—two regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Second vice president and a director of the Las Vegas Combined Jewish Appeal; career group leader, Explorer post, Boulder Dam Boy Scout Council; Las Vegas Country Club; Sleepy Hollow Country Club; Harmonie Club of New York.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Board of directors, Clark County Apartment Owners' Association, treasurer, 1972, president, 1973; director, Nevada Apartment Association; board of directors, Clark County Chapter, American Cancer Society, 1970-72; listed in *Who's Who in America*.

LAWRENCE E. JACOBSEN

Republican, Capital Senatorial District (Douglas County, Carson City).
Distributor, petroleum products.



Lawrence E. Jacobsen

Born: July 1, 1921, Gardnerville, Nevada.

Educated: Douglas County Schools.

Married: Betty Lundergreen.

Children: Bruce, Gary, Susan and Tim.

Religion: Lutheran.

Military: U.S. Navy.

Recreation: Hunting.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1963-77, Nevada Senate, 1979—nine regular and four special sessions of the legislature; alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1963-64, 1967-68; member, Legislative Commission, 1965-66, 1969-78, vice chairman, 1966, chairman, 1970-71, 1974-75; speaker pro tempore, 1969; speaker of the Assembly, 1971.

Affiliations: Douglas County Engine Company; commander, Carson Valley Post No. 11, American Legion; Amvets Post No. 1, Reno; Buckbrush Gun Club; Douglas County Sportsman Club; Minden Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce;

Douglas County Republican Central Committee; State Republican Central Committee; director, Motor Transport Association.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Chairman, Marlette Lake Advisory Committee; chairman, Legislative Building Committee; co-chairman, National Legislative Service and Security Advisory Committee; member, National Conference of State Legislatures, Energy Committee; chairman, The Council of State Governments, Energy Committee.

JAMES N. KOSINSKI

**Democrat, Washoe County Senatorial District No. 2.
Attorney at Law.**



James N. Kosinski

Born: November 15, 1940, Detroit, Michigan.
Educated: University of Nevada, Las Vegas;
University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of
Law.

Married: Judi Havas.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: U.S. Marine Corps, 1959-63.

Recreation: Jogging, reading, hiking.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly,
1977, Nevada Senate, 1979—two regular sessions
of the legislature.

Affiliations: Director, Junior Achievement of
Western Nevada; Common Cause of Northern
Nevada; American Civil Liberties Union; Elks
Club; Sparks YMCA; Washoe County Bar Asso-
ciation; American Bar Association; Nevada Trial
Lawyers' Association; American Trial Lawyers'
Association; Washoe Association of Retarded
Citizens; Sparks Community Action Commis-
sion; Senior Legal Assistance Program; Washoe
County Democratic Central Committee.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Governor's Commission on the Status
of People; Sparks Charter Commission.

FLOYD R. LAMB

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.
Rancher.



Floyd R. Lamb

Born: September 3, 1917, Alamo, Nevada.

Educated: Pahrnagat Valley High School and Lincoln County High School.

Children: Laurelie Lamb Turley, Marsha Lamb Bingham and Monte Carroll Lamb.

Religion: Mormon.

Recreation: Horses, hunting, raising cattle.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1957-79—thirteen regular and five special sessions of the legislature; alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1959-61, 1969-71; member, Legislative Commission, 1961-66, chairman, 1963-64; chairman, Interim Finance Committee, 1977-79; member, Joint Committee on Financial Affairs, 1961, 1965-66; president pro tempore, 1969, 1971, 1973.

Affiliations: Chairman, Board of Nevada National Bank.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Former member, Nevada State Racing Commission.

CLIFFORD E. McCORKLE

Republican, Washoe County Senatorial District No. 1.

Real estate investor and general contractor.



Clifford E. McCorkle

Born: April 11, 1948, Salem, Oregon.

Educated: Graduated Reno High School, 1966; attended Occidental College, 1966-68; University of Nevada, Reno, 1968-70, B.S. in business administration.

Married: Bonnie K. Swift.

Children: Kristal and Kaelan.

Military: Nevada National Guard.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Board member, American Cancer Society; Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada; Northern Nevada Apartment Association; Nevada State Parent-Teacher Association; member, Reno-Sparks Active 20-30 Club; Reno Optimist Club; Sierra Sunrise Toastmasters Club; Citizens for Private Enterprise; Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce; Reno Board of Realtors; Better Business Bureau; treasurer, Reno Area Parent-Teacher Council.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Licensed real estate broker; licensed general contractor; nationally ranked handball player; runner-up national YMCA handball championship; Northern California-Nevada regional handball champion.

JOE NEAL

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 4.
Personnel administration.



Joe Neal

Born: July 28, 1935, Mounds, Louisiana.

Educated: Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, B.A., political science and history; post graduate work in law, Institute of Applied Science, Chicago, Illinois, civil identification and criminal investigation.

Married: Estelle Ann DeConge.

Children: Charisse, Tania, Withania, Dina Amelia and Joseph.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: U.S. Air Force.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Elks Lodge No. 1508; Common Cause; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; State Democratic Central Committee; chairman, Greater Las Vegas Plan; Nevada Catholic Welfare.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past chairman, Clark County Economic Opportunity Board.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO

Republican, Washoe County Senatorial District No. 1.
Attorney at Law.



William J. Raggio

Born: October 30, 1926, Reno, Nevada.

Educated: Louisiana Tech; University of Oklahoma; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.; Hastings College of Law; University of California, Berkeley, J.D.; Boalt Hall School of Law.

Married: Dorothy Brigman.

Children: Leslie Ann Righetti, Tracy Lynn and Mark William.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: USNR; USMCR, second lieutenant, 1944-46.

Recreation: Hunting, fishing, camping.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature; member, Legislative Commission, 1973-75, 1977-79, minority floor leader, 1977-79.

Affiliations: State Bar of Nevada; Washoe County Bar Association; Clark County Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Practicing Law Institute, advisory board since 1965;

International Academy of Law and Science; American Trial Lawyers' Association; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; Salvation Army, advisory board since 1966; Southern Nevada Drug Council; Alpha Tau Omega; Phi Alpha Delta; Elks; Republican State Central Committee; Washoe County Republican Central Committee; Reno (Host) Lions Club; American Legion; Prospectors; Oddfellows; American Board of Criminal Lawyers.

Personal and Professional Achievements: U.S. District Court, Nevada; U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit; U.S. Supreme Court; assistant district attorney, Washoe County, 1952-58; district attorney, 1958-70; American Bar Association (House of Delegates), 1967-70; state chairman, Jr. Bar Conference, 1957-60; Nevada Peace Officers' Association; International Association of Chiefs of Police; Nevada State District Attorneys' Association, president, 1960-63, secretary 1959-60; National District Attorneys' Association, board of directors, 1961-70, vice president, 1961-66, president, 1967-68, honorary life member, 1970; Community Action Program, Washoe County, board of trustees, 1964-67; National Conference of Christians and Jews, Reno, board of directors, 1966-70; Republican nominee for U.S. Senate, Nevada, 1970; Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor, 1974; named "Young Man of the Year," Reno-Sparks Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1959; Brotherhood Award N.C.C.J., 1965; Distinguished Service Award, Nevada Council on Crime and Delinquency, 1970; Distinguished Service Award, Columbus Day Committee, 1967; honorary membership, International Association of Firefighters, Local No. 731; Criminal Law and Administration of Justice Committee of The Council of State Governments; Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

M. H. (MIKE) SLOAN

Democrat, Clark County Senatorial District No. 3.

Attorney at Law.



M. H. (Mike) Sloan

Born: September 14, 1944, Boulder, Colorado.
Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; George Washington Law School.

Married: Nancy Marie Keller.

Children: Jennifer and Lauren.

Religion: Presbyterian.

Legislative Service: Appointed to fill vacancy in 1978, member of Nevada Senate, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Executive Board, Boulder Dam Area Council Boy Scouts; Help Them Walk Again Foundation, Inc., Southern Regional District Allocations Committee; Las Vegas Breakfast Exchange; University of Nevada-Las Vegas Booster Club.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Former deputy attorney general; staff member of former U.S. Senator Alan Bible; former member of National Conference of Christians and Jews; first president of Interdenominational Youth Council; instructor of hotel law at Clark County Community College; appointed to Las Vegas Board of Zoning Adjustment; city attorney, Las Vegas, 1977-78.

THOMAS R. C. WILSON

Democrat, Washoe County Senatorial District No. 1.
Attorney at Law.



Thomas R. C. Wilson

Born: April 15, 1935, San Francisco, California.
Educated: Reno public schools, graduate of Stanford University; Georgetown University Law School.

Married: Sandra Opsahl.

Children: Ann, Louise, Ina Marie, Thomas R. C. III and John Weston.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: Artillery officer, Army, 1957-58.

Recreation: Skiing, photography, sailing, backpacking, climbing and camping.

Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1971-79—five regular sessions of the legislature; Legislative Commission, 1975-77; assistant majority floor leader, 1977

Affiliations: Washoe County Bar Association; Nevada State Bar Association; American Bar Association.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Assistant U.S. Attorney, 1961-64; attorney, private practice.

C. CLIFTON YOUNG

Republican, Washoe County Senatorial District No. 1.
Attorney at Law.



C. Clifton Young

Born: November 7, 1922, Lovelock, Nevada.
Educated: Pershing County High School; University of Nevada; Harvard Law School.
Married: Jane Hempfling.
Children: Diana, LaVonne, Clifton and Robert.
Religion: Methodist. Lay leader, First United Methodist Church of Reno, Nevada; former chairman, board of trustees.
Military: U.S. Army, 103rd Infantry, World War II; served in European Theatre of operation.
Legislative Service: Nevada Senate, 1967-79—seven regular and one special session of the legislature. Alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1969, member, 1971-75.

Affiliations: Nevada Conservation Forum, 1965-77; board of directors of National Wildlife Federation, 1968-78; Washoe County Bar Association; American Bar Association; International Society of Barristers; vice president, Nevada Trial Lawyers' Association; Nevada Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; board of directors, Tahoe Sierra Zoological Society; board of directors of Washoe Landmark Preservation, Inc., 1971-78; American Trial Lawyers' Association; Reno Lions Club; VFW, Post 9211; F. & A.M. No. 13; Scottish Rite; Kerak Shrine; chairman, YMCA Statewide Legislative Committee for Youth-Government; Bureau of Land Management National Advisory Board, 1974-77.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Public administrator, Washoe County, 1951-52; past president, Nevada Young Republicans; member, U.S. House of Representatives, 1953-56; former chairman, Washoe County Parks Commission; president, United Fund, Washoe County, 1963; former member, board of directors, Reno Chamber of Commerce; past president, Reno YMCA, 1964, board of directors, 1960-71; board of governors, State Bar of Nevada, 1966-70; past president, Nevada Wildlife Federation, board of directors, 1966-72; Nevada representative, Western States Water Council; past president, Hunter Lake PTA; state chairman, Nevada Cancer Association, 1957-58; Wildlife Conservation Award, Nevada Wildlife Federation, 1965; Sportsman of Year, Sierra Broadcasters Association, 1967; named for Outstanding Contribution to Recreation and Park Movement, Nevada State Parks Association, 1967; Shikar Safari, Conservationist of the Year Award, 1968; Legislative Conservation Award, Nevada Wildlife Federation, 1968; VFW award for work in preserving natural resources, 1972; Certificate of Merit, Nevada Fish and Game Department, 1972.

**BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS OF
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1979 Session

JAMES J. BANNER

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 11.

Risk management officer, Clark County.



James J. Banner

Born: September 1, 1921, Laverne, California.

Educated: Virgin Valley Grammar School; Las Vegas High School; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.S., business administration; certified journeyman carpenter.

Married: Alice Winter.

Children: Joe, Jacqueline, Susan and Nancy.

Military: U.S. Navy, World War II.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Fred S. Pennington Post, VFW; Amercian Legion Post No. 8 and Chapter 11 of DAV.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Business representative for Carpenters Local No. 1780, Las Vegas, 1959-63; Nevada Industrial Commission for labor, 1963-67; former Clark County personnel officer, 1967-73; worked 16 years as a carpenter in the Southern Nevada area, 1939-42 and 1945-59.

ROBERT R. BARENGO

Democrat, Washoe County Assembly District No. 29.

Attorney at Law; businessman, Sierra Wine and Liquor Co.



Robert R. Barengo

Born: August 28, 1941, Reno, Nevada.

Educated: St. Thomas Grammar School, Reno, Nevada; Manogue High School, Reno; California State University at Hayward, B.S.; University of Santa Clara Law School, J.D.; graduate, National College of District Attorneys.

Religion: Roman Catholic.

Military: United States Army Reserve, honorable discharge, 1966.

Recreation: Skiing, camping, jogging.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature; speaker pro tempore, Nevada Assembly, 1979.

Affiliations: National District Attorneys' Association; American Bar Association; Washoe County Bar Association; Sons of Erin; Italian Benevolent Society; attorney with Legarza, Lee, Barengo & Doyle; Elks No. 597; Prospectors Club, Reno.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Deputy district attorney, Washoe County, 1970-73; *Who's Who in American Politics*, 1973-74; *Who's Who in Government*, 1973-74; *Who's Who in American Law*, 1977-78; Outstanding Young Men of America, 1974-76; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, justice, 1969, at University of Santa Clara; director, Nevada Indian Legal Services; commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1975-78.

WILLIAM TOD BEDROSIAN

Democrat, Washoe County Assembly District No. 24.
Magazine publisher.



William Tod Bedrosian

Born: July 21, 1947, San Francisco, California.
Educated: Sparks High School; University of Nevada, Reno; University of Denver.
Married: Janet Kennedy.
Military: Nevada Air National Guard (activated during the 1968 Pueblo crisis).
Religion: Protestant.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session of the legislature.
Affiliations: Sigma Delta Chi (Journalism Society); Ponderosa Toastmasters.

REVEREND MARION D. BENNETT

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 6.

Pastor.



Marion D. Bennett

Born: May 31, 1936, Greenville, South Carolina.

Educated: Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia, A.B.; Interdenominational Center, Master's Divinity, Atlanta; University of Nevada; Atlanta University; Ecumenical Institute, Celigny, Switzerland.

Children: Marion D., Jr., and Karen P.

Religion: Methodist.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: National Board of Directors, Black Methodist for Church Renewal; vice president, Methodist Foundation of Southern Nevada; National Council of Christians and Jews; chairman, board of trustees, Westside Community Development Commission, 1977; treasurer, Marion Bennett Youth Program, 1977; board of directors, United Way.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Outstanding Citizenship Award, House of Representatives, Michigan, 1972; Outstanding Young Men of America, 1971; President's Award, 1968, Black Distinction Award, 1971, president, Las Vegas Branch of NAACP, 1963-67, vice president, 1967-69, treasurer, 1969, president, 1971-73; Minister of the Year Award, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1973; chairman, board of directors, NEDCO, Las Vegas, 1974; vice chairman, Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, 1974; Outstanding Service Award from IBPOEW, Las Vegas, 1974; National Alumni, Gammon Theological Seminary, 1968; Religious Achievement Award, Morris Brown College, National Alumni Association.

LOUIS W. BERGEVIN

Republican, Assembly District No. 39.
Rancher.

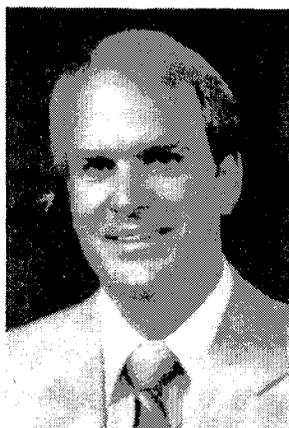


Louis W. Bergevin

Born: June 22, 1922, Gardnerville, Nevada.
Educated: University of Nevada.
Married: Luetta Dressler.
Children: Lee W., Jeanne B. Russell.
Religion: Protestant.
Military: United States Army Air Force, 1941-1966.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.
Affiliations: Nevada Cattlemen's Association;
Carson Valley Lodge No. 33 F. & A.M.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Past
president, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Cat-
tleman of the Year, 1971; president, Nevada
State Board of Education, 1961-70.

WILLIAM (BILL) D. BRADY

Republican, Clark County Assembly District No. 5.
Businessman.



William D. Brady

Born: March 3, 1946, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Educated: Attended grammar and high school in
Las Vegas, Nevada; Brigham Young University,
Utah.
Married: Virginia Shurtliff.
Children: Travis, Kevin, Michelle and Scott.
Religion: Mormon.
Military: Nevada National Guard.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.
Affiliations: Member, Clark County Republican
Executive Board.

ROGER BREMNER

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 3.
Insurance management.



Roger Bremner

Born: December 8, 1937, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., business administration; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, graduate work in history.

Married: Elizabeth Morris.

Children: Eric, Elizabeth and Ayden.

Military: 1st lieutenant, U.S. Army, 1960-62.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Clark County Democratic Central Committee; Executive Board of the Congress of Insurance Legislators; member, "Help Them Walk Again;" Sunrise Hospital Home Health Care Advisory Board; Alpha Tau Omega Alumni Association; Nevada Organization of Wildlife; E. Clampus Vitus.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Former vice president, Nevada Young Democrats; former vice president, Las Vegas Young Democrats.

PEGGY CAVNAR

Republican, Clark County Assembly District No. 1.
Registered nurse and businesswoman.



Peggy Cavnar

Born: July 29, 1945, Buffalo, New York.

Educated: Holy Family Grammar School, Mt. Mercy High School, D'Youville College, Buffalo, New York, B.S. in nursing.

Married: Samuel M. Cavnar.

Children: Heather and Heide.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.

Affiliations: Director and treasurer, Nevada Medical Federal Credit Union; trustee, Community Youth Activities Foundation; member, Southern Nevada Easter Seals Utilization Review Board; trustee, Civic association of America.

LONIE CHANEY

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 7.
Student.



Lonie Chaney

Born: May 28, 1935, Roosevelt, Louisiana.

Educated: Madison Parish Training School and McCall High School in Tallulah, Louisiana.

Married: Joyce Toney.

Children: Alex, Denise and Lonie, Jr.

Religion: Baptist.

Military: U.S. Armed Forces, 1958-60.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: President, Sunrise Travel Club; Sunrise Youth Club; Teamsters Local No. 995; Sunday school teacher and youth choir advisory; Masonic Lodge No. 64; executive board member, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Democratic Central Committee; vice president—Marion Bennett Youth Program; vice president, Westside Economic Development Commission; member, Southern Nevada Economic Development Council.

Personal and Professional Achievements: U.S. Armed Forces, Good Conduct Medal; president, American Singers Association, 1962-71; Outstanding Community Work Award, 1978, Students With a Purpose (S.W.A.P.); Outstanding Minority Businessman Award, 1978, NEDCO.

STEVE COULTER

Democrat, Washoe County Assembly District No. 27.
Businessman.



Steve Coulter

Born: August 4, 1947, Los Angeles, California.
Educated: South Tahoe High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A., journalism.
Military: U.S. Army, 1969-71.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.
Affiliations: Nevada Veterans' Caucus; UNR Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi; Ponderosa Toastmasters.
Personal and Professional Achievements: UPI White House and Capitol Hill reporter, 1970-72; KCRL-TV, 1966-69; KCRL Radio, 1973-74; instructor, Department of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno, 1975-; partner, Amsterdam Brass and Copper, downtown Reno; sales associate, Sinelio Realty; editor, business newsletter "Profit," published by First Commercial Title, Inc.

ROBERT G. CRADDOCK

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 20.
Carpenter.



Robert G. Craddock

Born: April 24, 1931, Tennessee.
Educated: Church Hill High, Church Hill, Tennessee; Memorial High School, San Diego, California; engineering trade school, Massena, New York.
Married: B. Louise Moore.
Children: Jay Gregory and Robert Michael.
Military: U.S. Navy, 4 years.
Recreation: Hiking, hunting and fishing.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.
Affiliations: Carpenters Local No. 1780; president, Sunrise Manor Protective Association.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Supervised multimillion dollar construction projects; vocational teaching certificates.

JOSEPH E. DINI, JR.

Democrat, Assembly District No. 38 (Lyon, Storey counties and part of Churchill County).

President, Dini's Lucky Club, Inc.



Joseph E. Dini, Jr.

Born: March 28, 1929, Yerington, Nevada.

Educated: Yerington public schools, Nevada; University of Nevada, B.S.

Married: Jeanne Dumuth.

Children: Jay, George, David and Mike.

Religion: Catholic.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1967-79—seven regular and one special session of the legislature; alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1969-71, member, 1971-77; speaker pro tempore, 1973; majority floor leader, 1975; speaker of the Assembly, 1977.

Affiliations: Yerington Lions Club; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Yerington Volunteer Fire Department; Lyon County Democratic Central Committee; Nevada American Revolution Bicentennial Commission; Marlette Lake Advisory Committee; past district governor and active member, 20-30 Club; Hope Lodge No. 22, F.&A.M.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past president, Yerington Lions Club; past president, Mason Valley Chamber of Commerce; past chairman, Mason Valley Swimming Pool District; *Who's Who in America* (Marquis); Outstanding Citizen award, Nevada Education Association, 1973; Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, 1978.

JACK F. FIELDING

Democrat, Assembly District No. 36 (Esmeralda, Mineral, Nye counties).
Electronics.



Jack F. Fielding

Born: September 19, 1922, Kellyville, Oklahoma.

Married: Dorothe Allen.

Children: Charles, Kelly, Michael and Patrick.

Religion: Protestant.

Military: United States Air Force (retired), 1943-63, radio maintenance supervisor.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: VFW No. 10054.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Justice of peace, Pahrump township, Nye County; vice chairman, Nye County Democratic Central Committee, 1976-78; member, Democratic State Central Committee, 1974-75.

MICHAEL T. FITZPATRICK

Republican, Clark County Assembly District No. 12.
Insurance broker.



Michael T. Fitzpatrick

Born: April 16, 1950, New York City, New York.

Educated: University of Washington (Seattle), B.A. in business administration.

Religion: Roman Catholic.

Military: U.S. Army, 1968-70.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: International Footprint Association; Professional Insurance Agents; Nevada and Southern Nevada Independent Agents; Southern Nevada Insurance Disaster Team; Sons of Erin; Nevada World Trade and Tourism Association; Sigma Chi Fraternity, University of Washington Alumni Association.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Board of directors, International Footprint Association; board of directors, Professional Insurance Agents; secretary-treasurer, Las Vegas Sigma Chi Alumni; guest lecturer for insurance courses at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

VIRGIL M. GETTO

Republican, Assembly District No. 37 (Pershing and part of Churchill counties).
Dairy farmer.



Virgil M. Getto

Born: June 19, 1924, Fallon, Nevada.

Educated: Churchill County schools.

Married: Marilyn Malaney.

Children: Michael, David, Marlea Getto, and Andrea Getto Thurman.

Religion: Catholic.

Legislative Service: Member, Nevada Assembly, 1967-75 and 1979—six regular sessions and one special session; Minority Floor Leader, 1975; alternate member, Legislative Commission, 1969-71, 1973-74; member, Legislative Commission, 1971-72.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Former member, Churchill County School Board; Agricultural Conservation, Production Board; Lahontan Soil Conservation District Board; former president, PTA; former state president, Citizens Advisory Committee to University of Nevada Agriculture School, 1970-71; former director, Nevada State Fair Board; Churchill

County Chamber of Commerce; delegate, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; Western Conference of The Council of State Governments committees on agriculture and land use planning; member, Citizens Advisory Committee, College of Agriculture, University of Nevada, Reno, 1967-73; legislative representative, Congress on Aging, 1972; charter member, National FFA Alumni Association; Agriculturist of the Year, by Gamma Sigma Delta, 1971; Conservationist of the Year award, 1968; former member, Executive Committee of the Churchill County Bicentennial Commission; former chairman, Finance Committee for Rural Health Services in Nevada.

ALAN H. GLOVER

Democrat, Assembly District No. 40 (most of Carson City).
Independent insurance agent.

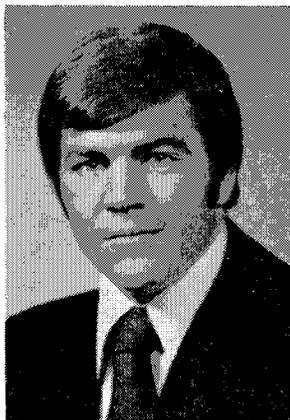


Alan H. Glover

Born: June 10, 1949, Carson City, Nevada.
Educated: Carson City schools; University of Nevada, Reno.
Parents: John Nelson (deceased) and Peggy Glover.
Religion: Catholic.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.
Affiliations: Member, Knights of Columbus; Elks Lodge; Carson City Rotary Club.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Member, Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club.

HARLEY L. HARMON

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 16.
Insurance agent.



Harley L. Harmon

Born: January 5, 1948, Las Vegas, Nevada.
Educated: Bishop Gorman High School and University of Nevada, Reno.
Married: Jeanne McBride.
Children: Heather Erin.
Religion: Catholic.
Military: U.S. Air Force, 1968-72.
Recreation: Golf and skiing.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature; outstanding freshman legislator, 1975; speaker pro tempore 1977; majority floor leader, 1979.
Affiliations; Las Vegas Rotary Club; Las Vegas Elks; Advisory Board of the Salvation Army; vice president, Big Brothers of Southern Nevada; Nevada Heart Association; Nevada Family, Inc.

KAREN W. HAYES

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 13.

Homemaker and secondary teacher.



Karen W. Hayes

Born: October 16, 1935, Cedar City, Utah.

Educated: Elementary school, Las Vegas, Nevada; Cedar City High School, Utah; Las Vegas High School, graduate; University of Utah; graduate of Brigham Young University, B.S.

Married: Keith Hayes.

Children: Garry, Leslie, Lisa, Kristen, Bryan and Heidi.

Religion: Mormon.

Recreation: Camping, hiking, piano.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: International Women's Year Commission, State of Nevada; executive board, Southern Nevada Drug Abuse Council; community advisor, Junior League; Order of Women Legislators; legislative liaison, Paradise Valley Democratic Club; Nevada Association of the

Physically Handicapped; George E. Harris PTA; Clark County women's Democratic Club; Multiple Sclerosis Society; March of Dimes; Girl Scouts; Attorneys' Wives Club; secretary, City of Hope, Chapter 199; counselor, Las Vegas, East Stake Primary Association, 1969-76.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Mother of the Year Award, City of Hope, 1976.

THOMAS J. HICKEY

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 18.
Brakeman, Union Pacific Railroad.



Thomas J. Hickey

Born: January 4, 1930, Omaha, Nebraska.

Educated: Elementary and high school in Omaha, Nebraska.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: U.S. Army.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Nevada Crime Commission; Southern Regional Allocation Committee; Men's 100 Club; Boys' Club of Clark County; Sons of Erin; Elks; Lions; Optimists; VFW; American Legion; chairman, American Judicature Society; vice chairman, Agriculture Committee, Western Office of The Council of State Governments; member, Economic Development and Tourism Committee, Western Conference of The Council of State Governments.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Governor O'Callaghan's representative, Western Governor's Conference, 1975.

NICHOLAS "NICK" J. HORN

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 15.
College instructor.



Nicholas J. Horn

Born: July 25, 1945, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Educated: University of Utah, Ricks College, A.A.; Brigham Young University, B.A.; Brigham Young University Graduate School, M.P.A., public administration; UNLV Doctorial Program.

Married: Nancy Lynn Ellis.

Children: Stacy Lynn.

Religion: Mormon.

Recreation: Baseball, golf, snow skiing, hunting and fishing.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1977-79—two regular sessions of the legislature; outstanding freshman legislator, 1977.

Affiliations: Board of directors, Voluntary Action Center; board of directors, Girls Club of Southern Nevada; United Way Constitution, bylaws and planning committees; chairman, Boy Scout Show and Explorer Exposition; conference chairman, Western Association of Cooperative and Work Experience Educators.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Chairman, Business Management Department and Office of Institutional Development and Research at Clark County Community College; professional lecturer, Golden Gate University's B.A. and M.B.A. program; licensed business management consultant; student body president and attorney general, Brigham Young University; *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities*, 1969-71; *Who's Who in American Politics*, 1977-78.

JOHN (JACK) E. JEFFREY

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 22.

Construction electrician.



John E. Jeffrey

Born: July 20, 1938, Sioux City, Iowa.

Educated: Basic High School, Henderson, Nevada.

Married: Betty J. Brown.

Children: John, Teresa and Paul.

Religion: Catholic.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: IBEW Local No. 357; Southern Regional District Allocation Committee to the Nevada Crime Commission; Las Vegas Mental Health Board; Steelworkers' Oldtimers Foundation.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past member, Executive Board Construction Unit; past president, Clark County Young Democrats; past president, Southern Nevada Democrats; served on Regional Street and Highways; Las Vegas Convention Authority; board for St. Rose

De Lima Hospital; served on Transportation Study Committee for Clark County; former city councilman and mayor pro tempore, Henderson.

MICHAEL O. MALONE

Republican, Clark County Assembly District No. 4.

Police officer.



Michael O. Malone

Born: January 13, 1932, Saginaw, Michigan.

Educated: Elementary and high schools in Chebaning, Michigan; U.S. Navy Leadership School; Police Academy.

Married: Rosette Hodges.

Children: Bert, Nathan, Kevin, Rose and Marlan Coe, Mike and Mark Malone.

Religion: Protestant.

Military: Retired Navy veteran (20 years).

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Committeeman, Boy Scout Troop 236; Police Protective Association; Sheriff's Protective Association; Sons of Erin; I.O.F.; Good Sam Club; Fleet Reserve Association; Airline Owners and Pilots Association.

LLOYD W. MANN

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 2.
Teacher.



Lloyd W. Mann

Born: March 28, 1942, Phoenix, Arizona.

Educated: City College, San Francisco; San Fernando Valley State College, B.A., political science; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, M.A., education.

Married: Carolyn M. Yates.

Children: Debbie, Lloyd Jr., Larry, Wendy, Pamela, Brenda, Mary and Nancy.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: Combat veteran, military police, Vietnam.

Recreation: Golf.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Nevada State Education Association; Knights of Columbus; Democratic Central Committee; American Federation of Teachers; Clark County Teachers' Association; Las Vegas Elks Lodge.

JOHN W. MARVEL

Republican, Assembly District No. 34 (Eureka, Humboldt, Lander counties and Carlin Township of Elko County).

Rancher.



John W. Marvel

Born: September 11, 1926, Battle Mountain, Nevada.

Educated: Schools in Battle Mountain, Nevada; University of Nevada, Reno, B.A.

Married: Wilburta Shidler.

Children: Sharon Lynn, John Ernest and Michelle Marie.

Religion: Episcopalian.

Military: U.S. Army, World War II.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Member, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; National Cattlemen's Association; Battle Mountain Lodge No. 23 F. & A.M.; York Rite Bodies; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Kerak Temple; O.E.S. Mountain Star Chapter No. 21.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past president, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; Past chairman, Lander County Planning Commission; Past chairman, Nevada Tax Commission; director, First Federal Savings and Loan; past member, Advisory Council to Public Land Law Review Commission; chairman, BLM Grazing Advisory Board, District No. 6; member, Grazing Advisory Board, District No. 1.

PAUL W. MAY

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 19.
Real estate broker-salesman.



Paul W. May

Born: January 2, 1928, Hot Springs, Virginia.
Educated: Clark County school system; Army Cryptographic School; Las Vegas School of Real Estate.

Married: Lucille H. Doran.

Children: Paul W. III, Sandra K., and April Ann.

Religion: Methodist.

Military: U.S. Army, 1948-51—Honorable Discharge.

Recreation: Prospecting, Nevada history buff, ghost town buff, collector of Nevadania.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1967-79—seven regular and one special session of the legislature; Legislative Commission, 1975-79; Dean of the Clark County assembly delegation; Speaker of the Nevada Assembly, 1979.

Affiliations: North Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 2353; American Legion Post No. 51; North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; North Las Vegas Democratic Club; E. Clampus Vitus; board of directors, Clark County Chapter March of Dimes.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Chairman, March of Dimes Drives in North Las Vegas, 1965-67; Executive Drive, Boy Scouts fund raising, 1972.

DONALD R. MELLO

Democrat, Washoe County Assembly District No. 30.
Conductor, Southern Pacific Company.



Donald R. Mello

Born: June 22, 1934, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Educated: Sparks public schools; University of Nevada, Reno; B.F. Goodrich Management School, Sacramento, California.

Married: Barbara Jane Woodhall.

Children: Donald and David.

Religion: Protestant.

Military: Served 8 years in Naval Reserve.

Recreation: Camping and sports.

Legislative Service: Dean of the Nevada Assembly, 1979; appointed to fill vacancy in Nevada Assembly, 1963; member, Nevada Assembly, 1963-79—eight regular and four special sessions of the legislature; chairman, Interim Finance Committee, 1975-77, member, 1967-68, 1971-79; chairman, Legislative Commission, 1973-74, 1977-79, member, 1969-79, first alternate, 1967-68; chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, 1973-79; senior Democrat assemblyman, 1973-79.

Affiliations: Member, Benjamin Franklin Lodge 45, F. & A.M.; Elks Lodge No. 597; PTA; President's Club; United Transportation Union; Sparks High School Boosters Club; Advisory Committee for Title III, State Department of Education.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Listed in *Who's Who in American Politics*, *Personalities of the West and Midwest*, *Dictionary of International Biography*, *The International Who's Who of Intellectuals*; awarded Honorary Life Membership in SNEA, 1974; recipient of A Friend of Education Award, Washoe County Teachers' Association, 1974; Appreciation Award, Nevada National Guard, 1973-75; Outstanding Legislator, Washoe Chapter, SNEA, 1975; named as one of Ten Outstanding State Legislators in the United States by Assembly of Governmental Employees, 1976; commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, 1970 (life commission); life membership, Nevada PTA, 1975.

JOHN POLISH

Democrat, Assembly District No. 35 (Lincoln, White Pine counties).
School principal (retired).



John Polish

Born: September 1, 1917, Jerome, Arizona.
Educated: Mason Valley schools, Nevada; Lyon County High School; University of Nevada, Reno, B.S., agriculture, M.A., school administration.

Married: Geraldine Black.

Children: Michael, Jeffery, Betty (Milobar) and Lisa (Maes).

Recreation: Golf, prospecting.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: B.P.O.E. No. 1469; member and honorary life member, Nevada Association of School Administrators.

Personal and Professional Achievements; Boy Scout master, 1937-42; Nevada State Textbook Commission, 1958-65; Jack Hill Award, 1942; Athletic Hall of Fame, University of Nevada, Reno, 1974.

PAUL V. PRENGAMAN

Republican, Washoe County Assembly District No. 26.
Trucking, Delta Lines.



Paul V. Prengaman

Born: April 14, 1945, Braddock, Pennsylvania.
Educated: Loyola University of Los Angeles, B.A.; University of Nevada, Reno, M.A. candidate.

Married: M. Sharon McIlvain.

Children: Luke Jason, Amanda Lee and Jeremy Shane.

Religion: Catholic.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.

ROBERT (BOB) E. PRICE

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 17.
Electrician.



Robert E. Price

Born: May 23, 1936, DeLand, Florida.
Educated: Primary schools in Texas, California, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; Central High, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Married: Brenda Joyce Denson.
Children: Randy, Cherie, Amber and Terie.
Religion: Protestant.
Recreation: Water skiing.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local No. 357, business manager, 1971-74; Executive Board of Southern Nevada Central Labor Council; Southern Nevada Building Trades Council, trustee, 1972-74; Nevada State Electrical Workers' Association, former secretary-treasurer; North Las Vegas Rotary Club; Clark County Democratic Committee; Operation Bridge of Southern

Nevada Drug Abuse Council, former treasurer; governing board, Clark County Health Systems Agency—State Health Coordinating Council.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Private pilot, member of A.O.P.A. (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association).

DEAN A. RHOADS

Republican, Assembly District No. 33 (Elko County, less Carlin Township).
Rancher.



Dean A. Rhoads

Born: October 5, 1935, Tonasket, Washington.
Educated: Elementary and high school, Tonasket, Washington; California State Polytechnic College, B.S., agriculture business management.

Married: Sharon Packer.

Children: Shabby and Chandra.

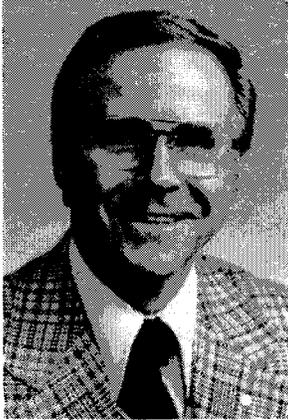
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1977-79—two regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Member, Nevada Cattlemen's Association; American National Cattlemen's Association.

Personal and Professional Achievements: President, Elko Fair Board; president, Public Lands Council; State BLM Multiple Use Advisory Board; National BLM Advisory Board; chairman, Elko City-County Airport Advisory Board; pilot.

ROBERT E. ROBINSON

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 8.
Optometrist.



Robert E. Robinson

Born: September 8, 1923, Idaho Falls, Idaho.
Educated: Las Vegas High School; University of Southern California; Southern California College of Optometry.
Married: Betty Ellis.
Children: Mark.
Religion: Mormon.
Military: Inducted into U.S. Army with Nevada National Guard, June 1941. Served 4½ years (18 months in Aleutian Island Theatre).
Recreation: Hunting, fishing, photography.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.
Affiliations: Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; Las Vegas Elks Lodge; Las Vegas Rotary Club; Daylite Lodge No. 44, F. & A.M.; Zelzah Temple of the Shrine.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Beta Sigma Kappa, Scholastic Optometric Honorary Society, graduated cum laude; member, Nevada State Board of Examiners in Optometry, 1957-64; president, Nevada Optometric Association, 3 terms; president, Las Vegas Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1954-55; president, Nevada Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1956-57; president, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, 1960; Exalted Ruler, Las Vegas Elks Lodge, 1961-63; president, Las Vegas Rotary Club, 1968-69; president, Boys Clubs of Clark County, 1974.

ROBERT F. RUSK

Republican, Washoe County Assembly District No. 28.

Real estate investor and developer.



Robert F. Rusk

Born: December 30, 1939, San Mateo, California.

Educated: University of Nevada, Reno, B.S. in business administration.

Married: Marilyn Wilson.

Children: E. J. (Emerson) and Rob (Robert, Jr.).

Religion: Protestant.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—one regular session.

Affiliations: Chairman, Reno-Sparks Convention Authority; chairman, Washoe County Commission; member, Reno Rotary Club; Reno Chamber of Commerce; Prospector's Club; Nevada Motel Association; Senior Action Advisory Council.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Washoe County commissioner, 1971-79; chairman of Washoe County Commission for 3 years.

NASH M. SENA

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 21.

English Second Language instructor.



Nash M. Sena

Born: July 28, 1938, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Educated: Basic High School, Henderson; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, B.A., psychology, M.A., education.

Married: Grace Twila.

Religion: Catholic.

Military: U.S. Navy.

Recreation: Golf, fishing.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Henderson Jaycees; Nevada Jaycees; Henderson Young Democrats; Clark County Children's Guild; Eldorado Valley Advisory Committee; Intergovernmental Personnel Advisory Committee of Nevada; chairman, Legislative Ethics Commission.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Served as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, state director, Henderson Jaycees; vice president, treasurer, state director, Nevada Jaycees.

JANSON F. STEWART

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 14.

Attorney at law.



Janson F. Stewart

Born: October 24, 1935, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Educated: Las Vegas High School, Nevada; Brigham Young University, Utah, B.S.; University of Arizona, L.L.B.

Married: Sandra L. Clawson.

Children: Kelly, Shawna, Eric, Kevin.

Religion: Mormon.

Military: U.S. Army Reserve.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.

Affiliations: Nevada Bar Association; Clark County Bar Association; Arizona Bar Association; American Bar Association; Clark County Democratic Central Committee.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Deputy district attorney for Clark County, Nevada; chief civil deputy attorney for Las Vegas, Nevada.

DARRELL D. TANNER

Republican, Clark County Assembly District No. 9.

Business executive/president, Tancor International, Inc.



Darrell D. Tanner

Born: March 24, 1930, Cortez, Colorado.

Educated: Brigham Young University, B.S.; major in marketing; minor in accounting, finance and banking, and business administration.

Married: Carol Harris.

Children: Vinson, Bradley, Jason, Tracy and Linley.

Religion: Mormon.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1979—
one regular session.

Affiliations: Member of executive board, Boulder Dam Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; member, Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce; National Advisory Council and Executive Committee, Brigham Young University.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Honored as Number 1 Market Research Student in America during senior year in college; Distinguished Service award, Brigham Young University; member, National Advisory Council, Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp.; Annual National Sales Volume Award, Kentucky Fried Chicken, 1968-1977.

JOHN M. VERGIELS

Democrat, Clark County Assembly District No. 10.
Professor of education.



John M. Vergiels

Born: November 21, 1937, Erie, Michigan.

Educated: University of Toledo, Ohio, Ph.D.

Married: Erin Marie Beesley.

Children: Kelly Jean, Jack Lee, Robert Alan.

Religion: Lutheran.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1973-79—four regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Phi Delta Kappa; Clark County Democratic Central Committee; president, Graduate Student Association, University of Toledo; fraternity counselor, Sigma Phi Epsilon; full professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; chairman, Faculty Senate, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; consultant, Nevada State PTA; chairman, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Nevada, Las Vegas; chairman, Department of Secondary, Post-Secondary and Vocational Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Past president, Las Vegas Young Democrats.

SUE WAGNER

Republican, Washoe County Assembly District No. 25.
Housewife and mother.



Sue Wagner

Born: January 6, 1940, Portland, Maine.

Educated: Elementary and high school in Tucson, Arizona; University of Arizona, B.A., political science; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, M.A., history.

Married: Peter Byrne.

Children: Kirk and Kristina.

Religion: Episcopalian—Lay Reader.

Recreation: Tennis, golf, skiing, reading.

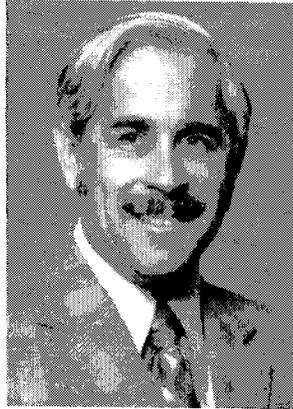
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature; Legislative Commission, 1975-79.

Affiliations: Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, Reno; Washoe County Republican Central Committee; Nevada Republican Central Committee; board of directors, NASAC, 1975-76; board of directors, Sierra Arts Foundation; honorary member, Delta Kappa Gamma; honorary member, Soroptomist International; College of Engineering Advisory Board, University of Nevada.

Personal and Professional Achievements: Assistant to the Dean of Women, Ohio State University; reporter, Tucson Daily Citizen; American government and world history teacher, Tucson, Arizona; Member, Junior League of Tucson, 1966-68; Reno Service League, 1969-70; vice president, American Field Service Board of Directors, 1972-73; Family Liaison, 1973-74, member at large, 1974-75; Kappa Alpha Theta Advisory Board, 1966-71; chairman, Blue Ribbon Task Force on Housing, 1973; legislative chairman, American Association of University Women, 1974; teacher, Western Nevada Community College, 1976; member of the Western Nevada Community College Community Service Advisory Board; Reno Business and Professional Women, 1974-77; American Association of University Women, 1973-77; Nevada's Representative to the Western Conference of The Council of State Governments' Committee on Social Services; State Young Republicans' "Outstanding Legislator" Award, 1976; Reno Business and Professional Womens' "Woman of the Year" Award, 1975; Outstanding Young Woman in America from Nevada, 1976; One of the 10 Outstanding Young Women in America, 1976; Nevada School Counselors' Association "Outstanding Legislator;" one of six Young Political Leaders in America chosen for study-tour of Mexico.

DOUGLAS J. WEBB

Republican, Washoe County Assembly District 32.
Owner, Webb's Recreation Vehicles.



Douglas J. Webb

Born: December 15, 1929, Washington, D.C.
Educated: Willamette University; University of Portland, Oregon.
Children: Suzanne Ballard, Kimron Webb, Lauren Whitelaw and Maree DeBard.
Recreation: Ham radio, barber shop quartette, sailing, airplane pilot.
Legislative Service: 1967-69, 1979—three regular and one special session.
Affiliations: Prospectors Club, SPEBSQSA; Amateur Radio Club; Private Pilots' Association; Sigma Chi Alumni; Washoe County Republican Central Committee.

ROBERT L. WEISE

Republican, Washoe County Assembly District No. 23.
Rancher, contractor, land developer.



Robert L. Weise

Born: May 23, 1945, Encino, California.
Educated: University of Nevada, Reno, major, history and economics.
Married: Cathy Valenta.
Military: U.S. Army, staff sergeant, Vietnam.
Recreation: Skiing, kyaking, general outdoors.
Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1975-79—three regular sessions of the legislature; minority floor leader, 1977-79; legislative ethics commissioner.
Affiliations: Rotary Club; Prospectors Club; Reno Rodeo Association.
Personal and Professional Achievements: Received commendation medal, U.S. Army; National Honor Society.

PEGGY BURKE WESTALL

**Democrat, Washoe County Assembly District No. 31.
Real estate broker.**



Peggy B. Westall

Born: February 3, 1929, Caliente, Nevada.

Educated: Lincoln County High School; University of Nevada, Reno.

Married: Alfred H. Westall.

Children: Lyn, Ann, Terry, Christine.

Religion: Mormon.

Legislative Service: Nevada Assembly, 1977-79—two regular sessions of the legislature.

Affiliations: Sparks Charter Revision Committee; Washoe Council of Governments; Committee on Sewage and Water Quality; Reno Board of Realtors; Political Affairs Committee, Reno Board of Realtors.

Personal and Professional Achievements: President, Westall Inc.

THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

In American politics, a legislature is a body of elected representatives of the people empowered to make authoritative and binding decisions for the governance of society. The policies formulated and the resources allocated by legislatures affect virtually every aspect of human existence in which the community as a whole has an interest. Thus, it is extremely important that the function of legislatures be clearly understood and that legislative actions find continued sanction among the body politic. This brief introduction to the Nevada legislature is designed to acquaint both legislators and the public with the basic processes and procedures through which laws are enacted in the Silver State.

GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE TERMS

The legislative process has acquired a vocabulary of its own over the years. Often these words have a precise and definite meaning which varies considerably from the same word when used in common parlance; such legislative terminology also varies in meaning from one state legislature to another.

Much of the vocabulary listed hereafter is defined in *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, and that manual also contains terms which we have not included. However, we have attempted to define the words most commonly in use in the Nevada legislature as well as those which will assist in a clear understanding of the various subjects, processes and procedures described in this publication.

GLOSSARY

Act	A bill passed by both houses.
Action	Any step of parliamentary procedure upon a proposed law or resolution.
Adjournment	The ending of a legislative day; regular adjournment sets the date for the next meeting. Adjournment <i>sine die</i> literally means "adjournment without a day"; it marks the end of the legislative session since it does not set a time for reconvening.
Administration measure	Bill proposed by the governor.
Amend	To alter formally by modification, deletion or addition.
Appropriation	A legislative grant of money for a specific purpose.
Assembly	The branch of the legislature with more members, each member representing fewer people than a member of the senate.
Attaché	An employee of the assembly or the senate.
Authorized Expenditures Act	An omnibus act authorizing and limiting, except under certain conditions, the expenditure of special or dedicated revenues for government departments and programs.

Bicameral legislature.....	A two-house legislature.
Bill.....	A draft of a proposed law presented for enactment.
BDR.....	A bill draft request submitted to the legislative counsel bureau by either a legislator, an executive agency or a member of the judiciary and assigned a two-part number, the first part the title number of NRS, the second part a unique sequence number for a session.
Boilerplate.....	Standard bill drafting language common to various subjects and designed to maintain the legal consistency of the language of the NRS.
Bond.....	A certificate of indebtedness issued by the government in return for money it has borrowed.
Budget.....	Estimate of the receipts and expenditures needed to carry out programs for a fiscal period.
By request.....	Introduction of a measure by a legislator for some private individual or group.
Calendar.....	List or docket of bills awaiting action, entered in order reported.
Calendar day.....	Each consecutive day on the calendar for the duration of the legislative session whether or not the houses convene.
Caucus.....	Conference of legislative party members to decide on party policies and action, or a meeting of the legislators from a particular county or group of counties.
Closing budgets.....	The process whereby final action is taken by the money committees on individual budgets.
Consent calendar.....	A list of bills taken up periodically by the assembly or senate, of a noncontroversial nature, which is voted on as a single roll call vote without roll calls on each bill on the list.
Engrossment.....	The preparation of a bill or resolution for third reading including the incorporation of all amendments adopted and proofreading.
Enrollment.....	The final printing of a bill or resolution after enactment by both houses.
Executive budget.....	Program of expected revenues and proposed expenditures comparing current, future and past completed years for existing programs and projecting revenues and expenditures of new programs for future years. The executive budget is proposed by the governor and the chief of the budget division of the department of administration.
Ex officio.....	Holding two offices; holding another office by virtue of or because of the holding of the first office.
Fiscal note—state government.....	Analysis required by statute to be prepared by an executive agency estimating revenue or expenditure changes which would be entailed by the passage of a proposed bill.
Fiscal note—local government.....	Analysis required by statute to be prepared by the office of fiscal analysis of the legislative counsel bureau to accompany any bill having a financial impact on local government.
Floor.....	Recognition by the chair for the purpose of discussion, debate or remarks while a house is in session.
General Appropriation Act.....	An omnibus act appropriating funds for government departments or programs, usually from the general fund.

General File.....	The third reading file of bills and resolutions due for consideration in the houses.
General law.....	A law of general, or potential general, application throughout the state.
Gerrymandering.....	Legislative district boundary lines drawn to obtain partisan or factional advantages.
Grandfather clause.....	Inserted in bill making provisions nonapplicable to activities or personnel involved prior to the enactment of the new legislation.
Hearing.....	A session of a legislative committee at which witnesses present testimony on matters under consideration by the committee.
History.....	A daily listing of actions on all measures in the houses.
Impeachment.....	A formal accusation against a public official by the assembly. After the assembly has impeached, the senate tries the person.
Initiative.....	A procedure which enables a specified number of voters to propose, by petition, a law or constitutional amendment, and to secure its submission to the electorate for approval.
Interim.....	The period from the adjournment <i>sine die</i> of one regular legislative session to the convening of the next regular session.
Introduction.....	The presentation of a bill or resolution for consideration by a house.
Journal.....	Record of daily proceedings in the houses.
Law.....	Bill passed by both houses and approved by the governor, or if vetoed by the governor, the veto overridden by a two-thirds vote of each house.
Legislative day.....	Each day that the houses actually convene. These do not necessarily coincide in number with calendar days.
Lobbyist.....	A representative of a special interest who attends sessions to oppose or support the enactment of legislation.
Majority leader.....	A member of either house chosen by the members of the majority party in that house as their spokesman.
Minority leader.....	A member of either house chosen by the members of the minority party in that house as their spokesman.
Money committees.....	The committees in each house that hear all appropriations requests and recommend the appropriations bills, specifically the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Standing Committee on Finance.
Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS).....	The statutory law of Nevada of a general nature enacted by the legislature, with such law arranged in an orderly manner by subject, and updated after every regular legislative session.
Preamble.....	The introductory part of a bill or resolution that states the reasons and intent of the measure.
President of the senate.....	Lieutenant governor as presiding officer of the senate.
President pro Tempore.....	A senator chosen by the senate to preside in the absence of the president.
Quorum.....	The number of members of a house or of a committee who must be present for the body to conduct official business.

Recall	Requesting the return of a measure from the governor or a house by a resolution.
Recede.....	Withdraw from an amendment which the other house refused to concur in.
Redo.....	The redrafting of a bill by the legislative counsel bureau prior to its introduction.
Refer.....	Send a measure to a committee for study and consideration.
Referendum	The principle or practice of submitting a law to popular vote after the filing of a petition expressing the wish of the people to vote on such law.
Relief bill.....	A bill, usually appropriating money, for the reimbursement of persons who have a claim against the state.
Reprint.....	Versions of a bill or resolution subsequent to the introduced version which reflects amendments adopted by either house.
Resolutions.....	One-house resolution — expresses facts, principles, opinions and purposes of one house. Concurrent resolution — expresses facts, principles, opinions and purposes of the two houses and authorizes the creation of joint committees. Joint resolution — memorializes federal officials to engage in an action, or proposes amendments to the state constitution or ratifies amendments to the United States Constitution.
Roll call	Recording of the presence of members or a tally by individual votes on a bill or resolution.
Second Reading File	File of bills for second reading and consideration of amendments in the houses.
Senate.....	The branch of the legislature with fewer members, each member representing more people than a member of the assembly.
Seniority.....	The tradition of assigning committee positions and political rank on the basis of length of legislative service.
Speaker of the assembly.....	The presiding officer of the assembly.
Speaker pro Tempore.....	An assemblyman chosen by the assembly to preside in the absence of the speaker.
Special law	A law of local or limited application.
Statute.....	Bill passed by both houses and approved by the governor, or, if vetoed by the governor, the veto overridden by a two-thirds vote of each house.
Statutes of Nevada.....	The bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year.
Summary.....	A brief and unofficial resumé of the contents of a bill or resolution.
Title	An official resumé of the contents of a bill or resolution.
Unicameral legislature.....	A one-house legislature.
Veto.....	Governor's formal disapproval of a bill or joint resolution.

THE LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENT

Nevada has a bicameral legislature consisting of a senate and an assembly. The two houses jointly are designated by the state constitution as "The Legislature of the State of Nevada." The legislature is one of three

separate and distinct branches of government at the state level, the other two being the executive branch (headed by the governor) and the judicial branch. According to article 3 of the Nevada constitution, “* * * no persons charged with the exercise of powers properly belonging to one of these departments shall exercise any functions, appertaining to either of the others * * *” except in certain specified instances.²

However, it is important to realize that,

The legislature is part of a larger political system. Its ability to act and to make its decisions stick is affected by the actions of other institutions and by the happenings and circumstances in the political process at large. Its linkages with other political institutions stand out clearly. No matter how specific the intent of the legislature, its decisions will require interpretation and implementation by executive officials; no matter how unambiguous its legislative purposes, its laws may come under review in the judicial process. In dealing with the executive branch and the courts, the legislature may have neither the first word, as represented in the origination of ideas for legislation, nor the last word, as represented in the determination of the constitutionality of its legislation.³

Size

Unlike some states, Nevada does not fix the number of its senators and assemblymen in its constitution. Instead, the constitution sets a maximum limit of 75 legislators from the combined total of the two houses.⁴ No minimum limit is set on the size of the legislature, but “* * * the number of senators shall not be less than one-third nor more than one-half of that of the members of the assembly.”⁵ As a result, Nevada could theoretically have a maximum number of 25 senators, if the assembly had 50 members, with the number of senators shrinking to 19 if the assembly’s size were maximized to 56. The minimum size, in theory, would be one senator to two or three assemblymen. The size of the legislature is set by statute.

At the present time, the Nevada legislature is composed of 20 senators and 40 assemblymen, for a total membership of 60.⁶ The constitution states that senators and assemblymen must be apportioned among the several counties of the state or among legislative districts in accordance with law,⁷ as required by the United States Supreme Court, which has held that both houses of state legislatures must be apportioned on a population basis.⁸

Apportionment

Membership in both houses of the legislature is geographically apportioned throughout the state on the basis of population. Normally the legislature only redistricts every 10 years, immediately after the federal decennial census, as required by the state constitution.⁹ Nevada legislators, during the 1971 regular legislative session, reapportioned state senate and assembly districts. The 1971 reapportionment underwent minor

revision in the 1973 session. Maps A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H on the following pages illustrate current boundaries. (The abbreviation E.D. refers to Census Enumeration District while A.D. means Assembly District and S.D. is the abbreviation for Senate District.)

Under the present apportionment, legislators are chosen to represent one of two kinds of districts in accord with the one-man-one-vote theme:¹⁰

1. *Single-member districts.* These are districts from which one assemblyman or one senator is elected. Seven senators and all assemblymen are currently elected from single-member districts. The single-member senatorial districts are: Clark County senatorial districts No.'s 1 and 4, Washoe County senatorial district No. 2, Western Nevada senatorial district, Northern Nevada senatorial district, Central Nevada senatorial district and Capital senatorial district.¹¹

2. *Multimember districts.* These are districts in which two or more legislators are chosen by the electorate to represent the entire area of the district. Thirteen senators from three multimember districts are now seated in the legislature. (Two from Clark County senatorial district No. 2, seven from Clark County senatorial district No. 3, and four from Washoe County senatorial district No. 2.)¹²

Regardless of the constituency represented, all legislators—whether senators or assemblymen—exercise the same formal powers and responsibilities and possess the same privileges and immunities in terms of membership in the legislature. No distinction is made between members coming from one type of district as opposed to another.

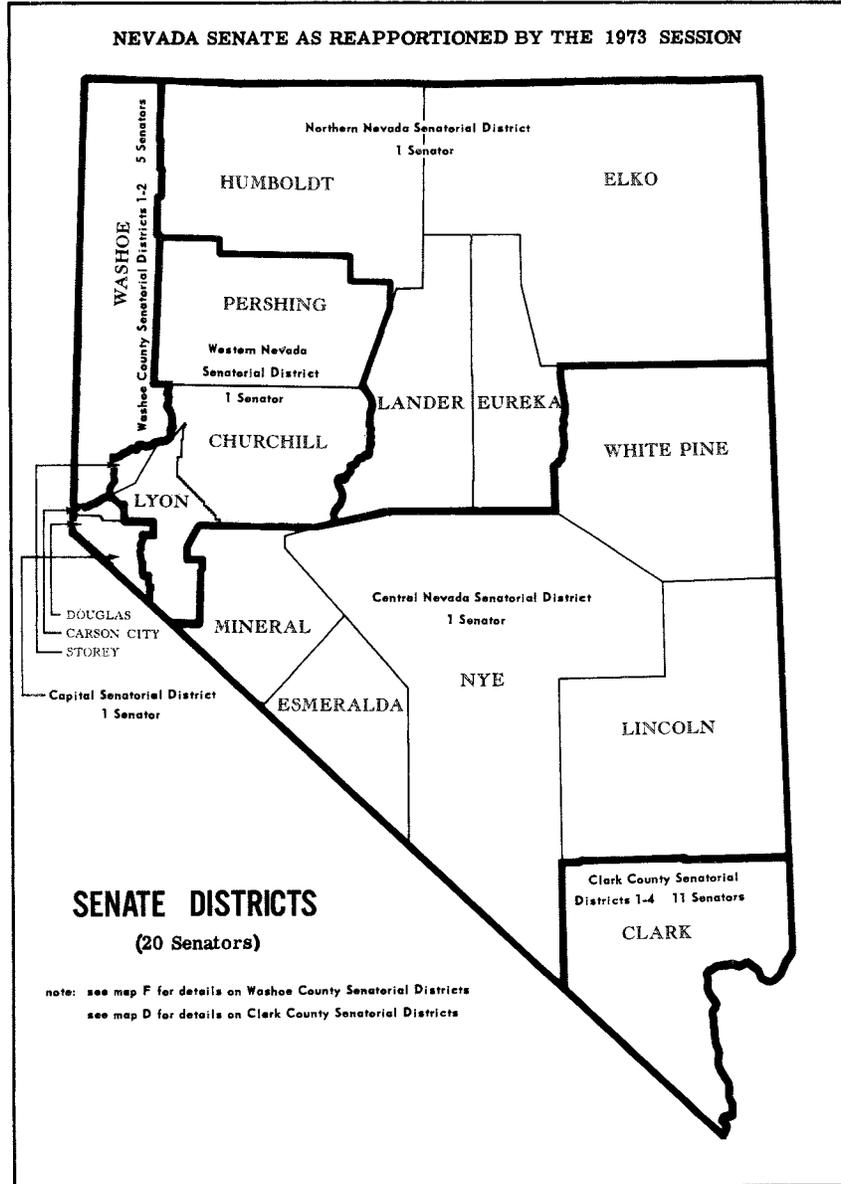
Membership Qualifications

Members of the assembly are elected every 2 years by the qualified electors in their respective districts. Senators, on the other hand, serve for 4-year terms, which are staggered so that one-half of the number of senators is elected every 2 years. Members of both houses are elected on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of even-numbered years, at intervals of 2 or 4 years, depending upon the house in question. They assume office on the day following their election.¹³

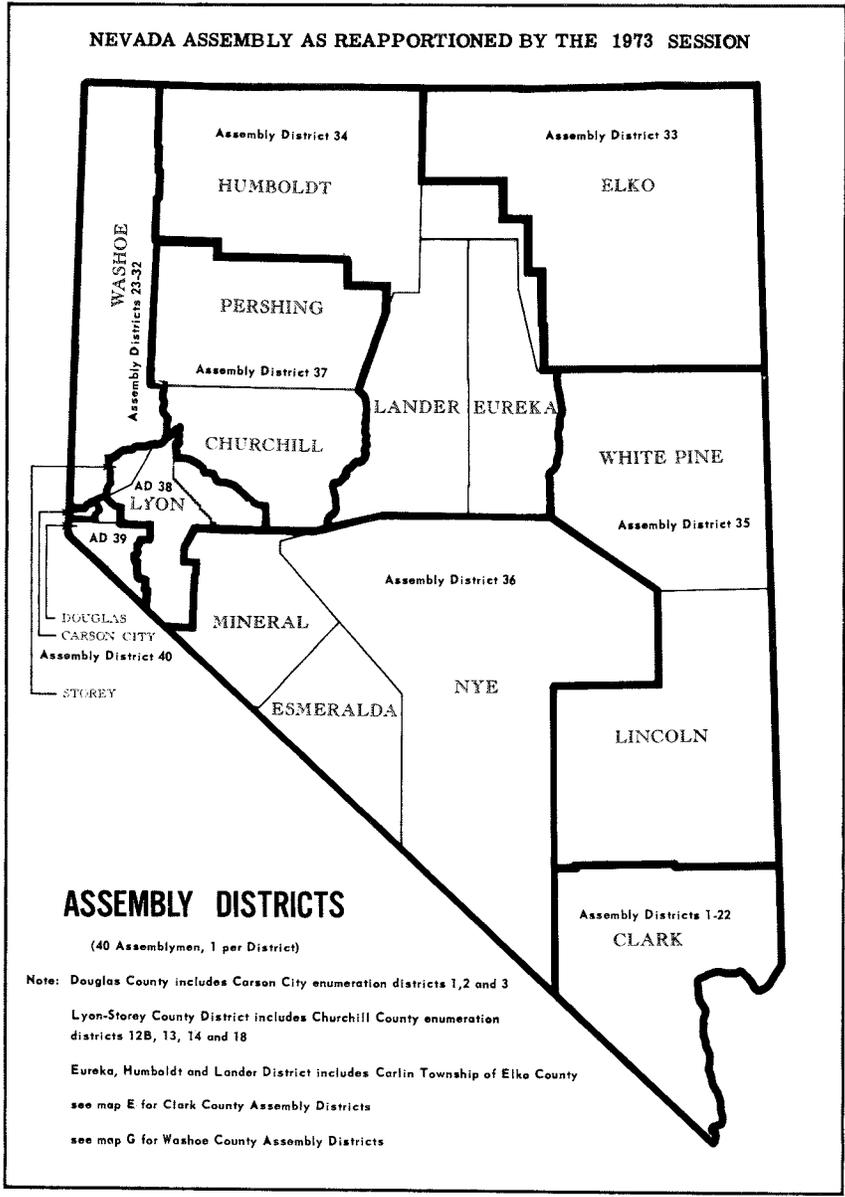
To be eligible to serve as a senator or an assemblyman, a person must be at least 21 years of age, a qualified elector in his respective county and district and a citizen resident of Nevada for a minimum of 1 year next preceding his election.¹⁴ However, the state constitution declares that, "Each House shall judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members * * * and with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member."¹⁵ Thus, theoretically, a house could seat someone who failed to meet the statutory requirements, or deny a seat to someone who met all of the legal requirements for membership in the legislature by a two-thirds vote of the elected membership.

No person holding a federal office of profit (with the exception of postmasters earning less than \$500 per year or commissioners of deeds) or a lucrative office under any other power may serve as a legislator.¹⁶ Persons

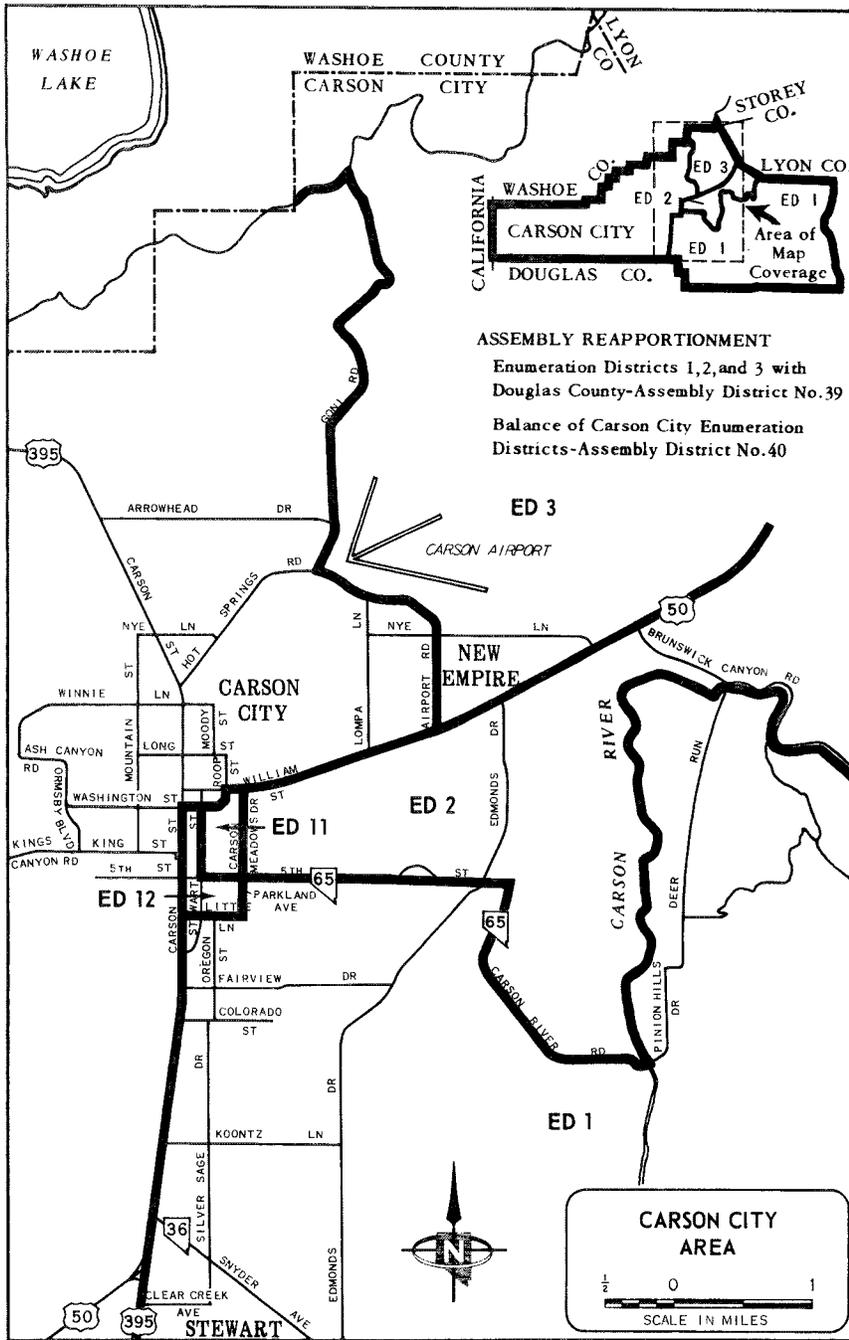
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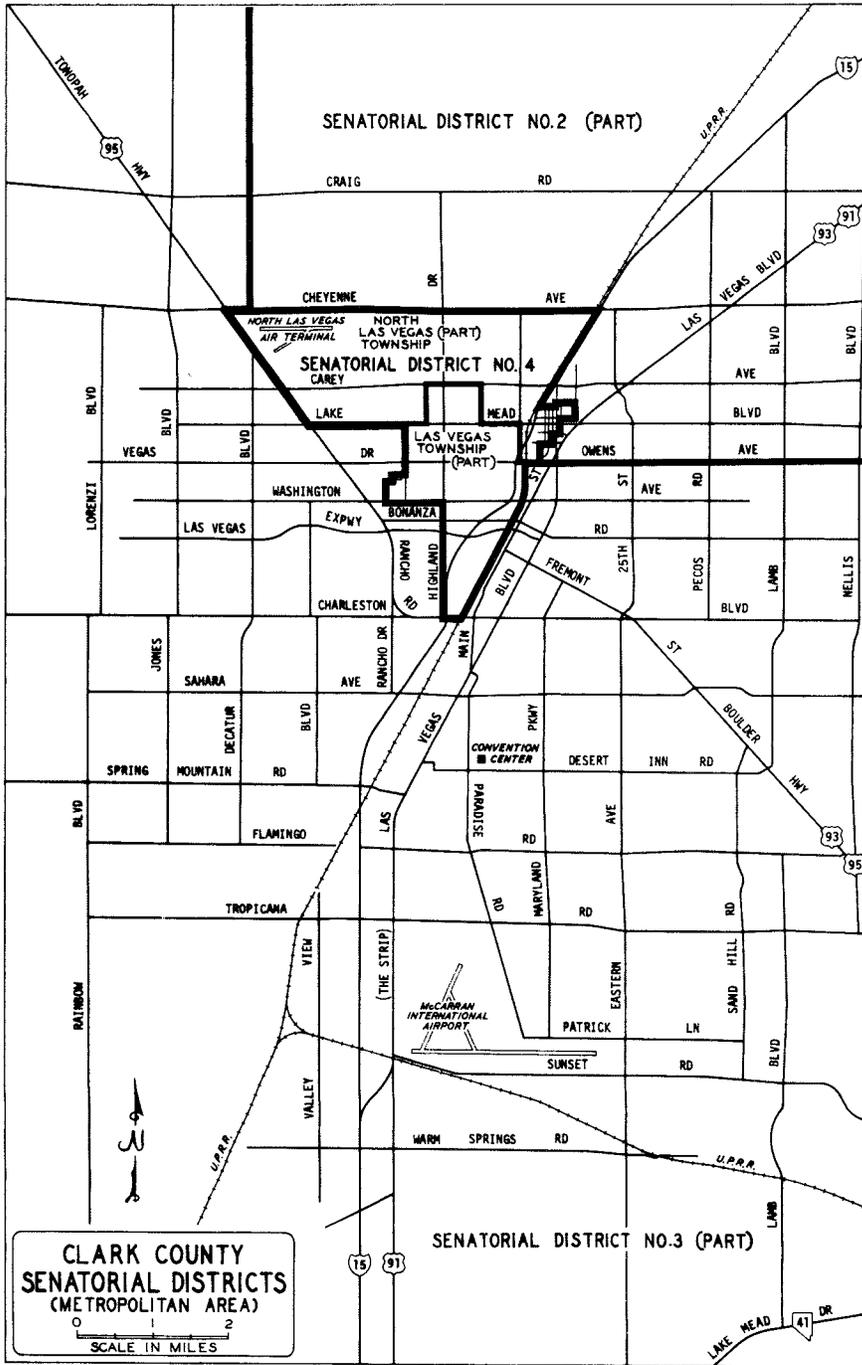
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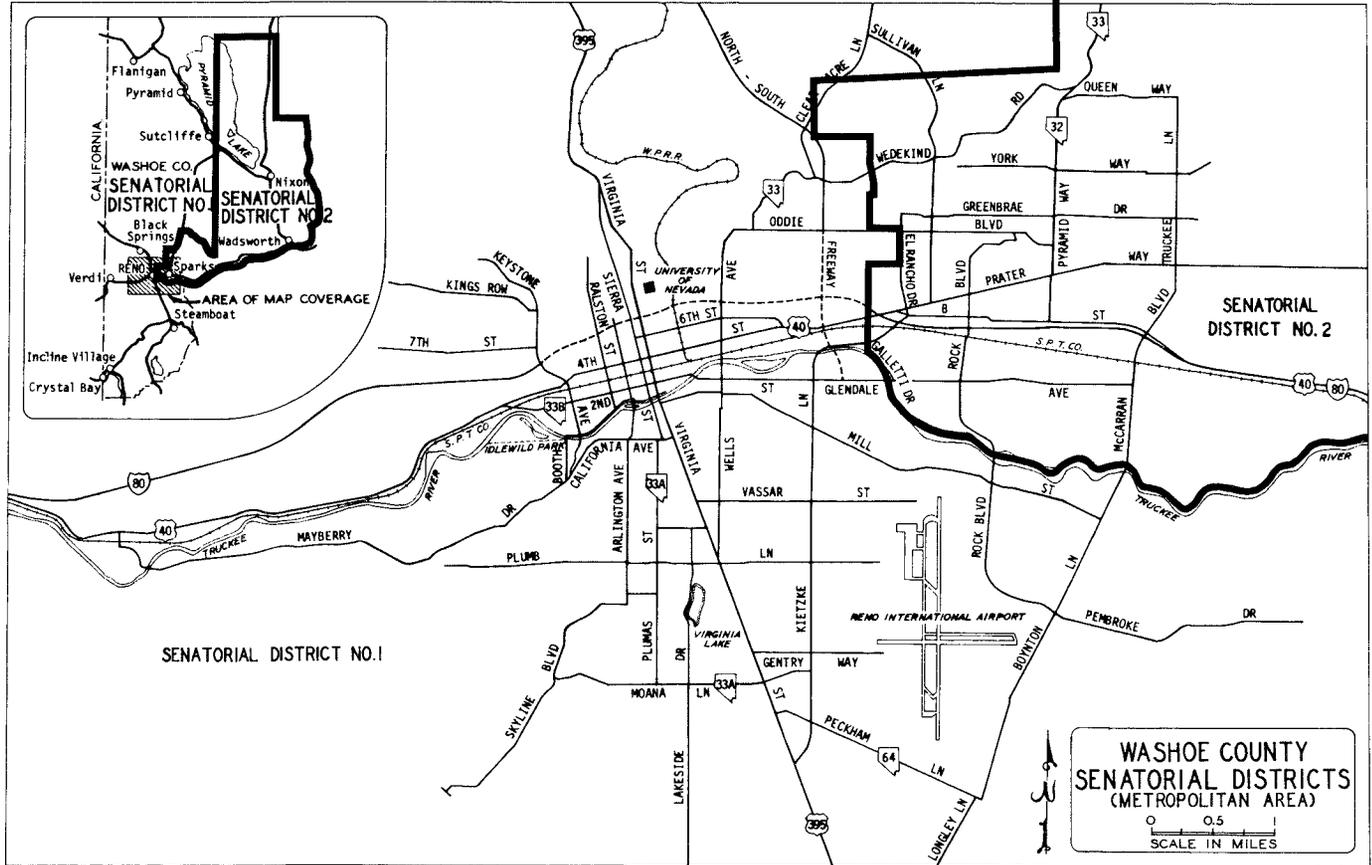


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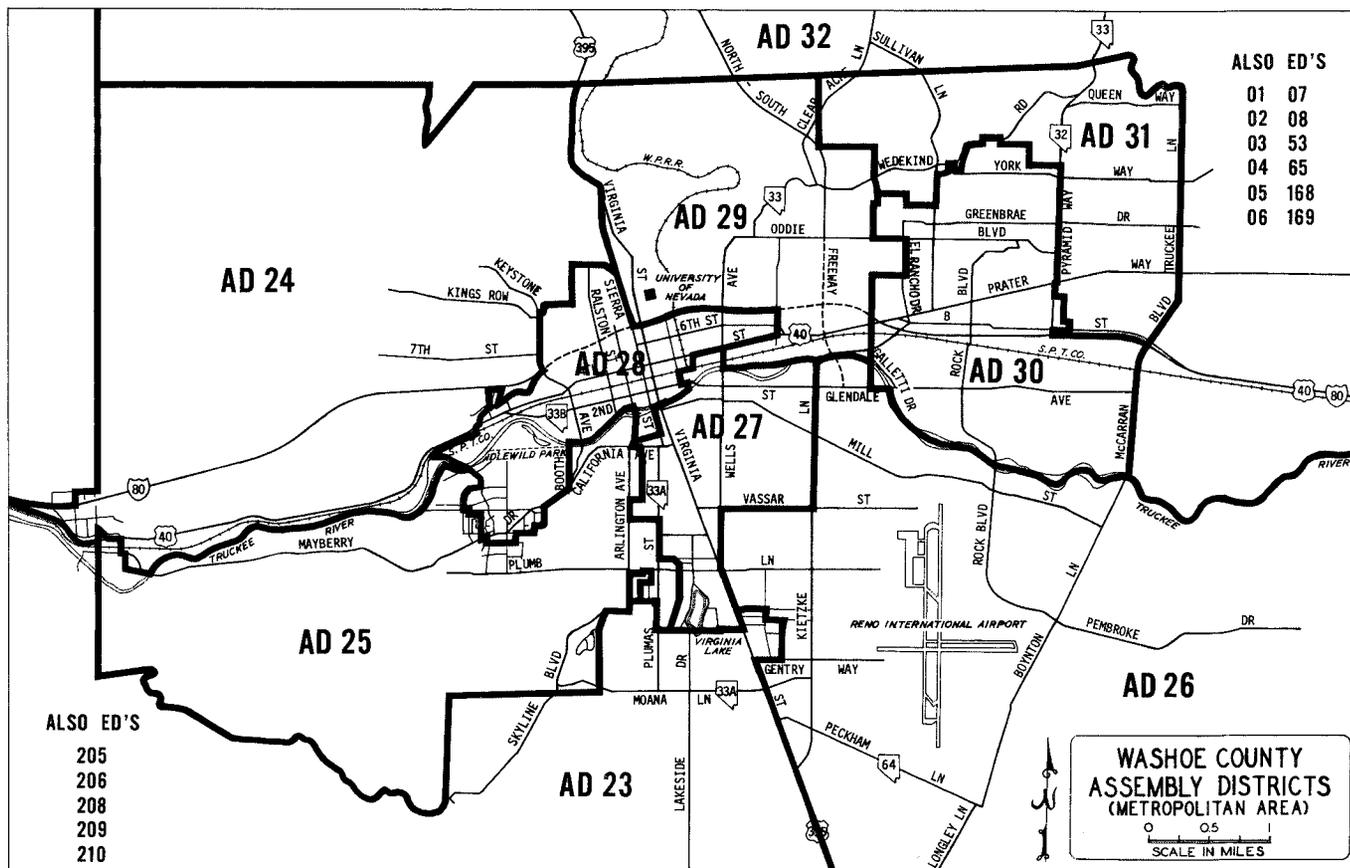


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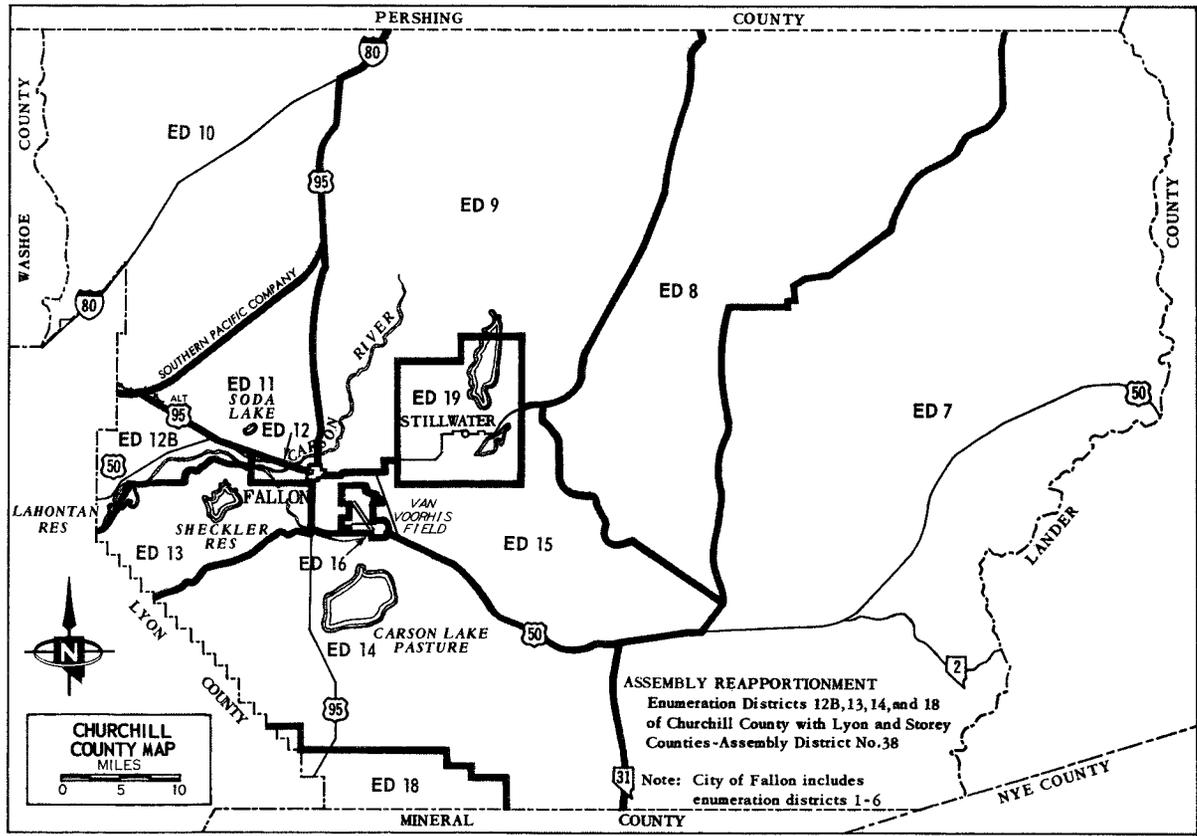


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are also disqualified from holding legislative office if they have been convicted of embezzlement of public funds or bribery in the procurement of election or appointment to office.¹⁷ A legislator may not be appointed to any civil office of profit in the state which was created, or the salary for which was raised, during his term of office, for a period of 1 year after the expiration of his term.¹⁸

Vacancies

If a legislator dies or resigns from office during a regular or special session of the legislature, or at a time when no biennial election or regular election is scheduled between the time the vacancy occurs and the date of the next legislative session, the board of county commissioners from the legislator's district is required to appoint a person of the same political party as the former incumbent to fill the unexpired term. If the senator or assemblyman was elected from a district comprising more than one county, the appointment is required to be made by a joint board composed of all the county commissioners of each county within or partly within the legislator's district. The chairman of the joint board is required to be the chairman of the board of county commissioners from the most populous county in the district. If no candidate receives a plurality of the votes of the joint board, the various boards of county commissioners are required to vote separately for a candidate. The appointee is then chosen by drawing lots from those candidates nominated by the boards voting separately.¹⁹

Committees

STANDING COMMITTEES

Each house of the Nevada legislature has its own standing committees, the members of which are appointed by the presiding officer in accordance with current standing rules.²⁰ The number of members is determined by these rules, and many times there are changes made, especially in the assembly, at the beginning of each session. In the senate, the composition and leadership of the committees is usually determined in party caucuses. In the assembly, the speaker, who is invariably a member of the majority party or a coalition, makes the committee appointments and uses such appointments as part of his campaign to be speaker. The speaker also designates the chairman of each committee, who in turn appoints a vice chairman.²¹ Usually, minority party memberships in assembly committees are determined in caucuses of the minority party, and the speaker appoints the members as agreed in such caucus. With some exceptions, the general practice for many years has been for the majority party to have a bare majority of the members in each committee. However, because of the substantial margin of majority party members in recent legislative sessions, this practice has been modified as reflected in Assembly Standing Rule 40 which states, in part, "There shall be no more than

two members of the same minority political party on a standing committee.”²² Basic rules for the functioning of committees are contained in the standing rules of the houses and *Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure*, which has been adopted by both houses as the basis of parliamentary practice in all cases in which it is applicable and in which it is not inconsistent with the standing rules of the houses.²³

In the 1977 session of the legislature, there were nine committees in the senate and 13 committees in the assembly. Standing senate committees were: (1) commerce and labor, (2) human resources and facilities, (3) natural resources, (4) finance, (5) government affairs, (6) judiciary, (7) legislative functions, (8) taxation, and (9) transportation.²⁴ Standing committees in the assembly were: (1) agriculture, (2) commerce, (3) education, (4) elections, (5) environment and public resources, (6) government affairs, (7) health and welfare, (8) judiciary, (9) labor and management, (10) legislative functions, (11) taxation, (12) transportation, and (13) ways and means.²⁵ Please refer to the standing rules of the senate and assembly for a current listing of the standing committees of the legislature.

Committees are the workshops of the legislature. Visitors to the two chambers are often amazed at the rapidity with which business is dispatched, little realizing that long hours in committee sessions have transpired prior to any floor action on a bill. It is in committee that hearings are held, testimony from interested parties is taken and bills are analyzed line by line for their legal and societal merits.

Assembly Rule 45 of the 59th session requires: “All bills, resolutions or other matter referred to any committee shall be reported back by such committee to the assembly, together with the action of the committee thereon, as soon as practicable after such reference.”²⁶ Referring to duties of committees, Senate Rule 43 of the 59th session requires that committees “* * * fully consider and report their opinion upon any matter committed or referred to them by the senate.”²⁷

Committees make several types of recommendations on legislative measures that come before them for consideration. By use of a standard form containing several preprinted recommendations, a committee may report a bill back to the whole house with a: (1) “Do pass,” “Amend, and do pass, as amended” or a “Do pass, as amended” recommendation. Such recommendations mean that a committee considers a bill to have sufficient merit to justify its enactment, either as introduced or with appropriate amendments; (2) recommendation that it be re-referred, or amended and re-referred, to a specified committee; (3) recommendation that the bill “Do not pass” in which case the committee is recommending its rejection by the whole house; and (4) “Do pass, and place on consent calendar” recommendation. The consent calendar procedure is discussed later under the heading “consent calendar.”

A committee may also report a bill “Without recommendation,” or “Amend, but without recommendation,” which means that the committee was unable to reach a conclusion on what it believes should be the action to be taken by the whole house.

Three assembly rules (46, 47, 48) require that records be kept of committee votes on bills or resolutions and of committee proceedings. Furthermore, these records, minutes and documents are required to be filed in the offices of the legislative counsel bureau upon adjournment *sine die*.²⁸

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

In addition to standing committees, which continue in existence throughout a session, there are two other types of committees used by the legislature in Nevada—committees of the whole and select committees. A committee of the whole is a committee composed of the entire membership of one of the houses. It is usually convened so that the house can consider proposed legislation informally, without being bound by the requirements on formal consideration set out in the constitution statutes and legislative rules, such as limitations on debate and the necessity for maintaining a quorum. It is a procedural device for expediting house action. When the senate dissolves itself into a committee of the whole, the senator who made the motion for the committee of the whole is required to name a chairman to preside over the committee. In the assembly, the speaker names a chairman to preside. A committee of the whole is a temporary or ad hoc committee. At the conclusion of its deliberations, the committee of the whole (through its chairman) normally reports its recommendations back to the house for formal action, in the same manner as standing or select committees.²⁹

SELECT COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

Select committees are also temporary committees, appointed for a special purpose, which may be the consideration of a particular bill or the performance of a ceremonial function (e.g., a committee of escort for the governor). In Nevada, bills of application or primary concern to particular localities are sometimes referred to select committees composed of the legislative delegation from the area affected.

A particularly important type of select committee is the committee of conference. Whenever a bill is passed by both houses in differing forms because of amendments added by one of the houses, and the two houses cannot agree on identical language for the bill in question, each house appoints a number of conferees to meet with conferees of the other house to seek a resolution of the differences existing in the two versions of the bill. In a committee of conference, the conferees of one house may agree to amendments adopted in the other house or recede from the amendments adopted by their chamber. Conferees may also decide that new amendments or even new bills are necessary to reach accord. A committee of conference may consider the whole subject matter of a bill without restriction to the points in dispute and may make any changes it deems appropriate. Once the conferees reach an agreement, they report back to their respective houses with their recommendations. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation, and such action is considered equivalent to the adoption of any amendments or changes recommended in the report; but conference reports themselves are not subject to amendment.

The joint rules of the senate and assembly require that there be but one committee of conference on any bill or resolution. The rules also require that a majority of the members on the committee from each house be members who voted for the passage of the measure.³⁰ If agreement cannot be reached by the conference committee, the bill or resolution is dead.

Sessions

Regular sessions of the Nevada legislature are held biennially, in odd-numbered years. They convene on the 3rd Monday in January next ensuing the election of members of the assembly, unless the governor convenes a session at an earlier date by proclamation.³¹

While there is no limitation on the number of days the legislature may be in session, the state constitution does limit the number of days for which legislators may receive compensation. The constitution forbids compensation for services to be paid to legislators for more than 60 days for any regular session and 20 days for any special session.³² Reimbursement for actual expenses of members, however, may continue for the length of a session, even though it exceeds the maximum compensatory time. Since a constitutional provision setting a 60-day maximum limitation on the duration of a session was repealed in 1958, there has been only one regular session of less than 60 days, that being the one time annual session of 1960, which lasted 55 days. The average duration of a regular session since 1958 has been 90 calendar days, with the average of the 1971, 1973 and 1975 sessions being 108.8 days.

Special sessions of the legislature may only be convened on the call of the governor.³³ After both houses have organized in special session, the governor is required by the constitution to state the purpose for which they have been convened. The legislature may not enact any bills or joint resolutions pertaining to subjects other than those for which they were convened. However, the governor may expand his reasons for calling the legislature into session at any time during the session, thereby reducing the restrictions on legislative initiative,³⁴ and the legislature may adopt as many simple or concurrent resolutions as necessary to express its sentiments on matters not contained in the governor's call.

All sessions of the legislature, under the constitution, must be open to the public, except for meetings of the senate sitting in executive session. The constitution also requires that neither house may, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than 3 days, nor move to any place other than where it is holding its sessions. The joint rules of the assembly and senate specify that one or more adjournments, for a duration of more than 3 days, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the legislative counsel bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the legislature as a whole. The total time taken for all such adjournments is required not to exceed 20 days during any regular session.³⁵ In the case of a disagreement between the two houses with respect to the time of the legislature's final adjournment, the governor is constitutionally empowered to adjourn the

legislature to such a time as he deems proper. However, he may not adjourn the legislature beyond the time fixed for the meeting of the next legislature.³⁶

Legislative Leadership

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: SENATE

To perform more efficiently their proper roles, the two houses of the Nevada legislature are authorized by the constitution to choose their own officers (except for the president of the senate), determine the rules of their proceedings and punish their members for disorderly conduct, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected, expel a member.³⁷ From tradition and experience, both houses have created internal administrative structures which closely parallel one another. There are, however, certain differences in terminology and the assignment of responsibility which lend each of the houses a uniqueness.

The senate is presided over by the lieutenant governor, sitting as the *president of the senate*. He is elected by the public for a 4-year term in November of even-numbered years between presidential elections and is the first in the line of succession to the governorship. Even though the lieutenant governor is the president of the senate, he is not a member of it and cannot vote on any question except to break a tie vote. He is not permitted to vote on any measure (bill or joint resolution) requiring a constitutional majority for passage.³⁸

The president calls the senate to order and chairs the conduct of business before the body and he is responsible for the maintenance of decorum in the chamber. In addition, he recognizes senators during debate, decides questions of parliamentary procedure, subject to appeal to the whole senate, and signs all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas. The president has the general direction of the senate chamber and may name any senator to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution does not extend beyond an adjournment or authorize the senator so substituted to sign any document requiring the signature of the president.³⁹

The *president pro tempore* presides over the senate in the absence of the president. Unlike the president, the president pro tempore is a member of the senate and elected by it to his official position. As a senator, he may vote on all issues and may enter into debate by relinquishing the chair. He exercises all of the powers and responsibilities of the president.⁴⁰ Under Nevada's constitution, the president pro tempore is the second in the line of succession to the governorship, immediately after the lieutenant governor.⁴¹

If both the president of the senate and the president pro tempore are absent or unable to discharge their duties, the standing rules of the senate stipulate that the chairman of the standing committee on legislative functions, or in his absence, the committee's vice chairman, should preside. In the event that none of the designated officers are able to preside, the rules provide for the senate to elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion.⁴²

The *secretary of the senate*, elected by the senate from among qualified applicants, handles many of the housekeeping functions of the senate. The secretary reads official communications to the body, calls roll, tabulates votes, records all floor action and acts as an administrator of the senate. The secretary also interviews and recommends to the committee on legislative functions persons to be considered for employment by the senate and supervises a cadre of assistant clerks and secretaries.⁴³

The *sergeant at arms* of the senate is responsible for keeping order in and around the chambers, insuring that only authorized persons are permitted on the floor and handling other duties as directed by the president. When the senate goes into session, the sergeant at arms is responsible for notifying all members and insuring their presence in the chambers. Under certain circumstances, he has the power to make arrests.⁴⁴ His chief assistant acts as the senate *doorkeeper*⁴⁵ and provides other assistance to the sergeant at arms.

In addition to these major senate officers, there are a number of employees hired to perform miscellaneous functions. *Pages, clerks* and other *attachés* are appointed to their positions via a one-house resolution. Both houses have such employees, appointed in exactly the same manner. The number of officers and employees of the senate and the assembly is determined each session by each respective house.⁴⁶

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: ASSEMBLY

The presiding officer of the Nevada assembly is the *speaker*. Unlike the president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly is elected from among the membership of the assembly. The assembly standing rules provide that the speaker shall, among other things: (1) preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the chamber; (2) decide all questions of order, subject to each member's right to appeal; (3) have the right to assign the duties of the chair to any member for up to 1 legislative day; (4) have the power to accredit the persons who act as representatives of the news media and assign their seats; (5) sign all bills and resolutions passed by the legislature and all subpoenas issued by the assembly or any committee thereof; and (6) vote on final passage of a bill or resolution. The speaker is not required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except where his vote would be decisive. In all aye and no votes, the speaker's name is required to be called last.⁴⁷ The speaker is third in the line of succession to the governorship, behind the lieutenant governor and president pro tempore of the senate.⁴⁸

While the rules of the assembly clearly state that its elective officers shall hold office only during the session,⁴⁹ for the purposes of succession to the governorship the statutes make an exception to the rules. The tenure of the president pro tempore and the speaker continue beyond the end of the session and until their successors are elected and qualified, in respect to the right of succession.⁵⁰ For all other purposes, these offices are vacant in the interim between sessions.

It has been customary for the assembly to elect a *speaker pro tempore* to preside in the temporary absence of the speaker. His duties are comparable to those of the president pro tempore of the senate, exclusive of the

right of succession to the governorship. Assembly standing rule 1 requires that if a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of speaker, the assembly shall select a new speaker.⁵¹

The assembly also elects a *chief clerk*, who functions in the same fashion as the secretary of the senate.⁵² The law permits the senate and assembly to invite ministers of the different religious denominations to officiate alternately as chaplains of the respective houses.⁵³ By custom, the chaplains are designated by the local association of ministers and clergymen.

FLOOR LEADERS

In addition to the formal leadership in the two houses of the legislature, the partisan complexion of the chambers has necessitated the use of unofficial party leadership positions to manage the legislative workload. In both houses, majority and minority floor leaders of their respective parties are selected during party caucuses, and their election is announced from the floor of the houses. The senate has also, by custom, established the position of assistant majority leader. Floor leaders are not legal officers of the houses, since their offices do not exist under provisions of law. Usually, the majority floor leader in each house refers to committee those bills which are received from the other house. He works closely with the presiding officer on parliamentary operations involving legislation being considered on the floor. Thus, it is obvious that a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedure is an important attribute of a competent majority leader.

Floor leaders are party officials in the legislature and are responsible for maintaining party discipline in their respective houses. Straight party voting is relatively uncommon in the Nevada legislature, as members customarily exercise wide latitude in voting. But in certain critical areas (as in the organization of the assembly), the majority and minority leaders are expected to call a caucus to determine their party's stance on an issue. Once a position is agreed upon, the floor leaders act as "whips" to solidify partisan support for the caucus decision.

Interest Groups and Media

PRESS

The press corps is an important adjunct to the legislature. Public awareness is vital to the democratic process and it is the function of the press to present, analyze and interpret the news so that the public is informed and can, therefore, more effectively express itself to and through its elected representatives.

During a session, members of the press are granted floor privileges, and facilities for their work are provided in the legislative building. Press representatives are granted official accreditation in each chamber through adoption of a simple motion to accredit named individuals at the beginning of the session or at selected times during the session.

LOBBYISTS

Legislative agents or representatives, commonly known as “lobbyists,” are spokesmen before the legislature for various organizations, interests and causes. Like the press, they are vital to the legislative process as sources of information, channels of communication between constituents and their representatives and as major protagonists in efforts to influence legislation. They frequently point out faults in bills, suggest amendments, provide valuable testimony and, in general, assist the legislature in assessing the merits of proposed legislation.

The activities of lobbyists in Nevada are controlled by the “Nevada Lobbying Disclosure Act.”⁵⁴ The law requires a lobbyist to register with the secretary of state and provide various information about himself and the group or individual he represents. In addition, a lobbyist must file a report monthly, and within 30 days after the close of the session, detailing specified expenditures. Violation of the Lobbying Disclosure Act is a misdemeanor.

Other sections in NRS also address improper influence exerted upon legislators. For example, any person who interferes with the legislative process is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.⁵⁵ Any person who improperly influences a member of a legislative body is also guilty of a gross misdemeanor.⁵⁶ Moreover, both the giving of a bribe to a legislator and his reception thereof are crimes against the legislative power which are subject to severe punishments under the law.⁵⁷ Lobbying on the floor of the assembly at any time is prohibited by that body’s standing rules.⁵⁸ Lobbyists, however, may appear before any committee of the legislature.

FINANCIAL OPERATION OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Legislative Fund

The legislative fund is the source of money for all financial operations of the legislative branch of government. At each session, the legislature appropriates from the general fund sufficient moneys to carry on its activities. These financial resources are deposited in a special continuing fund which is used to pay for the necessary operating expenses of the senate, the assembly and the legislative counsel bureau.⁵⁹ Expenses paid out of the legislative fund include such items as salaries of legislators and legislative employees, and legislative printing costs.

Compensation of Legislators

Each senator and assemblyman is paid a salary of \$80 per day for each day of service up to and including the 60th day of the session. Beyond the 60th day, their salaries cease and they may only draw upon their expense allowances. During special sessions, the cutoff date for salaries is the 20th day of the session. Thus, at a regular session the maximum salary for a legislator would be \$4,800 while he could receive up to \$1,600 for service during a special session.⁶⁰

In addition to salary, however, legislators are entitled to be reimbursed for the financial demands placed upon them as a result of their legislative duties. For example, they receive \$40 per diem to cover their expenses for each day of the legislative session. They are paid per diem and travel expenses in coming to and returning from a legislative session or a pre-session orientation conference. Legislators also have a special supplemental travel allowance of up to \$1,700 which they may use during a regular session and \$710 which they may use during a special session.⁶¹ They are entitled to use up to \$60 worth of postage and stationery and are permitted to receive specified amounts of stationery, envelopes and business cards from the state printing and records division of the department of general services. Finally, a legislator receives a telephone allowance of \$500 for his use during a regular session and \$200 during a special session.⁶² Because of their added duties and responsibilities, the chairmen of standing committees receive additional allowances for postage, telephone calls and other communication charges.⁶³ The speaker of the assembly and the president of the senate receive an additional \$2 per day during the time of their actual attendance as presiding officers.⁶⁴

When the legislature is not in session, each senator and assemblyman is entitled to receive a salary of \$40, and the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided by law for state employees, for each day of attendance at a conference, meeting, seminar or other gathering at which he officially represents the State of Nevada or its legislature.⁶⁵

Legislators' Retirement

Members of the Nevada legislature must participate in the legislators' retirement system. The minimum requirement for retirement with monthly benefits is 8 years of accredited service at the age of 60 years. A lapse in service as a legislator is not just cause for forfeiture of any retirement rights accrued prior to such lapse, and a legislator with 9 or more years of accredited service may receive an allowance at age 60 years regardless of any lapse after accrual of 9 years of accredited service.

A legislator entering into retirement receives a monthly retirement allowance of \$25 for each year of service up to 30 years, with fractions of years prorated. This allowance is subject to the same cost of living increase received by the retirees and beneficiaries of the public employees' retirement system.

The legislators' retirement system permits survivor benefits for a legislator's dependents and also allows several conversion options to be exercised by a legislator at the time of his retirement, and provides for coordination with other retirement systems. All of the provisions relating to legislative retirement are specified in the "Legislators' Retirement Law."⁶⁶

Compensation of Officers and Employees

The officers and employees of the legislature are paid as follows:

Senate

Assistant secretary	\$45
Assistant sergeant at arms	29
Clerks	23
Committee stenographer	39
History clerk	40
Journal clerk	40
Minute clerk	40
Page	22
Secretary	57
Sergeant at arms	38
Stenographers	34
Supervisor of clerks	35
Supervisor of stenographers	40

Assembly

Assistant chief clerk	\$45
Assistant sergeant at arms	29
Assistant supervisor of clerks	31
Chief clerk	57
Clerks	23
Committee stenographer	39
History clerk	40
Journal clerk	40
Minute clerk	40
Pages	22
Sergeant at arms	38
Stenographers	34
Supervisor	39
Supervisor of clerks	35
Supply clerk	27
Typists	25
Security guard	31

If authorized by simple resolution, the chief clerk of the assembly may receive \$15 per diem for expenses incurred during the session. The secretary of the senate receives travel expenses and a subsistence allowance for one round trip to and from legislative sessions. The secretary also receives a subsistence allowance for each day of duty performed in connection with or during the session. The travel expenses and subsistence allowances are required to be paid at the rates provided by law for public officers and employees.⁶⁷

LEGISLATIVE POWERS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Privileges and Immunities

Members of the legislature are immune from arrest on civil process for 15 days prior to and during the course of a session.⁶⁸ Subpenas served on

legislators and the lieutenant governor by administrative bodies are ineffective during legislative sessions.⁶⁹ The statutes also protect legislators by prohibiting employment contracts which work a loss of seniority on any person by reason of his absence from regular duties or place of employment while attending a legislative session.⁷⁰

Limitations on the Legislative Power

While the Nevada legislature has far-ranging authority to enact legislation dealing with social and political concerns, it is not without certain constitutional restrictions that circumscribe its powers. The legislature may not pass any local or special laws covering the following cases:

1. The regulation of the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace and constables or the fixing of their compensation;
2. Punishments for crimes and misdemeanors;
3. The regulation of the practices of courts of justice;
4. Any changes in venue of civil or criminal cases;
5. The granting of divorces;
6. The changing of names of persons;
7. Vacating roads, town plots, streets, alleys and public squares;
8. The summoning and impaneling of grand and petit juries, and the provision for their compensation;
9. The regulation of county and township business;
10. The regulation of the election of county and township officers;
11. The assessment and collection of taxes for state, county and township purposes;
12. The regulation of the opening and conducting of elections of state, county and township officers, and the designation of places of voting;
13. The sale of real estate belonging to minors or other persons laboring under legal disabilities;
14. Giving effect to invalid wills, deeds or other instruments;
15. Refunding money paid into the state treasury or into the treasury of any county; or
16. The release of the indebtedness, liability or obligation of any corporation, association or person to the state or its subdivisions.⁷¹

These restrictions, however, do not deny the power of the legislature to establish and regulate the compensation and fees of certain county officers, to authorize and empower the boards of county commissioners of the various counties of the state to establish and regulate the compensation and fees of township officers, to establish and regulate the rates of freight, passage, toll and charges of railroads, toll roads, ditch, flume and tunnel companies incorporated under the laws of this state or doing business in the state.⁷² The legislature must exercise its powers through general laws of uniform operation. Laws cannot be specifically directed to special or local instances.⁷³

In addition, the legislature may not authorize a lottery in Nevada.⁷⁴ It must establish a uniform system of county and township government

throughout the state.⁷⁵ It may not abolish any county without the approval of the electors residing within the county's jurisdiction.⁷⁶ Individual freedoms, as enumerated in article 1 of the Nevada constitution, may not be abridged by the legislature. These rights include such things as the freedom of speech, press, religion and assembly and prohibitions against bills of attainder, ex-post-facto laws and laws infringing the obligation of contracts. The list is varied, but most of the rights spelled out in article 1 of the Nevada constitution are subsumed in some manner in the United States Constitution and, hence, are doubly safeguarded from legislative encroachment.⁷⁷

The constitution of Nevada also sets a state debt limitation of 1 percent, exclusive of interest, of the assessed valuation of the state⁷⁸ and prohibits state assumption of county, city and corporation debts, unless such debts have been incurred to repel invasion, suppress insurrection or provide for the public defense.⁷⁹ The legislature must provide a uniform rate of assessment and taxation throughout the state and may not permit a total tax levy in excess of 5 cents on the dollar of assessed valuation. In the case of mines and mining claims, only the proceeds may be taxed. Personal property in interstate transit may not be taxed in Nevada, and the legislature may not impose an inheritance or estate tax upon the inhabitants of the state.⁸⁰

Obviously, the Nevada legislature cannot exercise powers reserved by the United States Constitution to the Federal Government, or those preempted by the Congress. The state cannot, for example, establish diplomatic relations with a foreign nation, declare war, or without the consent of the Congress, lay any impost or duties on imports or exports.⁸¹ In some areas, however, the state and the Federal Government may exercise concurrent jurisdiction and the legislature, in these instances, may exercise its lawmaking powers.

Outside of these, and a few other minor restrictions mentioned in the state constitution, the legislature may enact any laws it deems necessary to promote the general health, welfare, safety or happiness of the people. Where the exercise of legislative prerogatives is questioned on constitutional grounds, it is within the purview of the courts to determine the legitimacy of any enactment. Until the courts have decided a question, there is a presumption of validity that adheres to all legislative acts.

Crimes Against the Legislative Power

It is unlawful in Nevada to interfere with the legislative process. Disruption of proceedings; defacing official documents or records of the legislature; withholding, altering or destroying property owned or used by the legislature; remaining in the legislative chambers or building after being asked to leave pursuant to the law or rule of the legislature; coercing or attempting to coerce any legislative member or employee to perform any official act or to refrain from doing so; and possessing firearms or deadly weapons in the legislative building all constitute unlawful interferences with the legislative process and are punishable as gross misdemeanors.⁸² Similarly, it is a gross misdemeanor to refuse to testify or

produce documents when summoned to appear before either house or any legislative committee.⁸³

It is a crime to alter legislative measures, enrolled bills or resolutions with fraudulent intent. Conviction may result in a fine of not more than \$2,000, imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 1 year nor more than 6 years, or both fine and imprisonment.⁸⁴

It is unlawful for a legislator to have a direct or indirect interest in any contract authorized by the legislature of which he is a member. While he cannot be a purchaser or be interested in any purchase or sale made by the legislature, this prohibition is lifted if he is the only source of supply of that item or commodity within the state. Legislators contracting unlawfully with the state or otherwise violating this law are guilty of a gross misdemeanor and must forfeit their offices.⁸⁵

Finally, anyone offering or giving a bribe or threatening a legislator to influence his vote or to absent himself from the house of which he is a member or a committee thereof must, under the law, be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both.⁸⁶ Any legislator asking or receiving a bribe is liable to the same penalty.⁸⁷

In addition to these penalties, either house may imprison nonmembers for disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence. Such punishment, however, may not extend beyond the final adjournment of the session.⁸⁸

Ethics and Conflict of Interest

The *Nevada Revised Statutes* expands upon what constitutes legislators', and other public officers', breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest in the Nevada Ethics in Government Law.⁸⁹ This law contains a code of ethical standards which enumerates standards and guidelines for a public officer in: accepting gifts, preferences or advantages; disclosing financial interest in matters under consideration; negotiating or executing contracts in which the public officer has financial interest; accepting compensation from private sources for the performance of public duties; using information acquired through public duties to further the economic interests of himself or other persons or business; and suppressing any governmental report which might tend to affect unfavorably his private financial interests.⁹⁰

In addition to the general requirements of the code of ethical standards, the Nevada Ethics in Government Law specifies that a member of the legislative branch should not vote upon, but may otherwise participate in, the consideration of a matter with respect to which the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in his situation would be materially affected by: (1) his acceptance of a gift or loan; (2) his private financial interest; or (3) his commitment in a private capacity to the interests of others.⁹¹

The assembly standing rules also address legislators' ethics and provide for a committee on ethics. Assembly rule 23 states, in part, that, "A legislator who determines that he has a conflict of interest may vote upon,

advocate or oppose any measure as to which a potential conflict exists if he makes a general disclosure of such conflict.”

Reporting of Campaign Contributions and Expenses

Everyone who is a candidate for any state or local office at any election (primary, general, special or recall) must report the total amount of all of his campaign contributions and expenses on affidavit forms designed and provided by the secretary of state. Such reports must be filed with the official with whom the candidate filed his declaration of candidacy.

Under the law, campaign contributions and expense reports for primary elections must be filed not later than 15 days after the primary election if the candidate wins or 30 days after the primary election if he loses. Candidates in general elections must file reports not later than 15 days before the general election, for the period from the primary election up to 20 days before the general election, and not later than 30 days after the general election, for the remaining period up to the general election.⁹²

Financial Disclosure

Every candidate for the legislature is required to file financial disclosure statements with the legislative ethics commission. Such statements must be filed no later than the 10th day after the last day to qualify as a candidate for the office and within 6 months before the expiration of the term of office.⁹³

Under the law, statements of financial disclosure are required to contain specified information concerning the candidate including his: length of residence in Nevada and his district, sources of income, real estate holdings (except for his personal residence), and creditors to whom he, or members of his household, owe more than \$5,000.⁹⁴ A willful failure to file a statement of financial disclosure is a misdemeanor.⁹⁵

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

Parliamentary Procedure in the Senate and Assembly

The senate and the assembly function in accordance with constitutional and statutory provisions as well as standing rules.

The senate and assembly rules stipulate that *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* shall govern in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders and the joint rules of the two houses.⁹⁶ Under the standing rules of the assembly, precedence of parliamentary authority is as follows:

1. The constitution of the State of Nevada.
2. The statutes of the State of Nevada.
3. The standing rules of the senate and the assembly and the joint standing rules of the senate and assembly.

4. *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*.⁹⁷ The same precedence, while not explicitly stated in its standing rules, is followed in the senate.

The secretary of the senate and the chief clerk of the assembly serve as parliamentarians for their respective houses.

Time of Meeting

Under the rules of the senate, the president calls the chamber to order at 10:30 a.m. each day of sitting, unless the senate has adjourned to some other hour.⁹⁸ The assembly meets daily at 11 a.m., unless it has previously adjourned to some other hour.⁹⁹

Quorum

The Nevada constitution states that a majority of all members elected to each house constitutes a quorum to transact business. However, a number smaller than this quorum may adjourn from day to day and may compel the attendance of absent members.¹⁰⁰

Order of Business

Each house has an official order of business incorporated into its standing rules. In the senate, the order of business is as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Prayer by the chaplain.
3. Pledge of allegiance to the flag.
4. Reading and approval of the journal.
5. Presentation of petitions.
6. Reports of standing committees.
7. Reports of select committees.
8. Messages from the governor.
9. Communications from state officers.
10. Messages from the assembly.
11. Consent calendar.
12. Second reading and amendment of bills.
13. Introduction, first reading and reference of bills.
14. Motions, resolutions and notices.
15. Business on general file and third reading of bills.
16. Unfinished business.¹⁰¹

On the assembly side, the order of business varies slightly:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading and approval of journal.
3. Presentation of petitions.
4. Reports of standing committees.
5. Reports of select committees.
6. Messages from the governor.
7. Messages from the senate.

8. Motions, resolutions and notices.
9. Introduction, first reading and reference.
10. Consent calendar.
11. Second reading and amendment.
12. General file and third reading.
13. Unfinished business of preceding day.
14. Special orders of the day.
15. Remarks from the floor, limited to 10 minutes.¹⁰²

Each item in the official order of business is considered as the house progresses through the day's program of business. From time to time, however, members may request that the presiding officer turn to items of business that are out of the usual order.

THE LEGISLATURE IN ACTION: A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Organizing the Legislature

When the legislature convenes in January of odd-numbered years, there are no operative rules and, in the assembly, no presiding officer. The secretary of state calls the assembly to order at the beginning of a session and appoints a temporary chief clerk. After roll call, the secretary of state appoints a committee on credentials, which examines the election certificate of each assemblyman and recommends the seating of legislators whose certificates are in order. Once the members of the assembly have been sworn in by the chief justice of the supreme court, the secretary customarily asks for nominations for speaker. Since the speakership is usually predetermined in caucus, by tradition the procedure is to nominate only one candidate, who is elected unanimously. The secretary then turns the chair over to the new speaker, who proceeds to conduct elections for the other major positions in the assembly. After the assembly is organized and standing rules are adopted, committees are appointed to inform the senate and governor that the assembly is ready for business.

On the senate side, the lieutenant governor presides over the chamber as president, in accordance with the provisions of the state constitution. The procedures followed, with the exception of the election of a presiding officer (which is dispensed with in the senate), parallel those of the assembly. The major difference is that the senate is not an entirely new body. Only one-half of the senators are elected at any one general election, the remainder serving in a holdover capacity.

Shortly after both houses have organized, they meet in joint session in the assembly chambers to hear the so-called "state of the state" address of the governor.¹⁰³ In his message to the legislature, the governor outlines the major problems confronting the state and proposes legislative solutions for the consideration of the houses. Under usual circumstances, his speech highlights the most important elements of his party's legislative program. It constitutes the "action" agenda of the session, for even if the

legislative majority party is not of his political persuasion, the governor's message will delineate the significant sphere of issues to be resolved.

Since the assembly is presently composed of 40 members, it is conceivable that the membership might be evenly divided between the two major parties. Without a parliamentary majority, neither party can elect a presiding officer or otherwise control the permanent organization of the house. Consequently, the standing rules of the assembly suggest that whenever this happens, the legislative members of each party should pick a representative to draw lots, under the supervision of the secretary of state, for the right to organize the assembly. The winning political party then selects the speaker and speaker pro tempore and is given a majority of the members on the even-numbered standing committees as designated in assembly standing rule 40. The losing political party is given a majority of the remaining standing committees. Under these circumstances, committee appointments and chairmanships are made in caucus, and, although the speaker announces the selections, he does not possess the authority to change any of the caucus decisions.¹⁰⁴ Since the rules of one session cannot bind succeeding sessions, the procedure outlined in the standing rules is offered as a guide to later sessions and has force and effect only if it is adopted by the assembly prior to organizing.

Once the two houses of the legislature are organized, they are ready to perform their major function, the passage of legislation setting public policy. Long before the legislature convenes on the 3rd Monday in January of an odd-numbered year,¹⁰⁵ however, the legislative process is set in motion in subtle and frequently intangible ways. Social problems enter the forum of public debate and, through the exchange of ideas among the citizenry, certain opinions and issues are given the dynamic force needed to find expression in the legislative arena. Contending positions on public questions are identified, and proposed solutions to problems and conflicts are advocated by their spokesmen in the press, among the body politic, in the academic community, within various interest groups and among concerned governmental agencies and officials. But whatever the source of an idea for resolving a civic issue, that idea must be translated into a concrete legislative proposal for action, a bill or resolution, before it can formally enter the legislative milieu for consideration.

In Nevada, only members of the legislature can introduce bills. Advocates of proposed legislation, therefore, must secure a legislator-sponsor if they hope to see their ideas enacted into law. Once a sponsor is obtained, a proposal may then be drafted in the form of a bill or a resolution, whichever is appropriate to the matter under consideration. It should be noted that much proposed legislation is initiated by the legislators themselves.

Bill Drafting

Before starting its journey through the legislature, each piece of proposed legislation must be drafted in suitable form and terminology. Under law, this function for the Nevada legislature is performed by bill drafters employed by the office of the legislative counsel.¹⁰⁶ The legislative

counsel and his bill drafting staff offer their facilities on a 12-month basis at no charge and for all legislators, regardless of party. Moreover, the service is confidential, and contents of proposed legislation will not be divulged to anyone without the express consent of the sponsor or sponsors.

After obtaining the facts from a sponsor and trying to understand his policy and objectives, the bill drafter must transpose these facts into proper legal terminology, form and style. The bill must be coherent, concise, understandable and free of ambiguity; it must be checked for conformance with the Constitution of the United States and the Nevada constitution; court decisions relevant to such legislation must be checked; and the Nevada statutes must be studied to ascertain whether or not there are conflicts. However, prior to making anything other than procedural changes in proposed legislation, the legislative counsel must obtain the consent of the author of the bill.¹⁰⁷

The legislative counsel, insofar as it is possible, processes legislators' bill drafting requests in the order in which they are received. However, a legislator may designate a different drafting priority for his bills and resolutions. Bill drafting requests from the chairmen of committees cannot take precedence over the legislative counsel's processing order except where urgency is recognized.¹⁰⁸

In addition to drafting bills for legislators, the legislative counsel also prepares bills for the executive branch when authorized by the governor or his staff. At the written suggestion of any justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court, the legislative counsel prepares legislative measures which are transmitted to the chairman of the judiciary committees of each house at the next regular session. The legislative counsel maintains a record for bill drafting done for the executive and judicial branches of state government and, at a rate set by the legislative commission, charges those agencies for this service. After November 1 of the year preceding the next regular session, full priority is given to legislative members' requests for bill drafting.¹⁰⁹

Prefiling of bills or resolutions is an authorized part of legislative practice in Nevada. On or after November 15, in each year of a general election, members of the next legislative session (who have received certificates of election) or holdover members of the senate may prefile bills or resolutions in correct and final form for introduction in the upcoming session. These prefiled measures are kept by the legislative counsel until the convening of the next session, when they are delivered to the person who requested them.¹¹⁰

Attachment of Fiscal Notes

Certain bills which have apparent fiscal impacts on the state or local governments in Nevada and bills which affect the premiums charged employers by the Nevada industrial commission or affect the state insurance fund are required to be accompanied by information concerning the measures' fiscal impacts. Moreover, the summary of each bill introduced in the legislature must indicate whether or not such fiscal notes are

required for the measure. Under the law, the legislative counsel is required to consult the fiscal analysis division to obtain the appropriate fiscal information for bill summaries.¹¹¹ Although a bill may be introduced without a fiscal note,¹¹² any bill, except one relating exclusively to the executive budget, which has an apparent fiscal impact in excess of \$2,000 on appropriations, revenue or financial liability must have a fiscal note estimating the measure's dollar effect on the state before it can be considered by any legislative committee.¹¹³ The fiscal analysis division determines whether a bill being drafted requires a fiscal note, and if it does, sends the bill to the agency which will receive the appropriation or collect the revenue entailed by the bill.¹¹⁴ Furthermore, at any time a bill is before a legislator's own house, he may raise the issue that a bill requires a fiscal note. If the presiding officer determines that a note is required, the fiscal analysis division is requested to obtain it before further action on the bill is taken.¹¹⁵

Within 5 working days, the agency or agencies affected by the bill must prepare the fiscal note and return it to the fiscal analysis division. The division may grant a 10-day extension for the return of the measure if the matter requires extensive research. Before the note is returned, however, the department of administration must review the note prepared by the agency. If the department of administration disagrees with the agency-prepared fiscal note, it may submit a supplementary note for the bill.¹¹⁶

Under the law, the fiscal analysis division is required to consult with the appropriate local governments or their representatives to obtain fiscal information for a bill appearing to have a fiscal impact on local governments.¹¹⁷ The law also requires that the Nevada industrial commission provide information, concerning a measure's state or industrial insurance impact, to the fiscal analysis division.¹¹⁸

An example of a fiscal note is contained in the section of this manual entitled "Distinction Between Types of Legislation."

Introduction and First Reading

After a bill has been drafted, it is ready for introduction in the legislature. Under the Nevada constitution, any bill may originate in either house, and all bills passed by one may be amended in the other.¹¹⁹ This is a significant departure from the practice in the United States Congress, where appropriations bills must originate in the House of Representatives. But in Nevada, as in Congress, bills originating in one house must be sponsored by a member of that house. A senator cannot introduce a bill in the assembly, nor can an assemblyman introduce a bill in the senate. An executive agency has no means for introducing a bill except through a legislator.

In the senate, at least 1 day's notice must be given prior to the introduction of a bill, unless two-thirds of the membership consents to immediate introduction or the bill is introduced by a committee in the discharge of its duty.¹²⁰

Both the senate and the assembly have rules placing time limits on legislators' bill draft requests and bill introductions. The senate provides for a

cutoff date for bill draft requests after the 30th day of a regular legislative session unless the drafting request is approved by a: (1) two-thirds vote of the members of the senate present, or (2) standing committee of the senate of which a majority of the members approved such request. New introductions are permitted in the senate after the 30th day of a regular session only if: the bill request occurs prior to the 31st day of the legislative session, the measure is introduced by a standing committee, or the rules are suspended on a roll call vote.¹²¹ The assembly places similar restrictions on bill drafting requests and introductions.¹²²

All bills in Nevada, except for those placed on a consent calendar, are required by the constitution to be read by sections in each house on three separate days. In an emergency, two-thirds of the house where a bill is pending may order this rule dispensed with on the first and second readings, but the reading of a bill by sections on its final passage cannot be dispensed with.¹²³ To comply with the constitutional requirements, the houses do have first, second and third readings on every bill and joint resolution, but because of the volume of bills processed through the chambers time considerations have necessitated a liberal interpretation of the meaning of the phrase "to read by sections." At the time the constitution was framed, printed bills were not available to each legislator for analysis, so that three full readings permitted a greater study and understanding of a bill's contents and any amendments added to it prior to the vote on final passage. Today, of course, bills are readily available with the latest amendments incorporated into their texts.

The first reading in both houses is for information only.¹²⁴ Under the order of business entitled "introduction, first reading and reference," the bills are delivered by pages to the desk of the chief clerk or secretary, as the case may be, who assigns numbers to the bills and gives them first reading by title. Usually a motion is made for referral to committees by the introducer. When a bill, introduced and passed in the first house, is presented to the "other house," it is the majority leader who refers it to committee. Shortly thereafter, the duplicate of each bill is sent to the printing and records division of the department of general services for first printing and the triplicate copy is referred to the legislative counsel.¹²⁵ By the following day, printed copies of the bills are inserted in the bill books of all members of the legislature, and the official copies are delivered to the chief clerk or secretary, as the case may be. Immediately thereafter, the official copies are delivered to the chairmen of the committees to which the bills were referred and their receipts taken therefor.

Bills Introduced to Be Accompanied by Certain Information

According to Standing Rule 107 in both the senate and the assembly, bills introduced in either house shall be accompanied by information relative to witnesses and representatives of departments and agencies who should be considered with regard to committee hearings on the proposed legislation. A list of the bills' proponents and their addresses and phone numbers should be given to the secretary or clerk at the time of the bills' introduction.

This information shall be provided by:

- (1) The legislator introducing the bill,
- (2) The person requesting a committee introduction of the bill, or
- (3) The chairman of a committee introducing the bill.

The secretary shall deliver this information to the chairman of the committee to which the bill is referred. Members of the committee may suggest additional names for witnesses. Legislators may attach explanatory notes or analyses to their bills if they wish.¹²⁶

Committee Hearing

Once the official bill is delivered from the printer to the chairman of the committee to which it has been assigned, it faces the first of a series of crucial tests in the legislative process. Although the introducer normally makes a motion to refer a bill to a particular committee, on occasion different committees may be proposed from the floor. In such instances, the whole house votes on the question. The senate rules stipulate that the question shall be taken in the following order: (1) the committee of the whole, (2) a standing committee, and (3) a select committee.¹²⁷ The assembly rules are silent on this point, but the practice is generally the same.

The rules of both the assembly and the senate require all committees to consider all measures referred to them and report thereon.¹²⁸ Committees may also initiate legislation within their sphere of competence. In the senate, any bill or other matter referred to a committee may be withdrawn from it by a two-thirds vote of the senate. The senate rules require that at least 1 day's notice of a withdrawal motion be given to a committee and specify that no motion for withdrawal is in order on the last 2 days of the session.¹²⁹

At a committee hearing, the proponents and opponents of a measure are given an opportunity to present their cases. Testimony may be taken from lobbyists, academicians, public officials, special interest groups and private citizens. To avoid additional expense and duplication of effort for both witnesses and committee members, joint hearings by committees in both houses may be held.

In the assembly, when a measure is referred to two or more committees, the rules specify that it goes to the first committee named, where it is required to be acted upon. Then, the bill or resolution is required to be passed upon by the second committee named. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, the rules specify that the measure be reprinted with amendments and sent to the second committee. If one committee reports favorably and the other unfavorably, the measure cannot be reported to the assembly. However, the committee which votes not to report the bill or resolution out with favorable recommendation is required to report to the assembly in regular session stating the reasons for not approving the measure.¹³⁰

Witnesses summoned to appear before the senate or assembly or any of their committees are compensated at the same rate as witnesses required to attend a court of law in Nevada.¹³¹ However, witnesses appearing on their own volition do so at their own expense.

As discussed under the heading “Committees,” committees may or may not report bills out to the floor of the houses for further action, and they may report them out with a variety of recommendations. Minority reports may be submitted where there is disagreement within a committee regarding a proposed course of action. When a committee reports a bill and recommends a certain disposition of it, the bill is then placed on the second reading file.

Notice of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings

Both senate and assembly rules require notice be provided on bills, resolutions and public hearings. Senate rules require “adequate notice” and posting of this information at appropriate convenient places in the legislative building and the publishing of it in the daily history. Assembly rules require a 5-day notice for committee hearings on “bills, resolutions or topics of high public importance.” All other assembly committee meetings have a 24-hour notice requirement. The standing rules of both the senate and the assembly require that notices must include the date, time, place and agenda to be covered and must be: (1) posted conspicuously in the legislative building, (2) published in the daily history, and (3) made available to the press.¹³²

Consent Calendar

As a means of processing bills of a noncontroversial nature in a more efficient and less time consuming manner, both the senate and assembly, as well as the *Constitution of the State of Nevada*, provide for the use of consent calendars by both houses of the Nevada legislature. Bills on a consent calendar are considered for final passage and do not require second or third readings.

The assembly standing rules specify that a standing committee, before the 80th calendar day of a regular session, may report a bill out with the recommendation that it be placed on a consent calendar. Such rules require that only a bill which has: (1) been recommended for passage, (2) no amendments recommended for it, and (3) received a unanimous vote by the standing committee to be placed on the consent calendar, may be placed on the consent calendar. The chief clerk of the assembly is required to maintain a list of bills recommended for the consent calendar and this list, including a summary of each bill and various other information pertaining to the bills on the consent calendar, is required to be printed in the daily history. The assembly, by rule, considers its consent calendars on Monday and Thursday. The senate does not, by rule, set aside certain days to consider its consent calendars.

The standing rules of both the senate and the assembly require that a bill on a consent calendar must be transferred to the second reading file if any member objects to the bill's inclusion on the consent calendar or requests such bill's removal from the consent calendar.¹³³

Second Reading

Committees cannot amend bills; they can only suggest amendments for adoption by their respective houses. In fact, the rules of both chambers state that “no bill shall be * * * amended until twice read.”¹³⁴ In the senate if a bill is reported from committee without amendment, it is usually given second reading immediately on the same day it is reported out. Assembly rules require bills to be held over to the next legislative day unless a different day is designated by motion.¹³⁵ If the committee recommends amendment, the second reading and adoption of any amendments are usually held over until the next day, when copies of the amendments can be placed on the members’ desks prior to actual adoption or rejection of the amendments proposed.

On second reading, the chief clerk or secretary usually reads the history of the bill, its title and the various sections by number only. Assembly rules require, however, that committee amendments be read in full if a member so moves.¹³⁶ Committee amendments or amendments from the floor are then adopted or rejected by simple majority vote of the members present and voting. Voting is normally by voice vote, although other methods, including roll calls, may be employed on demand or in order to determine the prevailing side.¹³⁷ If a bill is amended on second reading, the presiding officer orders the bill reprinted, engrossed and placed on the general file for third reading and final action.

If a bill is not amended, it is ordered to third reading immediately after its second reading. The rules of both houses require that bills originating in the house in which the bill is being considered be engrossed before being placed on the general file for third reading.¹³⁸

General File and Third Reading

At the end of each day’s session, the bills placed on the general file for third reading and final passage are listed on the blackboards in the houses, copies are placed on the members’ desks and, along with the second reading file and committee notices, the general file is printed in the daily history. When the order of business “general file and third reading” is reached on the following day, the bills are considered in their proper order, unless a motion is made and approved to move certain bills to a different position on the general file. The chief clerk or secretary reads the bill by title, enacting clause, and each section.¹³⁹ If new amendments are proposed and adopted, the process stops immediately, and the bill is sent back for reprinting and goes through the aforementioned reprinting and engrossment process once more. Toward the end of the session, printing may be dispensed with and the bill considered immediately. Reprinting is done after consideration in such cases. If there are no amendments, the merits of the bill are discussed and then the roll is called.

In debate, a legislator rises and addresses himself to the chair (“Mr. Speaker,” “Mr. President”). He is expected to observe decorum at all

times, to speak only on the subject under consideration and to avoid all references to personalities.¹⁴⁰ The presiding officer must recognize a speaker before he is entitled to the floor, and, when two or more legislators rise at the same time, it is the prerogative of the chair to name the one to speak first. However, in doing so, it is customary to give preference to the mover or introducer of the subject under consideration.¹⁴¹

In debate, a legislator may not speak more than twice (except for explanation) during the consideration of any one question on the same day, nor a second time without leave of the body when others who have not spoken desire the floor. Incidental or subsidiary questions are not considered the same question.¹⁴² In closing debate, the author of the bill, resolution or main question customarily has the privilege of speaking last, unless the previous question has been sustained.

In order for a bill to pass, the constitution requires that a majority of the members elected vote for the bill. All votes on final passage are by roll call and are recorded in the journal of the chamber taking the action.¹⁴³ After the announcement of the vote, the title and the preamble of the bill are open for amendment (amendments, of course, being unnecessary if the bill is defeated). If the title or preamble is amended, the bill is sent for engrossment and then to the printing and records division of the department of general services for reprinting. Upon completion of that process, it is transmitted to the opposite house. If there are no amendments, the bill is transmitted to the opposite house after adjournment for the day. It cannot be transmitted immediately because the standing rules provide that notice of reconsideration may be given on the day in which the bill is passed.¹⁴⁴

Notice of reconsideration must be made by a legislator voting on the prevailing side on the same day on which the final vote was taken. Reconsideration itself may not take place on the day on which the final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent, since normally one day's notice of a member's desire to reconsider a bill must be given. A motion to indefinitely postpone may not be reconsidered. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments may be made immediately after the vote.¹⁴⁵

After a bill has passed on third reading and been transmitted to the other house, the house of origin has relinquished physical control over the measure. To take further action on it, the house of origin must either petition the other chamber, through a one-house resolution, to return the bill or wait until it has finally passed in the other house and is returned for final disposition.

In the Other House and Conference Committees

Each bill must go through the entire process all over again when it is transmitted to the other house. If a bill is passed by the other house without amendment, it is sent back to the originating house for final enrollment and delivery to the governor. If the other house amends the bill, then it is necessary for the originating house to concur or not to concur with the amendments. If the originating house concurs in the amendments, the bill is ready for enrollment. If it does not concur and the other

house does not recede, the bill must go to a conference committee, composed of an equal number of members from the senate and the assembly, for settlement of its final form.

Under the joint rules of the assembly and senate, a conference committee is required to consider the whole subject matter embraced by the bill or resolution it is studying. After conferring upon the differences between the two houses, as indicated by the amendments made by one and rejected in the other, the conference committee is required to report as early as convenient the results of the conference, including a narrative summary of the actions of the committee, to the respective houses. The report, which is required to be made available to all members of both houses, may recommend recession by either house, new amendments, new bills or resolutions, or other changes as the committee sees fit. New bills or resolutions recommended by the conference committee must be treated as amendments, unless the bills or resolutions are composed entirely of original matter, in which case they are required to receive the treatment required in the respective houses for original bills, or resolutions, as the case may be.

A conference committee's report may be adopted by acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the adoption of amendments embodied therein.

A conference committee report is not permitted to be amended and not more than one conference committee is allowed for any bill or resolution. A majority of the members of a committee of conference from each house must be members who voted for the passage of the bill or resolution for which the conference committee was created.¹⁴⁶

Enrollment

After a bill has passed both houses in identical form, it is transmitted by the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the assembly (depending upon in which house the bill originated) to the legislative counsel to be enrolled.¹⁴⁷ The legislative counsel then sends a copy of the passed bill to the superintendent of the state printing and records division of the department of general services for the final printing (enrollment). The superintendent is required to print one enrolled copy of the bill, containing blanks for the signatures of the speaker and chief clerk of the assembly, the president and secretary of the senate, the governor and secretary of state, on bond paper. After final printing, the bill is returned to the legislative counsel who compares the enrolled copy with the engrossed copy. If the enrolled bill is found to be correct, the legislative counsel presents the measure to the proper legislative officials for their signatures.¹⁴⁸ The bill is then delivered by the legislative counsel, or his designee, to the governor for his consideration.¹⁴⁹ At the same time, the official copy of the bill is delivered to the secretary of state for permanent filing.¹⁵⁰

Gubernatorial Action

The governor has the choice of signing bills, vetoing bills or allowing them to become law without his signature. If a bill is delivered to him

while the legislature is in session, he has 5 days to make his decision. If it is delivered to him after the legislature has adjourned *sine die*, he has 10 days to make his decision. If the governor vetoes a bill during the session, the measure is returned to the house of origin for further action and the veto may be either sustained or overridden by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house. If the governor vetoes a bill within 10 days after adjournment (Sundays excepted), he must file the bill, together with his objections to it, in the office of the secretary of state. When the next session of the legislature convenes, the secretary of state must present the vetoed bill to the house of origin for final disposition. If a two-thirds majority of the elected members of each branch of the legislature vote to override any gubernatorial veto on a recorded roll call vote, the measure becomes law despite the veto. If the governor does not sign or veto a bill in the allotted time, it becomes law without his signature.¹⁵¹

Effective Date of the Bill

If no specific date is included in a bill to indicate when it will become effective (examples—“This act shall become effective upon passage and approval” or “This act shall become effective May 1, 1979”), it automatically becomes operative on July 1 of the year in which the bill is passed (July 1, 1979, for this session of the legislature).¹⁵²

Adoption or Passage of Resolutions

The constitution requires that bills and joint resolutions be processed and passed in an identical manner,¹⁵³ except that joint resolutions amending the constitution are not delivered to the governor for his signature, but are delivered to the secretary of state for safekeeping and then returned to the next chosen legislature for reconsideration.¹⁵⁴ If the next legislature approves the proposed constitutional amendment, it then must be submitted to the people, “in such manner and at such time as the legislature may prescribe,” for a vote.¹⁵⁵ The law currently requires that this be at the next general election.¹⁵⁶

Concurrent resolutions must be adopted by both houses; they may be adopted by a voice vote, and only a majority of the members present are necessary for the adoption. Concurrent resolutions are not signed by the governor and are delivered to the secretary of state for filing.

Simple senate or assembly one-house resolutions are adopted by a voice vote, by a simple majority of the members present, and are enrolled and delivered to the secretary of state.

Petitions and Memorials

From time to time, the legislature is presented with petitions from various groups or individuals, as well as memorials from other legislatures. While the essence of these documents may vary from requests to take certain action to expressions of gratitude for courtesies extended, their contents are always made known to the chambers through a statement by

the presiding officer or the legislator presenting the material. They then lie on the table or are referred to committee as deemed appropriate by the chair or the chamber.¹⁵⁷

The right to petition the government for redress of grievances is a time-honored tradition of our system of government. It is one means by which citizens can voice their opinions on the course of public affairs and, on occasion, have a direct impact on the legislative process.

A FINAL WORD CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

It is generally accepted that too few persons understand the legislative process. It is our hope that this explanation has offered some clarification. A realization of the complexities involved in the process by which a bill becomes a law might help to alleviate certain of the disappointments which a sponsor might experience as his bill winds its way through the legislature. (See insert, "Passage of a Bill Through the Nevada Legislature.")

Once a bill is drafted to the satisfaction of the sponsor and is introduced, it becomes exposed to careful scrutiny. First the bill is assigned to a committee, where it is subject to examination by the members. Meanwhile, the contents of the bill may be given statewide newspaper, radio and television publicity, and, in some instances, editorials are published discussing the merits of the proposed legislation.

If a bill is reported out of the assigned committee, it is then discussed on the floor of the house of origin. By the time the final vote is taken, the proposed legislation frequently is not in its original form. If the bill should pass, it is then transmitted to the other house where it must go through a similar process. If the bill passes the second house, the governor may still sign or veto it and his veto may or may not be overridden. In the last legislative session, out of 1,557 bills and resolutions introduced, only 773 were enacted. The governor vetoed six bills.¹⁵⁸

FOOTNOTES

¹ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 1.

² *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 3, Sec. 1.

³ William J. Keefe and Morris S. Ogul, *The American Legislative Process: Congress and the States*, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1964, p. 2.

⁴ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 15, Sec. 6.

⁵ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.

⁶ *Nevada Revised Statutes* 218.050(3). The *Nevada Revised Statutes* are hereinafter cited as NRS.

⁷ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.

⁸ *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533; *Lucas v. 44th General Assembly of Colorado*, 377 U.S. 713; and related cases.

⁹ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 5.

¹⁰ NRS 218.050.

¹¹ NRS 218.055, 218.075 and 218.080.

¹² *Ibid.*

¹³ *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4.

- ¹⁴NRS 218.010 and *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4., Sec. 5.
- ¹⁵*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- ¹⁶*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, sec. 9.
- ¹⁷*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 10.
- ¹⁸*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 8.
- ¹⁹NRS 218.040; *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 12; NRS 218.043.
- ²⁰Senate Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1682 and Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1728.
- ²¹Assembly Standing Rule 41, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1707.
- ²²Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1728.
- ²³Senate Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1872; Assembly Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.
- ²⁴Senate Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1682.
- ²⁵Assembly Standing Rule 40, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1728.
- ²⁶Assembly Standing Rule 45, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1885.
- ²⁷Senate Standing Rule 43, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1868.
- ²⁸Assembly Standing Rules 46, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1903; 47, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1903; 48, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1904.
- ²⁹Senate Standing Rule 46, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1651 and Senate Standing Rules 47 and 48, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1869; Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- ³⁰Joint Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1697.
- ³¹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- ³²*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.
- ³³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 9.
- ³⁴*Ibid.*
- ³⁵*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 15; Joint Rule 9, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1698.
- ³⁶*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 11.
- ³⁷*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 6.
- ³⁸*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 17; Senate Standing Rule 31, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1650.
- ³⁹Senate Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1649.
- ⁴⁰Senate Standing Rule 2, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1865.
- ⁴¹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec 17.
- ⁴²Senate Standing Rule 2, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1865.
- ⁴³NRS 218.140; Senate Standing Rule 3, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1649.
- ⁴⁴Senate Standing Rule 4, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1866.
- ⁴⁵Senate Standing Rule 5, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1866.
- ⁴⁶NRS 218.130 and 218.160.
- ⁴⁷Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- ⁴⁸NRS 223.080.
- ⁴⁹Assembly Standing Rule 6, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1886.
- ⁵⁰NRS 223.080.
- ⁵¹Assembly Standing Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1912.
- ⁵²NRS 218.170.
- ⁵³NRS 218.200.
- ⁵⁴NRS 218.900 to 218.944.
- ⁵⁵NRS 218.544.
- ⁵⁶NRS 198.010.
- ⁵⁷NRS 218.590 and 218.600.
- ⁵⁸Assembly Standing Rule 94, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1891.
- ⁵⁹NRS 218.085.
- ⁶⁰*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; and NRS 218.210.
- ⁶¹NRS 218.220.
- ⁶²*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33; NRS 218.220 and 218.225.
- ⁶³NRS 218.221.
- ⁶⁴*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 33.
- ⁶⁵NRS 218.223.
- ⁶⁶NRS 218.2371 to 218.2395.

- ⁶⁷NRS 218.230, 218.235 and 218.237.
- ⁶⁸*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 11.
- ⁶⁹NRS 218.045.
- ⁷⁰NRS 218.044.
- ⁷¹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 20.
- ⁷²*Ibid.*
- ⁷³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 21.
- ⁷⁴*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 24.
- ⁷⁵*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 25.
- ⁷⁶*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 36.
- ⁷⁷*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 1 through 20.
- ⁷⁸*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 3.
- ⁷⁹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 9, Sec. 4.
- ⁸⁰*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 10, Secs. 1 and 2.
- ⁸¹*U.S. Constitution*, Art. 1, Secs. 8, 10; and various amendments to the Constitution, particularly the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.
- ⁸²NRS 218.542 and 218.544.
- ⁸³NRS 218.550.
- ⁸⁴NRS 218.560 and 218.570.
- ⁸⁵NRS 218.605.
- ⁸⁶NRS 218.590.
- ⁸⁷NRS 218.600.
- ⁸⁸*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 7.
- ⁸⁹NRS 281.411 through 281.581.
- ⁹⁰NRS 281.481.
- ⁹¹NRS 281.501.
- ⁹²NRS Chapter 294A.
- ⁹³NRS 281.561.
- ⁹⁴NRS 281.571.
- ⁹⁵NRS 281.581.
- ⁹⁶Senate Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1872; Assembly Standing Rule 90, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.
- ⁹⁷Assembly Standing Rule 100, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1891.
- ⁹⁸Senate Standing Rule 10, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1866.
- ⁹⁹Assembly Standing Rule 10, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1857.
- ¹⁰⁰*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 13.
- ¹⁰¹Senate Standing Rule 120, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1653.
- ¹⁰²Assembly Standing Rule 120, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1660.
- ¹⁰³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 5, Sec. 10.
- ¹⁰⁴Assembly Standing Rule 101, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1892.
- ¹⁰⁵*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 2.
- ¹⁰⁶NRS 218.240.
- ¹⁰⁷NRS 218.250.
- ¹⁰⁸NRS 218.240.
- ¹⁰⁹NRS 218.245, 218.247 and 218.248.
- ¹¹⁰NRS 218.277 and 218.278.
- ¹¹¹NRS 218.2754.
- ¹¹²NRS 218.2755.
- ¹¹³NRS 218.272.
- ¹¹⁴NRS 218.2755.
- ¹¹⁵NRS 218.2758.
- ¹¹⁶NRS 218.275 and 218.2752.
- ¹¹⁷NRS 218.2723.
- ¹¹⁸NRS 218.2725.
- ¹¹⁹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 16.
- ¹²⁰Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874.
- ¹²¹Senate Standing Rule 104, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1773.
- ¹²²Assembly Standing Rule 104, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1730.
- ¹²³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

¹²⁴Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1894.

¹²⁵NRS 218.280.

¹²⁶Senate Standing Rule 107, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 107, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1893.

¹²⁷Senate Standing Rule 49, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1869.

¹²⁸Senate Standing Rule 43, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1868; Assembly Standing Rule 45, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1885.

¹²⁹Senate Standing Rule 50, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1869.

¹³⁰Assembly Standing Rule 52, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1909.

¹³¹Assembly Standing Rule 140, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1897; Senate Standing Rule 140, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1877.

¹³²Senate Standing Rule 92, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1677; Assembly Standing Rule 92, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.

¹³³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; Senate Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1652; Assembly Standing Rule 111, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1660.

¹³⁴Senate Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 109, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1894.

¹³⁵Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.

¹³⁶*Ibid.*

¹³⁷Senate Standing Rule 32, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1867; Assembly Standing Rule 30, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1879.

¹³⁸Senate Standing Rule 113, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1652; Assembly Standing Rule 110, *Statutes of Nevada 1975*, 1915.

¹³⁹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

¹⁴⁰Senate Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Secs. 120 to 127.

¹⁴¹Senate Standing Rule 124, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1877; *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, Sec. 91.

¹⁴²Senate Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; Assembly Standing Rule 80, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.

¹⁴³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

¹⁴⁴Senate Standing Rule 115, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1876; Assembly Standing Rule 115, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1895.

¹⁴⁵*Ibid.*; Senate Standing Rule 68, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1871; Assembly Standing Rule 68, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1890.

¹⁴⁶Joint Rule 1, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1697.

¹⁴⁷NRS 218.340.

¹⁴⁸NRS 218.350; Joint Rule 4, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1656.

¹⁴⁹NRS 218.380.

¹⁵⁰NRS 218.370.

¹⁵¹*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 35.

¹⁵²NRS 218.530.

¹⁵³*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18.

¹⁵⁴NRS 218.390.

¹⁵⁵*Nevada Constitution*, Art. 16, Sec. 1.

¹⁵⁶NRS 218.390.

¹⁵⁷Senate Standing Rule 97, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1873; Assembly Standing Rule 97, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1891.

¹⁵⁸“Legislative Box Score, 1977 Session of the Nevada Legislature,” *Senate History and Assembly History, Final Volumes*, Nevada Legislature at Carson City, Fifty-ninth Session, 1977.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN TYPES OF LEGISLATION

Bill

A bill is a draft of a proposed statute, which, to become law, must be passed by both houses of the legislature on roll call vote and be approved by the governor.

Skeleton Bills

The introduction of skeleton bills is permitted by senate and assembly rules after the beginning of a session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the legislative counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. Such bill is a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, shall then request the drafting of a completed bill in such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.¹

One-house Resolution

A one-house resolution is adopted by either house to express an opinion, appoint a committee, express regret on the death of a former member of the legislature or other person, request the return of a bill from the other body for a stated purpose, recognize a meritorious service, commemorate a special day or occasion or appoint attachés, and to provide postage and stationery money for the members.

Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution is adopted by both houses to express facts, principles, opinions, and purposes of the senate and assembly, and for authorizing joint committees of the two houses. It can also be used to express regret on deaths, extend congratulations, commemorate special occasions, request studies, and to request the return of a bill from the governor for a stated purpose. In 1963, the legislature amended a joint standing rule so as to prohibit concurrent resolutions being used for congratulating any person or organization for insignificant accomplishments. Congratulatory resolutions must receive the approval of the committee on legislative functions of the appropriate house prior to introduction.²

Joint Resolution

A joint resolution is passed by both houses in the same manner as a bill. It, too, must be signed by the governor *unless* it is a measure amending

the constitution of the State of Nevada. Joint resolutions are used for the purpose of requesting the Congress of the United States, the President, or a federal agency, or members of the Nevada congressional delegation to perform some act believed to be for the best interests of the state or nation. The joint resolution is employed as indicated above to amend the constitution of the State of Nevada, and also to propose or ratify an amendment to the constitution of the United States.³

FOOTNOTES

¹Senate Standing Rule 106, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1874; Assembly Standing Rule 106, *Statutes of Nevada 1973*, 1893.

²Joint Rule 7, *Statutes of Nevada 1977*, 1657.

³*Ibid*; *Nevada Constitution*, Art. 4, Sec. 18; NRS 218.380 and 218.390.

This is an example of a Senate Bill

S. B. 500

SENATE BILL NO. 500—SENATOR FAISS

APRIL 13, 1977

Referred to Committee on Human Resources and Facilities

SUMMARY—Requires school officials to provide certain medical personnel for athletic events and practices. (BDR 34-1768)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: Yes.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.



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

AN ACT relating to education; requiring school officials to provide certain medical personnel for interscholastic athletic events and a nurse to be on call during certain practice sessions; 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 392 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

3 *No administrator, teacher or other certified employee may permit the*
4 *start or continuation of:*

5 1. *Any interscholastic athletic event at which a licensed medical*
6 *practitioner or a trainer licensed by the American Association of Ath-*
7 *letic Trainers or a comparable organization is not present and observing*
8 *the athletic activities of the participants; or*

9 2. *Any practice session for an interscholastic athletic event during*
10 *which a licensed medical practitioner or registered nurse is not on con-*
11 *tinuous and immediate call.*

12 SEC. 2. Chapter 394 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a
13 new section which shall read as follows:

14 *No agent, headmaster, master, teacher, instructor or other employee*
15 *of a school which is subject to the provisions of this chapter may permit*
16 *the start or continuation of:*

17 1. *Any interscholastic athletic event at which a licensed medical*
18 *practitioner or a trainer licensed by the American Association of Athletic*
19 *Trainers or a comparable organization is not present and observing the*
20 *athletic activities of the participants; or*

21 2. *Any practice session for an interscholastic athletic event during*
22 *which a licensed medical practitioner or registered nurse is not on con-*
23 *tinuous and immediate call.*

This is an example of an Assembly Bill

(REPRINTED WITH ADOPTED AMENDMENTS)

SECOND REPRINT

A. B. 400

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 400—ASSEMBLYMEN HORN, HAYES,
DREYER, VERGIELS, SENA AND ROBINSON

MARCH 3, 1977

Referred to Committee on Education

SUMMARY—Requires periodic testing of public school pupils to determine proficiency in specified subjects. (BDR 34-1008)

FISCAL NOTE: Local Government Impact: No.
State or Industrial Insurance Impact: No.



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

AN ACT relating to public schools; requiring periodic examinations of pupils to determine their proficiency in specified subjects; 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 389 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
3 1. *The board of trustees of each school district shall administer*
4 *examinations in all public schools within its district to determine the*
5 *proficiency of pupils in:*
6 *(a) Reading;*
7 *(b) Writing; and*
8 *(c) Mathematics.*
9 *The examinations shall be administered before the completion of grades*
10 *3, 6, 9 and 12.*
11 2. *Different standards of proficiency may be adopted for pupils with*
12 *diagnosed learning disabilities.*
13 3. *If a pupil fails to pass the proficiency examination administered*
14 *before the completion of grade 3, 6 or 9, he may be promoted to the*
15 *next higher grade, but the results of his examination shall be evaluated to*
16 *determine what remedial study is appropriate. If a pupil fails to pass the*
17 *high school proficiency examination administered before the completion*
18 *of grade 12, he shall not be graduated until he is able, through remedial*
19 *study, to pass that examination, but he may be given a certificate of*
20 *attendance, in place of a diploma, if he has reached the age of 17 years.*
21 4. *The state board of education shall prescribe standard proficiency*
22 *examinations to be administered pursuant to subsection 1.*
23 SEC. 2. The provisions of section 1 of this act do not apply to any
24 pupil who has been promoted to grade 9 or a higher grade before the
25 effective date of this act.

This is an example
of a Senate Resolution

S. R. 3

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3—SENATOR LAMB

JANUARY 17, 1977

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Read and adopted

SUMMARY—Provides allowance for senators for periodicals, stamps and stationery. (BDR 794)



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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Providing an allowance for each member of the senate for periodicals, stamps and stationery.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada,* That the sum to be
- 2 allowed each member of the senate for periodicals, stamps and stationery,
- 3 as provided by law, is \$60, and that this amount be certified by the
- 4 president and the secretary to the state controller, who is authorized to
- 5 draw his warrants therefor on the legislative fund, and the state treas-
- 6 urer is thereafter authorized to pay these warrants.

This is an example
of an Assembly Resolution

A. R. 28

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 28—COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY

APRIL 15, 1977

Referred to Committee on Legislative Functions

SUMMARY—Provides for minute of silence after convening
of Assembly each day. (BDR 1889)



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

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding Assembly Standing Rule 14 to provide for
1 minute of silence after convening of the Assembly each day.

- 1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of Nevada, That the Assembly*
- 2 *Standing Rules are hereby amended by adding Assembly Standing Rule*
- 3 *14 to read as follows:*
- 4 *14*
- 5 *Silent period for voluntary individual meditation, prayer or reflection.*
- 6 *The Assembly shall set aside a 1-minute period immediately after con-*
- 7 *vening each day, during which all members must be silent, for voluntary*
- 8 *individual meditation, prayer or reflection.*

This is an example of a
Senate Concurrent Resolution

S. C. R. 40

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—
SENATOR GIBSON

APRIL 16, 1977

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Declares legislature's support of planning by desert research institute of University of Nevada System for production, use and conservation of energy. (BDR 1912)



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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Declaring the support of the legislature for planning by the desert research institute of the University of Nevada System for production, use and conservation of energy.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nevada and the rest of the nation face increasingly difficult
2 choices relating to the production, use and conservation of energy; and
3 WHEREAS, Such choices may be made easier by a regional assessment
4 of the possibilities for production, use and conservation of energy in
5 Nevada and the Great Basin; and
6 WHEREAS, The Federal Government, through its energy agencies,
7 encourages programs of regional assessment of possibilities for produc-
8 tion, use and conservation of energy; and
9 WHEREAS, The desert research institute of the University of Nevada
10 System has developed a proposed research program to acquire data and
11 information relating to a regional assessment of possibilities for pro-
12 duction, use and conservation of energy in Nevada and the Great Basin;
13 and
14 WHEREAS, This program has been developed in cooperation with the
15 California Energy Commission, the Utah Energy Consortium, the United
16 States Energy Research and Development Administration and other state
17 and regional agencies concerned with energy development; now, there-
18 fore, be it
19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of Nevada, the Assembly concur-*
20 *ring,* That the legislature, recognizing the need to develop a program to
21 assess possibilities for production, use and conservation of energy in
22 Nevada and the Great Basin, declares its support for the proposed
23 research program developed by the desert research institute of the Uni-
24 versity of Nevada System in cooperation with other state and federal
25 agencies; and be it further
26 *Resolved,* That the legislature requests the support of all appropriate
27 state, regional and federal energy agencies in providing financial and
28 informational assistance for the program.



This is an example of an
Assembly Concurrent Resolution

A. C. R. 14

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—ASSEMBLY—
MEN ROBINSON, BARENGO, BREMNER AND MELLO

FEBRUARY 8, 1977

Referred to Committee on Legislative Functions

SUMMARY—Directs legislative commission to study feasibility of conducting legislative review of existing and future regulations of agencies of executive branch of state government. (BDR 665)



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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the legislative commission to study the feasibility of conducting a legislative review of all existing and future regulations of agencies of the executive branch of state government.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Administrative Procedure Act authorizes agen-
2 cies of the executive branch of state government to adopt regulations
3 which effectuate or interpret law or policy; and
4 WHEREAS, The regulations adopted by agencies have the force of law;
5 and
6 WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14 of the 58th ses-
7 sion of the legislature caused a study to be made of the content of exist-
8 ing regulations to determine whether they are in conformance with
9 legislative policy; and
10 WHEREAS, The legislative commission's report on the study indicates
11 there is only a small percentage of existing regulations which deviate
12 from legislative policy, but those that do deviate may cause substantial
13 hardship to the public; now, therefore, be it
14 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of Nevada, the Senate concur-*
15 *ring,* That the legislative commission study the feasibility of creating a
16 permanent review committee composed of legislators to examine, codify
17 and pass upon all existing regulations and those to be adopted in the
18 future.

This is an example of a
Senate Joint Resolution

S. J. R. 14

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14—SENATOR YOUNG

MARCH 15, 1977

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Proposes to amend Nevada constitution to permit appointment of temporary district court judges. (BDR C-1018)



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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to change the state constitution to provide for the appointment of temporary judges of the district court as needed.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
 2 That article 6 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be amended by
 3 adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
 4 *Sec. 22. The governor may appoint temporary judges of the district*
 5 *court as needed, for such terms and under such conditions as the legisla-*
 6 *ture may prescribe, and the chief justice of the supreme court shall assign*
 7 *such judges to appropriate duties. Temporary judges shall be chosen in*
 8 *the same manner as judges appointed to fill vacancies in the district court.*

This is an example of an
Assembly Joint Resolution

A. J. R. 32

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32—ASSEMBLYMEN
KOSINSKI, WESTALL, GOODMAN, PRICE, BROOKMAN
AND WEISE

MARCH 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Proposes constitutional amendment to require all meetings of public bodies at which a quorum is present and decisions are made to be open to the public. (BDR C-729)



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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Proposing to amend section 15 of article 4 and article 15 of the constitution of the State of Nevada by providing that all meetings of public bodies at which a quorum is present and decisions are made shall be open to the public.

- 1 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
2 That article 15 of the constitution of the State of Nevada be amended by
3 adding thereto a new section and section 15 of article 4 be amended to
4 read respectively as follows:
5 *Sec. 16. All meetings at which a quorum of the members of any pub-*
6 *lic body of the legislative, judicial or executive department of government*
7 *is present for the purpose of considering or deciding any matter pursuant*
8 *to the powers and duties of the body shall be open to the public. Adequate*
9 *notice of the meeting shall be given as provided by law.*
10 【Sec:】 *Sec. 15. The doors of each House shall be kept open during*
11 *its session, [except the Senate while sitting in executive session,] and*
12 *neither shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three*
13 *days nor to any other place than that in which they may be holding their*
14 *sessions.*

This is an example of a
fiscal note

FISCAL NOTE

BDR 32-1342
A.B. 534
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• LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL IMPACT Date Prepared April 1, 1977

Revenue and/or Expense Items	Fiscal Note 1976-77	Fiscal Note 1977-78	Fiscal Note 1978-79	Continuing
INCREASE IN LOCAL REVENUE:				Yes
Gasoline		\$4,195,274	\$4,446,990	
Special Fuel		518,000	549,080	
		\$4,713,274	\$4,996,070	
STATE ADMIN. REIMBURSEMENT		47,609	50,465	
Total		\$4,760,883	\$5,046,535	

The Department of Taxation has provided the above projections which are computed from actual calendar 1976 gallonage as reported to the Department. The projections include the Department of Motor Vehicles' estimates for special fuels. Also provided by the Department of Taxation is the following breakdown of the fiscal year 1977-78 projections by entity:

Entity	Estimated Receipts FY 1977-78
Carson City	\$ 149,170.41
Churchill	72,850.68
Fallon	28,536.56
Clark	864,726.65
Boulder City	50,370.17
Henderson	158,110.48
Las Vegas	1,213,058.85
N. Las Vegas	349,259.91
Douglas	66,358.18
Elko	38,024.96
Carlin	12,662.15
Elko	73,494.42
Wells	10,424.86
Esmeralda	6,065.99
Eureka	8,955.23
Humboldt	27,157.48
Winnemucca	34,322.46
Lander	25,710.91
Lincoln	15,825.91
Caliente	8,833.94
Lyon	59,897.85
Yerington	19,384.13
Mineral	67,998.41
Nye	45,566.67
Gabbs	8,428.60
Pershing	10,598.39
Lovelock	15,150.22
Storey	6,890.81
Washoe	231,623.89
Reno	702,674.49
Sparks	233,254.99
White Pine	38,401.86
Ely	59,483.41
Total	\$4,713,273.92

Signature E. A. Schan
Title Deputy Fiscal Analyst

SENATE STANDING RULES

SENATE STANDING RULES

[Current through the date of adjournment of the 1977 legislative session
(May 9, 1977)]

I. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**Duties of Officers****1****President.**

The President shall take the chair and call the Senate to order precisely at the hour appointed for meeting, and if a quorum be present shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read. He shall preserve order and decorum, and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct within the Chamber, shall order the Sergeant at Arms to suppress the same, and may order the arrest of any person creating any disturbance within the Senate Chamber. He may speak to points of order in preference to members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Senate by two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once without leave of the Senate. He shall sign all acts, addresses and joint resolutions, and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate; all of which shall be attested by the Secretary. He has general direction of the Senate Chamber, and may name any Senator to perform the duties of the Chair—but such substitution does not extend beyond an adjournment, or authorize the Senator so substituted to sign any document requiring the signature of the President.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1649]

2**President pro Tem.**

The President pro Tem shall have all the power and authority, and discharge all the duties of the President during his absence or inability to discharge the duties of his office. In the absence or inability of the President pro Tem to discharge the duties of the President's office, the Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Functions shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Functions shall preside. In the absence of the Vice Chairman of the Committee on Legislative Functions, the Senate shall elect one of its members as the presiding officer for that occasion.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1865]

3

Secretary.

The Secretary of the Senate is elected by the Senate, and shall:

1. Interview and recommend to the Committee on Legislative Functions persons to be considered for employment by the Senate.
2. See that all employees perform their respective duties.
3. Administer the daily business of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1649]

4

Sergeant at Arms.

The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the Senate during its sittings, and execute its commands and all process issued by its authority. He shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the Senate. He shall receive for every arrest within the Capitol building or grounds, one dollar; within the limits of Carson City and without the Capitol grounds, one dollar and fifty cents; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar; and for traveling expenses of himself or special messenger outside of Carson City, for one way only, twenty-five cents per mile. All fees for arrest of members shall be paid by members arrested, unless excused by the Senate; and when excused, the Sergeant at Arms shall not be allowed fees, except when the arrest was made outside of Carson City, when mileage shall be allowed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

5

Assistant.

The Assistant Sergeant at Arms shall be doorkeeper and shall preserve order in the Senate Chamber and shall assist the Sergeant at Arms. He shall be sworn to keep the secrets of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

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Reserved.

II. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

10

Time of Meeting.

The President shall call the Senate to order each day of sitting at 10:30 o'clock, a.m., unless the Senate shall have adjourned to some other hour.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

11

Call of Senate—Moved by Three Members.

A call of the Senate may be moved by three Senators, and if carried by a majority of all present, the Secretary shall call the roll and note the

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absentees, after which the names of the absentees shall again be called over. The doors shall then be closed and the Sergeant at Arms directed to take into custody all who may be absent without leave, and all Senators so taken into custody shall be presented at the bar of the Senate for such action as to the Senate may seem proper.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

12

Absence—Leave Required.

No Senator shall absent himself from the service of the Senate without leave, except in case of accident or sickness, and if any Senator or officer shall so absent himself his per diem shall not be allowed him.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1866]

13

Open Meetings.

1. Except as provided in the constitution of the State of Nevada and in subsection 2 of this rule, all meetings of the Senate and its committees shall be open to the public.

2. A Senate committee meeting may be closed if, in an open meeting of the committee, two-thirds of the members of the committee determine that such action is in the public interest and vote to close the meeting for the hearing of specified testimony. Final action on a bill or resolution shall not be taken at a closed meeting.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1880]

III. DECORUM AND DEBATE

20

Points of Order.

If any Senator, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Senate, the President shall, or any Senator may, call him to order, and when a Senator shall be so called to order he shall sit down and shall not proceed without leave of the Senate; which leave, if granted, shall be upon motion, "That he be allowed to proceed in order," when he shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personality. Every decision of points of order by the President shall be subject to appeal, and no discussion of a question of order shall be allowed, except upon appeal of two Senators, and in all cases of appeal the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?"

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

21

Breaches of Decorum.

In cases of breaches of decorum or propriety any Senator, officer or other person shall be liable to such censure or punishment as the Senate

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may deem proper, and if any Senator be called to order for offensive or indecorous language or conduct, the person calling him to order shall report the language or conduct excepted to, which shall be taken down or noted at the Secretary's desk, and no member shall be held to answer for any language used on the floor of the Senate if business has intervened before exception to the language was taken.

Indecorous conduct or boisterous or unbecoming language shall not be permitted in the Senate Chamber.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

IV. QUORUM, VOTING, ELECTIONS

30

Ayes and Noes—Three Required to Call For.

The ayes and noes shall be taken when called for by three members, and every Senator within the bar of the Senate shall vote, unless excused by unanimous vote of the Senate, and the votes shall be entered on the Journal, and the names of Senators demanding the ayes and noes shall also be entered on the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

31

President to Decide—Tie Vote.

A question is lost by a tie vote, but when the Senate is equally divided on any question except the passage of a bill or joint resolution, the President may give the deciding vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1650]

32

Manner of Election—Voting.

In all cases of election by the Senate the vote shall be taken viva voce, and no Senator or other person shall remain by the Secretary's desk while the roll is being called or the votes are being counted. No Senator shall be allowed to vote except when at his seat, nor upon any question in which he is in any way personally or directly interested, nor be allowed to explain his vote or discuss the question while the ayes and noes are being called, nor change his vote after the result is announced, and the announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1867]

V. LEGISLATIVE BODIES

40

Standing Committees.

The standing committees of the Senate and their respective jurisdiction for the reference of bills and resolutions are as follows:

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1. Commerce and Labor, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Titles 52-57, and chapters 489, 703-704A and 707-712 of NRS.

2. Human Resources and Facilities, six members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting Titles 33, 34, 37-40 and 42 and chapters 583-585 of NRS.

3. Natural Resources, six members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting Titles 26 and 45-50 and chapters 488, 581, 582 and 586-590 of NRS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.

4. Finance, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures primarily affecting chapter 286 of NRS and over appropriations, operating and capital budgets, bonding and any measures carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably reported by any other committee unless such reference is dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

5. Government Affairs, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Titles 18-22, 24, 25, 27-31 and 36 and chapters 281-285, 287, 288 and 407 of NRS, except measures affecting primarily the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.

6. Judiciary, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Titles 1-16 and 41 of NRS.

7. Legislative Functions, seven members, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 17 of NRS and the operation of the legislative session.

8. Taxation, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 32 of NRS.

9. Transportation, with jurisdiction over measures affecting primarily Title 44 and chapters 403-406, 408-410, 481-487, 705 and 706 of NRS.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1682]

41

Reserved.

42

Committee Expenses.

No committee shall employ assistance or incur any expense, except by permission of the Senate previously obtained.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868]

43

Duties of Committees.

The several committees shall fully consider all measures referred to them and report thereon. They shall acquaint themselves with the interests of the State specially represented by the committee, and from time to

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time present such bills and reports as in their judgment will advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people of the State, and shall fully consider and report their opinion upon any matter committed or referred to them by the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868]

44

Committee on Legislative Functions.

The Committee on Legislative Functions shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all attachés and employees of the Senate not otherwise provided for by law. It shall have authority to suspend any attaché or employee for incompetency or dereliction of duty, pending final action by the Senate. It shall hear complaints on alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interests, brought by legislators and others, and it may advise legislators on questions of breaches of ethics and conflicts of interests. All proceedings by the committee on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest shall be confidential.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1868]

45

Reserved.

46

Forming Committee of the Whole.

In forming the Committee of the Whole, the Senator who has so moved shall name a chairman to preside, and all bills considered shall be read by sections, and the chairman shall call for amendments at the conclusion of the reading of each section. All amendments proposed by the committee shall be reported by the chairman to the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1651]

47

Rules Applicable to Committee of the Whole.

The Rules of the Senate shall apply to proceedings in Committee of the Whole, except that the previous question shall not be ordered, nor the ayes and noes demanded, but the committee may limit the number of times that any member may speak, at any stage of proceedings, during its sitting. Messages may be received by the President while the committee is sitting; in which case the President will resume the chair, receive the message, and vacate the chair in favor of the chairman of the committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

48

Motion to Rise Committee of the Whole.

A motion that the committee rise shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

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Reference to Committee.

When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

1. The Committee of the Whole Senate.
2. A Standing Committee.
3. A Select Committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

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Return from Committee.

Any bill or other matter referred to a committee of the Senate shall not be withdrawn or ordered taken from such committee for consideration by the Senate, recommitment, or for any other reason without a two-thirds vote of the Senate, and at least one day's notice of the motion therefor. No such motion shall be in order on the last day of the session, or on the day preceding the last day of the session. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to take from any committee the rights and duties of committees provided for in Rule 43 of Senate Standing Rules.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1869]

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

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Committee Rules.

1. The rules of the Senate, as far as applicable, are the rules of committees of the Senate; and procedure in committees, where not otherwise provided in this rule, shall follow the procedure of the Senate. For matters not included in the rules of the Senate or these rules, Mason's Manual shall be followed.

2. A majority of any committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. A meeting of a committee shall not be opened without a quorum present.

4. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings or those called by the chairman, meetings may be set by a written petition of a majority of a committee and filed with the chairman of a committee.

5. A bill may be passed from a committee only by a majority of the committee membership. A simple majority of those present and voting is sufficient to adopt committee amendments. A committee shall not recommend a bill for placement on the consent calendar if it makes any substantive change in the law or if an amendment of the bill is recommended.

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6. Subcommittees may be appointed by committee chairmen to consider subjects specified by the committee and shall report back to the committee.

7. A committee shall act only when together, and all votes shall be taken in the presence of the committee. A member shall not be recorded as voting unless he was actually present in the committee at the time of the vote. The chairman shall vote on all final actions on bills or resolutions.

8. All committee and subcommittee meetings are open to the public, except that a meeting may be closed if, in an open meeting of the committee or subcommittee, two-thirds of the members determine that such action is in the public interest and vote to close the meeting for the hearing of specified testimony. Final action on a bill or resolution shall not be taken at a closed meeting.

9. Before reporting a bill or resolution to the Senate, a committee may reconsider its action. A motion to reconsider must be made by a member who voted with the prevailing side.

10. Committee chairmen shall determine the agenda of each meeting except that committee members may request an item for the agenda by communicating with the chairman at least 1 day prior to the meeting. A majority of a committee may, by vote, add an item to the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. Secretaries to committees shall give notice of hearings on bills to anyone requesting notices of particular bills.

12. All committees shall keep minutes of meetings. The minutes shall cover members present and absent, subjects under discussion, witnesses who appear, committee members' statements concerning legislative intent, action taken by the committee, as well as the vote of individual members on all matters on which a vote is taken. Any member may submit to the secretary additional remarks to be included in the minutes and records of committee meetings. At the conclusion of the legislative session, the Secretary of the Senate shall deliver all minutes and records of committee meetings in her possession to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

13. In addition to the minutes, the committee secretary shall maintain a record of all bills, including:

- (a) Date bill referred;
- (b) Date bill received;
- (c) Date set for hearing the bill;
- (d) Date or dates bill heard and voted upon; and
- (e) Date report prepared.

14. All committee secretaries shall file the minutes within 2 weeks with the Secretary of the Senate.

15. All committee minutes are open to public inspection upon request and during normal business hours.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1651]

VI. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

A. Motions Generally

60

Entertaining.

No motion shall be debated until announced by the President. It shall be reduced to writing and read by the Secretary, if desired by the President or any Senator, before it shall be debated, and by consent of the Senate may be withdrawn before amendment or decision.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1870]

61

Precedence of Motions.

When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but the following, which shall have precedence in the order named:

1. To adjourn.
2. For a call of the Senate.
3. To lay on the table.
4. For the previous question.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To commit.
7. To amend.
8. To postpone indefinitely.

The first four shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1870]

62

When Not Entertained.

When a motion to commit, to postpone to a day certain, or to postpone indefinitely has been decided, it shall not be again entertained on the same day and at the same stage of proceedings, and when a question has been postponed indefinitely it shall not again be introduced during the session except this rule be suspended by a two-thirds vote, and there shall be no reconsideration of a vote on a motion to indefinitely postpone.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

B. Particular Motions

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To Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order. The name of the Senator moving to adjourn, and the time when the motion was made, shall be entered on the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

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Lay on the Table.

A motion to lay on or take from the table shall be carried by a majority vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

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Reserved.

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To Strike Enacting Clause.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution shall have precedence of a motion to commit or amend, and if carried shall be equivalent to its rejection.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

67

Division of Question.

Any Senator may call for a division of a question, which shall be divided if it embraces subjects so distinct that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Senate; but a motion to strike out and insert shall not be divided.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

68

To Reconsider—Precedence Of.

A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other motion, except a motion to adjourn; and when the Senate adjourns while a motion to reconsider is pending, or before passing the order of Motions and Resolutions, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting. No notice of reconsideration of any final vote shall be in order on the day preceding the last day of the session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

69

Explanation of Motion.

Whenever a Senator moves to take a bill off general file and return it to the Secretary's desk or to make any other disposition of a bill that has been reported out of committee, he shall explain the purpose of his motion and state the reasons for his requesting the change in the processing of the bill.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1883]

VII. DEBATE

80

Speaking on Question.

Every Senator when he speaks, shall, standing in his place, address "Mr. President," in a courteous manner, and shall confine himself to the question before the Senate, and when he has finished, shall sit down. No Senator shall speak more than twice (except for explanation) during the consideration of any one question on the same day, nor a second time without leave when others who have not spoken desire the floor; but incidental and subsidiary questions arising during debate shall not be considered the same question.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1871]

81

Previous Question.

The previous question shall not be put unless demanded by three Senators, and it shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" When sustained by a majority of Senators present it shall put an end to all debate and bring the Senate to a vote on the question or questions before it, and all incidental questions arising after the motion was made shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

VIII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

A. Generally

90

Mason's Manual.

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Senate in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the Senate, and the joint rules of the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

91

Suspension of Rule.

No standing rule or order of the Senate shall be rescinded or changed without a vote of two-thirds of the Senate and one day's notice of the motion therefor; but a rule or order may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. When the suspension of a rule is called for, and after due notice from the President no objection is offered, he can announce the rule suspended and the Senate may proceed accordingly; but this shall not apply to that portion of Senate Standing Rule No. 109 relating to the third reading of bills, which

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cannot be suspended; and further, this rule shall not apply to the suspension of Senate Standing Rule No. 50.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

92

Notices of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings.

Adequate notice shall be provided to the legislators and the public by posting information relative to the bills, topics and public hearings which are to come before committees. Notices shall include the date, time, place and agenda, and shall be posted conspicuously in the legislative building, shall appear in the daily history, and shall be made available to the news media.

This requirement of notice may be suspended for an emergency by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the committee members appointed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1677]

93

Protest.

Any Senator, or Senators, may protest against the action of the Senate upon any question, and have such protest entered upon the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1872]

94

Privilege of the Floor.

No person, except state officers and officers and members of the Senate and Assembly, shall be admitted within the bar of the Senate, except by special invitation on the part of some member; and a majority may authorize the President to have the Senate Chamber cleared of all persons except Senators and officers of the Senate; and the Senate Chamber shall not be used for any but legislative business except by permission given by a two-thirds vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

95

Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.

All papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other written material placed upon a Senator's desk shall contain the signature of the legislator requesting the placement of such material on the desk or shall contain a designation of the origin of such material. This rule does not apply to books containing the legislative bills and resolutions, the legislative daily histories, the legislative daily journals, or Legislative Counsel Bureau material.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

96

Reserved.

97

Petitions and Memorials.

The contents of any petition or memorial shall be briefly stated by the President or any Senator presenting it. It shall then lie on the table or be referred, as the President or Senate may direct.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

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Objection to Reading of Paper.

Where the reading of any paper is called for, and is objected to by any Senator, it shall be determined by a vote of the Senate, and without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

103

Questions Relating to Priority of Business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1873]

B. Bills

104

Limitation on Bill Drafting Requests and Introductions.

1. After the first 30 calendar days of a regular legislative session, bill drafting requests submitted to the legislative counsel for bills and joint resolutions will not be honored by the legislative counsel unless the bill drafting request is approved by:

- (a) A two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate present, or
- (b) A standing committee of the Senate, provided the bill drafting

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request was approved by a majority of all of the members of such standing committee.

2. After the first 30 calendar days of a regular legislative session, bills and joint resolutions may be introduced by:

(a) Standing committees without consent.

(b) A member who had requested the drafting of such bill or joint resolution by the legislative counsel prior to the 31st calendar day of the legislative session.

3. Consent to suspend this rule shall be made on roll call vote, which vote shall be entered in the Senate Journal for that day, and such consent shall apply to no more than one bill or joint resolution or bill drafting request.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1773]

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106

Skeleton Bills.

The introduction of skeleton bills is authorized after the beginning of a session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the legislative counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. A skeleton bill will be provided for purposes of introduction and committee referral. Such bill will be a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, shall then request the draft of a completed bill in such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874]

107

Information to Accompany Bills.

Bills introduced shall be accompanied by information relative to witnesses and selected persons of departments and agencies who should be considered for committee hearings on the proposed legislation. At the time of introduction of a bill, a list shall be given to the Secretary of witnesses who are proponents of the measure together with their addresses and telephone numbers. This information shall be provided by:

(a) The Senator introducing the bill;

(b) The person requesting a committee introduction of the bill; or

(c) The chairman of a committee introducing the bill. The Secretary shall deliver this information to the chairman of the committee to which the bill is referred. Members of the committee may suggest additional

names for witnesses. The legislator may accompany the bill with a bill analysis which may describe the intent, purpose, justification and effects of the bill, or any of them.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874]

108

Reserved.

109

Reading of Bills.

At least one day's notice shall be given of the introduction of a bill unless by consent of two-thirds of the Senate, or the bill be presented by a committee in the discharge of its duty. Every bill shall receive three readings previous to its passage, unless, in case of emergency, two-thirds of the Senate shall deem it expedient to dispense with this rule. The President shall give notice at each whether it be first, second, or third reading. The first reading of the bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall this bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall then take the usual course. No bill shall be committed until once read, nor amended until twice read. The third reading of every bill shall be by sections.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1874]

110

Second Reading File—Consent Calendar.

1. All bills reported by committee shall be placed on a second reading file unless recommended for placement on the consent calendar. Upon the request of any Senator, at any time before the consent calendar is called, a bill placed on the consent calendar shall be transferred to the second reading file.

2. When the consent calendar is called, the bills remaining on the consent calendar shall be read by number and summary, and the vote shall be taken on their final passage as a group.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1652]

111

Printing.

One thousand copies of all bills and resolutions of general interest shall be printed for the use of the Senate and Assembly, and two hundred and fifty copies of such as are of only local interest; also such other matter shall be printed as may be ordered by the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1875]

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Reading of Bills—General File.

All bills on the second reading file shall be read in the order in which they are reported by committees. Upon reading of bills on the second reading file, Senate bills reported without amendments shall be engrossed and placed on the general file, and Assembly bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the general file. Committee amendments reported with bills shall be considered upon their second reading and such amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Senate bills so amended shall be reprinted, engrossed, and placed on the general file, and Assembly bills so amended shall be reprinted, reengrossed and placed on the general file. Engrossed bills shall be placed at the head of the file in the order in which they are reported engrossed, except general appropriation bills, which shall be at the head of the file. The file, with each bill in order, shall be conspicuously posted in the Senate Chamber each day by the Secretary.

Any member may move to amend a bill during its reading on the second reading file or during its third reading and the motion to amend may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Bills so amended on second reading shall be treated the same as bills with committee amendments. Any bill so amended upon the general file shall be reprinted and reengrossed.

The reprinting of amended bills may be dispensed with only in accordance with the provisions of law. Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, one thousand copies of all amended bills shall be printed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1652]

Commitment of Bill with Special Instructions.

A bill may be committed with special instructions to amend at any time before taking the final vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1875]

Reconsideration of Vote on Bill.

On the day next succeeding the final vote on any bill, said vote may be reconsidered on motion of any member, provided notice of intention to move a reconsideration was given on the day such final vote was taken, by a Senator who voted on that side which prevailed, and no motion to reconsider shall be in order on the day such final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be made and decided at once.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

Reserved.

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Different Subject Not Admitted as Amendment.

No subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted as an amendment; and no bill or resolution shall be amended by incorporating any irrelevant subject matter or by association or annexing any other bill or resolution pending in the Senate, but a substitute may be offered at any time so long as the original is open to amendment.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

C. Resolutions

118

Treated as Bills.

Resolutions addressed to Congress, or to either House thereof, or to the President of the United States, or the heads of any of the national departments, or proposing amendments to the State Constitution are subject, in all respects, to the foregoing rules governing the course of bills. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution shall be entered in the journal in its entirety.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1757]

119

Treated as Motions.

Resolutions, other than those referred to in Rule 118, shall be treated as motions in all proceedings of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1876]

120

Order of Business.

1. Roll Call.
2. Prayer by the Chaplain.
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Reading and Approval of the Journal.
5. Presentation of Petitions.
6. Report of Standing Committees.
7. Report of Select Committees.
8. Messages from the Governor.
9. Communications from State Officers.
10. Messages from the Assembly.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. Second Reading and Amendment of Bills.
13. Introduction, First Reading, and Reference of Bills.
14. Motions, Resolutions, and Notices.
15. Business on General File and Third Reading of Bills.
16. Unfinished Business.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1653]

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Privilege.

Any Senator may rise and explain a matter personal to himself by leave of the President, but he shall not discuss any pending question in such explanation.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

124

Preference to Speak.

When two or more Senators rise at the same time the President shall name the one who may first speak—giving preference, when practicable, to the mover or introducer of the subject under consideration.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

125

Special Order.

The President shall call the Senate to order on the arrival of the time fixed for the consideration of a special order, and announce that the special order is before the Senate, which shall be considered, unless it be postponed by a two-thirds vote, and any business before the Senate at the time of the announcement of the special order shall go to Unfinished Business.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

126

Reserved.

127

Messages.

Messages from the Governor, state officers and from the Assembly may be considered at any time by a vote of the Senate.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

128

Filling of Blanks.

In filling blanks the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

IX. LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS

140

Compensation of witnesses.

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Senate, or any of its committees, shall be compensated as provided by law for witnesses required to attend in the courts of the State of Nevada.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1877]

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[Current through the date of adjournment of the 1977 legislative session
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I. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Duties of Officers

1

Speaker of the Assembly.

1. All officers of the Assembly are subordinate to the Speaker in all that relates to the prompt, efficient and correct discharge of their official duties under his supervision.

2. Possessing the powers and performing the duties described in this rule, the Speaker shall:

(a) Take the chair at the hour to which the Assembly stands adjourned, call the members to order, and upon the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.

(b) Preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the chamber of the Assembly and the approaches thereto, and in the event of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, order the same to be cleared.

(c) Decide all questions of order, subject to a member's right to appeal to the Assembly. On appeal from such decisions, the Speaker has the right, in his place, to assign the reason for his decision.

(d) Have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one legislative day.

(e) When the Assembly resolves itself into Committee of the Whole, name a chairman to preside thereover and call him to the chair.

(f) Have the power to accredit the persons who act as representatives of the press, radio and television, and assign them seats.

(g) Sign all bills and resolutions passed by the legislature as provided by law.

(h) Sign all subpoenas issued by the Assembly or any committee thereof.

(i) Receive all messages and communications from other departments of the government and announce them to the Assembly.

(j) Represent the Assembly, declare its will and in all things obey its commands.

(k) Vote on final passage of a bill or resolution, but he shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except where his vote would be decisive. In all aye and no votes, the Speaker's name shall be called last.

3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, through death, resignation or disability of the Speaker, the Speaker pro Tempore shall temporarily and for the period of vacancy or disability conduct the necessary business of the Assembly.

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4. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Assembly shall select a new Speaker.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1912]

Reserved. 2

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Tenure of Office.

Elective officers of the Assembly shall hold office during the session and at the close of the session their tenure shall cease.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1886]

II. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

10

Time of Meeting.

The Assembly shall meet each day at 11 a.m., unless the Assembly adjourns to some other hour.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1857]

11

Open Meetings.

All meetings of the Assembly and its standing committees shall be open to the public.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1907]

12

Reserved.

III. DECORUM AND DEBATE

20

Points of Order.

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless
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permitted to explain; and if called to order by a member, such member shall immediately state the point of order. If the point of order be sustained by the Speaker, the member shall not be allowed to proceed; but if it be not sustained, then he shall be permitted to go on. Every such decision from the Speaker shall be subject to an appeal to the house; but no discussion of the question of order shall be allowed unless an appeal be taken from the decision of the Speaker.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1886]

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Reserved.

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Committee on Ethics.

1. The Committee on Ethics consists of:

(a) Two members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker from the majority political party;

(b) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader from the minority political party; and

(c) Two qualified electors of the state, neither of whom is a present or former member of the legislature or employed by the State of Nevada.

2. The speaker shall appoint two members of the Assembly, one from the majority political party and one from the minority political party to serve as alternate members of the committee. If a member is disqualified, the alternate appointed from the same political party shall serve as a member of the committee during the consideration of a specific question.

3. A member is disqualified if he is the requester of advice concerning a question of ethics or conflict of interest, or if the advice is requested by another member of the Assembly and a reasonable person in his situation could not exercise independent judgment on the matter in question.

4. The committee shall hear complaints on alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest, brought by legislators and others, and it may advise legislators on questions of breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest. All proceedings by the committee on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest are confidential unless a legislator:

(a) Against whom a complaint is brought requests a public hearing;

(b) Discloses the opinion of the committee at any time after his hearing;

or

(c) Discloses the content of an advisory opinion issued to him by the committee.

5. A complaint which alleges a breach of ethics or a conflict of interest shall be in writing and signed by the person making the allegation. The complaint shall be filed with the chairman and he shall send a copy of the complaint, within 24 hours after receiving it, to the legislator against whom the complaint is brought.

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6. The criterion to be applied by the committee in determining whether a legislator has a conflict of interest is whether the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in his position upon the matter in question would be materially affected by:

- (a) His acceptance of a gift or loan; or
- (b) His private economic interest.

7. A legislator who determines that he has a conflict of interest may vote upon, advocate or oppose any measure as to which a potential conflict exists if he makes a general disclosure of such conflict.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1706]

IV. QUORUM, VOTING, ELECTIONS

30

Manner of Voting.

1. The Speaker shall declare all votes but the ayes and noes shall be taken when called for by three members present, and the names of those calling for the ayes and noes shall be entered in the Journal by the Chief Clerk.

2. The Speaker shall call for ayes and noes by a division or by a roll call, either electronic or oral.

3. When taking the ayes and noes on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used, and when so used shall have the force and effect of any roll call under these rules.

4. When taking the ayes and noes by oral roll call, the Chief Clerk shall take the names of members alphabetically except that the Speaker shall be called last.

5. The electronic roll call system may be used to determine the presence of a quorum.

6. The ayes and noes shall not be taken with the electronic roll call system until all members present are at their desks. The Speaker and the Speaker pro Tempore may vote at their desks or at the rostrum.

7. Only a member, certified by the Committee on Credentials of the Assembly, may cast a vote in the Assembly. A member shall not vote for another member on any roll call, either electronic or oral. Any member who votes for another member may be punished in any manner deemed appropriate by the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1879]

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Reserved.

32

Announcement of the Vote.

1. A member may change his vote at any time before the announcement of the vote if the voting is by voice, or at any time before the votes are electronically recorded if the voting is conducted electronically.

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2. The announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1876]

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Voting by Division.

Upon a division and count of the Assembly on any question, no person without the bar shall be counted.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1887]

V. LEGISLATIVE BODIES

40

Standing Committees.

The standing committees of the Assembly shall be as follows:

1. Ways and Means, eleven members.
2. Judiciary, nine members.
3. Taxation, nine members.
4. Elections, seven members.
5. Education, seven members.
6. Legislative Functions, seven members.
7. Agriculture, seven members.
8. Labor and Management, seven members.
9. Transportation, seven members.
10. Commerce, nine members.
11. Environment and Public Resources, nine members.
12. Health and Welfare, nine members.
13. Government Affairs, nine members.

There shall be no more than two members of the minority political party on a standing committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1728]

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Appointment of Committees.

Except as provided in Assembly Standing Rules 23 and 101, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly. The Speaker shall designate the chairman of each committee. The Chairman shall appoint one member as vice-chairman with the permission of the Speaker.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1707]

42

Committee Action.

The committee shall have regular meetings scheduled by the Assembly leadership. A quorum of the committee is a majority of its members and

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may transact business except as limited by this rule. Motions may be moved, seconded and passed by voice vote by a simple majority of those present, except that definite action on a bill or resolution will require a majority of the entire committee. A two-thirds majority of all the committee is required to reconsider action on a bill or resolution. Committee introduction requires concurrence of two-thirds of the committee and does not imply commitment to support final passage. The Chairman shall vote on all final action regarding bills or resolutions. No member of the committee may vote by proxy under any circumstances.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

43

Subcommittees.

Subcommittees made up of committee members may be appointed by the chairman to consider and report back on specific subjects or bills.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

44

Committee on Legislative Functions.

The Committee on Legislative Functions shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all attachés and employees of the Assembly not otherwise provided for by law. It shall have authority to suspend any such attaché or employee for incompetency or dereliction of duty, pending final action by the Assembly. It shall function as the Committee on Rules and as the Committee on Credentials of the Assembly. It shall be composed of no more than three members from each county.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1707]

45

Reports of Committees.

All bills, resolutions, or other matter referred to any committee shall be reported back by such committee to the Assembly, together with the action of the committee thereon, as soon as practicable after such reference.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1885]

46

Committee Action on Reports.

Committee reports shall be adopted at a committee session actually assembled and meeting as a committee with a quorum present. Every committee vote on a matter pertaining to a bill or resolution shall be recorded. The vote may be taken by roll call at the discretion of the chairman.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

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Committee Records.

The chairman of each committee shall keep, or cause to be kept, a complete record of the committee proceedings in which there shall be entered:

1. The time and place of each meeting;
2. The attendance and absence of members;
3. The names of all persons appearing before the committee, with the names of persons, firms, corporations or associations in whose behalf such appearance is made; and
4. The subjects or measures considered and action taken.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1903]

48

Disposition of Committee Records.

All minutes, records and documents in the possession of committees and their chairmen shall be filed in the offices of the Legislative Counsel Bureau upon adjournment sine die.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1904]

49

Committee Hearings.

Public hearings shall be held on important bills and other matters of high public interest. Presence of a quorum of the committee is desirable but not required. Public hearings are opened by the chairman who announces the subject under consideration and provides for those wishing to address the committee to be heard. These persons shall rise in an order determined by the chairman, address the chair, furnish their names, addresses and firms or other organizations represented. Committee members may address the chairman for permission to question the witness. When all persons present have been heard, the chairman may declare the public hearing closed on the matter before proceeding to other matters.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1914]

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Concurrent Referrals.

When a bill or resolution is referred to two committees the bill or resolution will go to the first committee named, where it will be acted upon; then, the bill or resolution will pass to the second committee named, and
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that committee will pass upon it. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, it shall be reprinted with amendments and then sent immediately to the next committee. If there is no amendment proposed by the first committee, the bill or resolution shall be sent with the committee recommendation immediately to the second committee. If one committee reports unfavorably and the other favorably, the bill or resolution will not be reported to the Assembly. However, the committee which votes not to report the bill or resolution out with favorable recommendation shall report to the Assembly in regular session, stating the reasons for not approving the bill or resolution.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1909]

VI. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

60

Entertaining.

No motion shall be debated until the same be distinctly announced by the Speaker; and it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the Speaker or any member, and be read by the Chief Clerk before the same shall be debated. A motion may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before amendment or before the motion is put to vote.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

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Particular Motions

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Indefinite Postponement.

When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be considered again during the session and the question shall not be subject to a motion for reconsideration.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

66

To Strike Enacting Clause.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution shall

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not take precedence over any other subsidiary motion. If the motion is carried, it shall be considered equivalent to the rejection of such bill or resolution.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

67

Division of Question.

Any member may call for a division of the question, which shall be divided, if it comprehend propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Assembly. A motion to strike out being lost shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1889]

68

To Reconsider—Precedence Of.

A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other motion, except a motion to adjourn, or to fix the time to which to adjourn; and when the Assembly adjourns, while a motion to reconsider is pending, or before passing the order of Motions and Resolutions, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting. No notice of reconsideration of any final vote shall be in order on the day preceding the last day of the session.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

VII. DEBATE

80

Speaking on Question.

No member shall speak more than twice during the consideration of any one question, on the same day, and at the same stage of proceedings, without leave. Members who have once spoken shall not again be entitled to the floor (except for explanation) to the exclusion of others who have not spoken.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

81

Previous Question.

The previous question shall be put only when demanded by three members. The previous question shall not be moved by the member last speaking on the question.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

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VIII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

A. Rules and Procedure

90

Mason's Manual.

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure shall govern the Assembly in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and orders of the Assembly, and the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

91

Suspension of Rule.

No standing rule or order of the Assembly shall be rescinded or changed without a vote of two-thirds of the members elected, and one day's notice being given of the motion therefor; but a rule or order may be suspended temporarily by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1890]

92

Notices of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings.

All committees shall provide notice of public hearings on bills, resolutions or topics of high public importance at least 5 calendar days before such hearings. Notice shall also be provided for all other committee meetings at least 24 hours in advance of such meetings. Notices in all cases shall include the date, time, place and agenda to be covered and shall be posted conspicuously in the legislative building, appear in the daily history and be made available to the press.

The noticing requirements of this rule may be suspended for emergency situations but only after approval by a two-thirds vote of a committee.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1915]

93

Reserved.

94

Privilege of the Floor and Lobbying.

No person, except Senators and state officers, shall be admitted at the bar of the Assembly, except by special invitation on the part of some member; but a majority may authorize the Speaker to have the Assembly cleared of all such persons. No person shall do any lobbying upon the

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floor of the Assembly at any time, and it shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to remove any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this rule.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

95

Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.

All papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other written material placed upon an assemblyman's desk shall contain the signature of the legislator requesting the placement of such material on the desk or shall contain a designation of the origin of such material. This rule does not apply to books containing the legislative bills and resolutions, the legislative daily histories, the legislative daily journals or Legislative Counsel Bureau material.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

96

Peddling and Soliciting.

Peddling, begging and soliciting are strictly forbidden in the Assembly Chamber, and in the lobby, gallery and halls adjacent thereto, and no part of said chamber or halls shall be used for, or occupied by signs or other devices for any kind of advertising.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

97

Petitions and Memorials.

Petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the Assembly, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place. A brief statement of the contents thereof shall be made verbally by the introducer. They shall not be debated on the day of their being presented, but shall be on the table, or be referred, as the Assembly shall determine.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

98

Request of Purpose.

A member may request the purpose of a bill or joint resolution upon its introduction.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

99

Remarks.

It shall be in order for members to make remarks and to have such remarks entered in the Journal.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

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Precedence of Parliamentary Authority.

The precedence of parliamentary authority in the Assembly shall be as follows:

1. The Constitution of the State of Nevada.
2. The Statutes of the State of Nevada.
3. The Standing Rules of the Assembly and the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly.
4. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.
[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1891]

Organization of Assembly—Even Division of Members-Elect.

1. The provisions of this rule shall be applicable only if it appears from the roll of the members-elect of the Assembly prepared by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 218.100 that the total number of the members-elect of the Assembly is evenly divided between two political parties.

2. If the total number of members-elect of the Assembly is evenly divided between two political parties, on the first day of each session of the legislature following the call of the Assembly to order by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 218.100, the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials, and the taking of the oath by members of the Assembly, the members of each political party shall designate one member and such designees shall meet together publicly in the Assembly chambers with the Secretary of State, who shall determine, by lot, which party shall have leadership of the Assembly. The winning political party shall select the Speaker and Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly and shall have the majority of the members on the even-numbered standing committees as designated in Assembly Standing Rule 40. The losing political party shall have the majority of the members on the remaining standing committees designated in Assembly Standing Rule 40.

3. Following completion of the procedures specified in subsection 2, the winning political party shall select the Speaker and Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly and report its selection to the Secretary of State. The person so selected as Speaker shall thereupon assume the chair of the Assembly.

4. The members representing each political party shall then retire from the chambers and meet privately. The political party having the majority of members on each standing committee shall select a number of members equal to those authorized by Assembly Standing Rule 40, and designate one of such number as chairman of the standing committee. The political party having a minority of members on each standing committee shall select a number of members equal to those authorized by Assembly Standing Rule 40. Having completed the duties imposed by this

subsection, both political parties shall report in writing to the Speaker, the chairman and members of the standing committees designated.

5. The Speaker shall not change the designation of chairmen and committee members made pursuant to subsection 4.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1892]

102

Reserved.

103

Reserved.

B. Bills

104

Limitation on Bill Drafting Requests and Introductions.

1. After the first 30 calendar days of a regular legislative session, bill drafting requests submitted to the legislative counsel for bills and joint resolutions will not be honored by the legislative counsel unless the bill drafting request is approved by:

- (a) A two-thirds vote of the members of the Assembly present, or
- (b) A standing committee of the Assembly, provided the bill drafting request was approved by a majority of all of the members of such standing committee.

2. After the first 30 calendar days of a regular legislative session, bills and joint resolutions may be introduced by:

- (a) Standing committees without consent.
- (b) A member who had requested the drafting of such bill or joint resolution by the legislative counsel prior to the 31st calendar day of the legislative session.

3. Consent to suspend this rule shall be made on rollcall vote, which vote shall be entered in the Assembly Journal for that day, and such consent shall apply to no more than one bill or joint resolution or bill drafting request.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1730]

105

Substitute Bills.

A substitute bill shall be deemed and held to be an amendment, and treated in all respects as such. However, a substitute bill may be amended after its adoption, in the same manner as if it were an original bill.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893]

106

Skeleton Bills.

The introduction of skeleton bills is authorized after the beginning of a

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session when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the legislative counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. A skeleton bill will be provided for purposes of introduction and committee referral. Such bill will be a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed. The committee, if it treats the skeleton bill favorably, shall then request the draft of a completed bill in such detail as would afford the committee the opportunity of considering the legislative ideas proposed in context with all their necessary ramifications.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893]

107

Information to Accompany Bills.

Bills introduced shall be accompanied by information relative to witnesses and selected persons of departments and agencies who should be considered for committee hearings on the proposed legislation. At the time of introduction of a bill, a list shall be given to the Clerk of witnesses who are proponents of the measure together with their addresses and telephone numbers. This information shall be provided by:

- (a) The Assemblyman introducing the bill;
- (b) The person requesting a committee introduction of the bill; or
- (c) The chairman of a committee introducing the bill.

The Clerk shall deliver this information to the chairman of the committee to which the bill is referred. Members of the committee may suggest additional names for witnesses. The legislator introducing the legislation may accompany the legislation with a bill analysis which may include the intent, justification, purpose and effect of the legislation, or any of them.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1893]

108

Reserved.

109

Reading of Bills.

The Speaker shall announce at each reading of a bill whether it be the first, second or third reading. The first reading of a bill shall be for information. If there is objection, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If the question to reject fails to receive a majority vote by the members present, or if there is no objection, the bill shall take the proper course. No bill shall be referred to a committee until after the first reading, nor amended until after the second reading.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1894]

Second Reading and Amendment of Bills.

All bills shall be read the second time on the first legislative day after which they are reported by committee, unless a different day is designated by motion. Upon second reading, Assembly bills reported without amendments shall be engrossed and placed on the General File and Senate bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the General File. Committee amendments reported with bills shall be considered upon their second reading, and such amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Any amendment which is numbered, copied and made available to all members shall be moved and voted upon by number unless any member moves that it be read in full. Assembly bills so amended shall be reprinted, engrossed, and placed on the General File, and Senate bills so amended shall be reprinted, reengrossed, and placed on the General File.

Any member may move to amend a bill during its second or third reading, and such motion to amend may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Bills so amended on second reading shall be treated the same as bills with committee amendments. Any bill so amended upon the General File shall be reprinted and reengrossed.

The reprinting of amended bills may be dispensed with only in accordance with the provisions of law.

[Statutes of Nevada 1975, 1915]

Consent Calendar Procedures.

1. On or before the 80th calendar day of a regular session, a standing committee may by unanimous vote of the members present report a bill with the recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar. The question of recommending a bill for the consent calendar may be voted upon in committee only after the bill has been recommended for passage and only if no amendment is recommended. If the bill is an Assembly bill, it shall be engrossed upon receipt by the Chief Clerk of the committee's recommendation.

2. The Chief Clerk shall maintain a list of bills recommended for the consent calendar. The list shall be printed in the daily history and shall include the summary of each bill, and the date the bill is scheduled for consideration on final passage.

3. Unless postponed by motion, the consent calendar shall be considered on Monday and Thursday. A bill reported on Friday to Monday, inclusive, is eligible to be considered on the following Thursday; a bill reported on Tuesday to Thursday, inclusive, is eligible to be considered on the following Monday.

4. At any time before the presiding officer calls for a vote on the passage of the consent calendar, a member may give written notice to the Chief Clerk or state orally from the floor of the Assembly in session that

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he objects to the inclusion of a particular bill on the consent calendar. If a member so objects, the Chief Clerk shall remove the bill from the consent calendar and transfer it to the second reading file. A bill removed from the consent calendar shall not be restored to that calendar.

5. During floor consideration of the consent calendar, members may ask questions and offer explanations relating to the respective bills.

6. When the consent calendar is brought to a vote, the bills remaining on the consent calendar shall be read by number and the vote shall be taken on their final passage as a group.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1660]

112

Reserved.

113

General File.

All bills reported to the Assembly, by either standing or special committees, after receiving their second readings shall be placed upon a General File, to be kept by the Chief Clerk. No bill shall be considered by the Assembly until the regular order of business shall have been gone through. Then bills shall be taken from the General File and acted upon in the order in which they were reported, unless otherwise specially ordered by the Assembly. But engrossed bills shall be placed at the head of the file, in the order in which they are received. The Chief Clerk shall post, in a conspicuous place in the Chamber, a daily statement of the bills on the General File, setting forth the order in which they are filed, and specifying the alterations arising from the disposal of business each day. He shall likewise post notices of special orders as made.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

114

Reserved.

115

Reconsideration of Vote on Bill.

On the first legislative day that the Assembly is in session succeeding that on which a final vote on any bill or resolution has been taken, a vote may be reconsidered on the motion of any member. Notice of intention to move such reconsideration shall be given on the day on which such final vote was taken by a member voting with the prevailing party. It shall not be in order for any member to move a reconsideration on the day on which such final vote was taken, except by unanimous consent. But there shall be no reconsideration of a vote on a motion to indefinitely postpone. Motions to reconsider a vote upon amendments to any pending question may be made at once.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

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Reserved.

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Reserved.

C. Resolutions

118

Treated as Bills—Joint Resolutions.

The procedure of enacting joint resolutions shall be identical to that of enacting bills. However, joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution shall be entered in the Journal in their entirety.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1895]

119

Reserved.

120

Order of Business.

The Order of Business shall be as follows:

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading and Approval of Journal.
3. Presentation of Petitions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Select Committees.
6. Messages from the Governor.
7. Messages from the Senate.
8. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.
9. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
10. Consent Calendar.
11. Second Reading and Amendment.
12. General File and Third Reading.
13. Unfinished Business of Preceding Day.
14. Special Orders of the Day.
15. Remarks from the Floor, limited to ten minutes.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1660]

121

Reserved.

122

Privileged Questions.

Privileged questions shall have precedence of all others in the following order:

1. Motions to fix the time to which the Assembly shall adjourn.

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2. Motions to adjourn.
 3. Questions relating to the rights and privileges of the Assembly or any of its members.
 4. A call of the house.
 5. Motions for special orders.
- [Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

123

Privilege of Closing Debate.

The author of a bill, resolution or a main question shall have the privilege of closing the debate, unless the previous question has been sustained.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

124

Reserved.

125

Reserved.

126

Vetoed Bills.

Bills which have passed both houses of the Legislature and are transmitted to the Assembly accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval or veto of the same, shall be taken up and considered immediately upon the coming in of the message transmitting the same, or shall become the subject of a special order, and when the message is received, or (if made a special order) when the special order is called, the said message or statement shall be read together with the bill or bills so disapproved or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read by the Chief Clerk without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon save as provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Speaker is, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such vetoed bill without the same shall first have been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section; and no motion shall be entertained after the Speaker has stated the question, save a motion to adjourn or a motion for the previous question, but the merits of the bill itself may be debated. The message or statement containing the objections of the Governor to the bill shall be entered upon the Journal of the Assembly. The consideration of a vetoed bill, and the objections of the Governor thereto, shall be a privileged question, and shall take precedence over all others.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1896]

Reserved. 127

Reserved. 128

IX. LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

140

Compensation of Witnesses.

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Assembly or any of its committees shall be compensated as provided by law for witnesses required to attend in the courts of the State of Nevada.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973,1897]

141

Use of the Assembly Chamber.

The Assembly Chamber shall not be used for any public or private business other than legislative, except by permission of the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1973, 1897]

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JOINT RULES

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[Current through the date of adjournment of the 1977 legislative session
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1

COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE

To Be Appointed by One House at Request of the Other.

In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or concurrent resolution, agreed to in one house, dissented from in the other, and not receded from by the one making the amendment, each house shall appoint a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the other; and the committee so appointed shall meet publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed upon by their respective chairman and announced publicly and shall confer upon the differences between the two houses as indicated by the amendments made in one and rejected in the other and report as early as convenient the result of their conference, including a narrative summary of the actions of the committee of conference to their respective houses. The report and narrative summary shall be made available to all members of both houses. The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution shall be considered by the committee, and it may recommend recession by either house, new amendments, new bills or resolutions, or other changes as it sees fit. New bills or resolutions so reported shall be treated as amendments unless the bills or resolutions are composed entirely of original matter, in which case they shall receive the treatment required in the respective houses for original bills, or resolutions, as the case may be.

The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation, and such action may be considered equivalent to the adoption of amendments embodied therein. The report is not subject to amendment.

There shall be but one committee of conference on any bill or resolution. A majority of the members of a committee of conference from each house shall be members who voted for the passage of the bill or resolution.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1697]

2

MESSAGES

Procedure Concerning.

Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in extra session shall, by direction of the presiding officer of each House, be read immediately after the convening thereof, filed and entered in full upon the Journal of proceedings.

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Whenever a message from the Governor is received the Sergeant at Arms will announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of the Governor is at the bar." The secretary will, upon being recognized by the presiding officer, announce: "Mr. President, or Mr. Speaker, a message from His Excellency, the Governor of Nevada, to the Honorable, the Senate or Assembly," and hand same to the Sergeant at Arms for delivery to the Secretary of the Senate or Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The presiding officer will direct the biennial message of the Governor to be received and read, and all special messages to be received, read and entered in full upon the Journal of proceedings.

Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and messages from the Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the Chief Clerk or Assistant Clerk, who shall be announced by the doorkeeper, enter within the bar, announce and deliver his message.

[Statutes of Nevada 1931, 466]

3

BILLS

Communications.

Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or resolution, or matter in which the other may be interested, in writing, signed by the Secretary or Clerk of the House from which such notice is sent.

[Statutes of Nevada 1931, 410]

4

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Signature.

Each enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be presented to the presiding officers of both Houses for signature. They shall, after announcement is made of their intention to do so, sign it in open session and their signature shall be followed by those of the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1656]

5

TRANSMIT PAPERS

Each House shall transmit to the other, papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

[Statutes of Nevada 1920-21, 410]

6

PRINTING

Conditional.

Each House may order the printing of bills introduced, reports of its own committees, and other matter pertaining to such House only; but no other printing shall be ordered except by a concurrent resolution passed by both Houses.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1657]

7

RESOLUTIONS

Concurrent resolutions shall be used as a means of expressing facts, principles, opinions and purposes of the Senate and Assembly, and for authorizing joint committees of the two Houses. They are not binding on either House until agreed to by both. They shall not be sent to the Governor for approval. Concurrent resolutions may be used to memorialize former members of the Legislature and other public figures, living or dead, but shall not be used for the purpose of congratulating any person or organization for insignificant accomplishments. No congratulatory resolution may be introduced without prior approval of the Committee on Legislative Functions of the appropriate House.

Joint resolutions, proposing amendment to the State Constitution, shall not be submitted to the Governor for his approval or signature, but shall, after enrollment, be delivered to the Secretary of State for filing and recording.

Joint resolutions, other than as enumerated in the preceding paragraph, shall be used as a means in addressing the President of the United States, Congress, or either House thereof, Representatives in Congress and the National Departments, and shall be delivered to the Governor for action as provided by law.

A concurrent resolution shall be used to request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for further consideration, or to accomplish the return of a bill from one House to the other.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1657]

8

VETOES

Special Order.

Bills which have passed a previous Legislature, and which are transmitted to the Legislature next sitting, accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval, or veto of the same, shall become the subject of a special order; and when the special order for their consideration is reached and called, the said message or statement shall be read,

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together with the bill or bills so disposed or vetoed; and the message and bill shall be read by the Clerk without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions; and no such bill or message shall be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon, save as provided by law and custom; that is to say, that immediately following such reading the only question (except as hereinafter stated) which shall be put by the Chair is, "Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?" It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such vetoed bill without the same shall have first been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section; and no motion shall be entertained after the Chair has stated the question save a motion for "The previous question," but the merits of the bill itself may be debated.

[Statutes of Nevada 1920-21, 410]

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ADJOURNMENT

1. In calculating the permissible duration of an adjournment for 3 days or less, the day of adjournment shall not be counted but the day of the next meeting shall be counted, and Sunday shall not be counted.

2. The Legislature may adjourn for more than 3 days by concurrent resolution. One or more such adjournments, for a total of not more than 20 days during any regular session, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1698]

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EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND

Except for routine salary, travel, equipment, and operating expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative Fund without the authority of a Concurrent Resolution regularly adopted by the Senate and Assembly.

[Statutes of Nevada 1955, 956]

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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise less than 34 percent of the total number elected to that house, minority party membership for that house on the Legislative Commission shall be:

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(a) One, if such membership is less than 21 percent.

(b) Two, if such membership is between 21 percent and 33 percent.

If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise more than 33 percent of the total number elected to that house, minority party membership for that house on the Commission shall be three, being equal to the membership of the majority party.

2. Each house shall select one or more alternate members for each member from that house, designating them according to party or according to the individual member whom the alternate would replace.

3. A vacancy in the regular Senate or Assembly membership created by death or by resignation or by the legislator's ceasing to be a member of the Legislature shall be filled by the proper alternate member as designated by that house. If there is no proper alternate member, the Legislative Commission shall fill the vacancy by appointing a senator or assemblyman of the same party.

4. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed by resolution as provided in NRS 218.660, notwithstanding that their terms of office may have expired, except that the membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection shall terminate on the day next after election and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this rule.

5. The Chairman shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his successor is appointed following the formation of the next Legislative Commission.

[Statutes of Nevada 1977, 1719]

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1977 Appropriations Act

Assembly Bill No. 755—Committee on Ways and Means

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT making appropriations from the general fund, the state highway fund, the state insurance fund and the fish and game fund in the state treasury for the support of the civil government of the State of Nevada for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, and beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979; making supplemental appropriations for the support of certain state officers and agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977; 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. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury for the purposes hereinafter expressed and for the support of the government of the State of Nevada for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, and beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979.

	1977-78	1978-79
SEC. 2. The Office and Mansion of the Governor.		
For the support of the office of the governor.....	\$401,270	\$449,560
For the support of the governor's mansion.....	81,195	88,359
For the support of the office of the extradition clerk.....	101,100	111,300
For the support of the office of the governor's advisory council on children and youth....	3,000	3,000
For the support of the office of community services.....	15,000	15,000
For the support of the office of comprehensive statewide planning.....	81,504	82,186
SEC. 3. The Office of Lieutenant Governor.		
For the support of the office of lieutenant governor.....	36,253	52,043
SEC. 4. The Office of Attorney General.		
For the support of the office of attorney general.....	806,088	824,188
For the special fund of the attorney general.....	35,000	35,000
SEC. 5. The Office of Secretary of State.		
For the support of the office of secretary of state.....	441,134	528,521
For the support of the archives division.....	76,949	90,373

	1977-78	1978-79
SEC. 6. The Office of State Treasurer. For the support of the office of state treasurer.....	\$174,933	\$185,588
SEC. 7. The Office of State Controller. For the support of the office of the state controller.....	894,419	927,876
SEC. 8. Department of Administration. The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Budget division.....	433,461	470,462
Personnel division.....	115,041	116,604
Merit award board.....	5,500	5,500
Insurance premium revolving fund.....	5,500	5,500
Clear Creek youth center.....	102,961	97,886
SEC. 9. Department of General Services. The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Records management services section of the state printing and records division.....	39,061	39,831
Buildings and grounds division.....	17,955	18,133
Commodity food program.....	10,000	10,000
Central data processing division.....	37,500	37,500
SEC. 10. Department of Economic Development. For the support of the department of economic development.....	449,528	447,728
For the support of the Nevada magazine.....	50,472	52,272
For the support of the Four Corners Regional Commission.....	20,000	20,000
SEC. 11. State Public Works Board. For the support of the state public works board.....	488,154	499,977
SEC. 12. Department of Taxation. For the support of the department of taxation.....	3,081,005	3,130,511
SEC. 13. Nevada Commissioner for Veteran Affairs. For the support of the Nevada commissioner for veteran affairs.....	137,602	142,301
SEC. 14. Nevada Equal Rights Commission. For the support of the Nevada equal rights commission.....	345,623	352,515
SEC. 15. Indian Affairs Commission. For the support of the Indian affairs commission.....	81,868	84,175

	1977-78	1978-79
SEC. 16. Employee-Management Relations Board.		
For the support of the employee-management relations board.....	\$64,119	\$67,059
SEC. 17. Legislative Fund.		
For the support of the legislative commission.....	275,515	245,758
For the support of the audit division of the legislative counsel bureau.....	468,658	488,876
For the support of the legal division of the legislative counsel bureau.....	872,638	1,011,687
For the support of the research division of the legislative counsel bureau.....	225,158	235,711
For the support of the fiscal analysis division of the legislative counsel bureau.....	189,379	208,243
For the support of the legislative counsel bureau consumer price index adjustment.....	111,617	157,040
SEC. 18. Supreme Court of Nevada.		
For the support of the supreme court of Nevada.....	1,030,425	1,092,224
For the support of the state board of pardons commissioners....	15,794	13,500
For the support of the law library.....	187,401	196,866
For the support of the commissions on judicial selection and discipline.....	17,100	18,200
For the support of the retired justice duty fund.....	25,000	25,000
SEC. 19. District Judges' Travel.		
For the support of district judges' travel.....	40,580	40,580
SEC. 20. District Judges' Salaries and Judicial Pensions.		
For the support of district judges' salaries and pensions of justices, judges and widows..	957,172	1,185,771
SEC. 21. Public Defender.		
For the support of the office of public defender.....	108,693	108,046
SEC. 22. State Department of Education.		
The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Education administration.....	736,845	749,180

	1977-78	1978-79
Vocational education.....	\$504,404	\$504,405
Automobile driver education.....	200,000	204,000
School lunch program.....	264,000	360,000
Adult basic education.....	15,030	15,030
Higher education student loan.....	20,000	20,000
Care of visually and aurally handi- capped.....	259,000	312,000
SEC. 23. Commission on Postsecond- ary Institutional Authorization.		
For the support of the commission on postsecondary institu- tional authorization.....	40,454	42,304
SEC. 24. University of Nevada Sys- tem.		
The following sums are hereby appro- priated for the support of:		
System administration.....	535,725	560,211
Community college administration.....	65,188	66,052
University press.....	127,445	133,522
Statewide programs—UNR.....	1,250,569	1,307,214
Intercollegiate athletics—UNR.....	543,791	573,700
Statewide programs—UNLV.....	206,619	218,494
Intercollegiate athletics—UNLV.....	543,791	573,700
Agricultural experiment station.....	1,796,098	1,881,591
Cooperative extension services.....	1,271,808	1,316,929
System computing center.....	1,372,714	1,427,444
Desert research institute.....	884,785	917,393
National direct student loan.....	100,000	100,000
University of Nevada, Reno.....	15,514,070	17,082,528
School of medical sciences, UNR.....	1,109,646	1,463,858
University of Nevada, Las Vegas.....	12,289,681	13,691,442
Clark County community college.....	3,335,122	3,617,072
Western Nevada community college....	2,817,211	3,178,880
Northern Nevada community college...	620,441	673,870
Board of examiners for Clark County community college reserve for growth.....		155,505
SEC. 25. Western Interstate Commis- sion for Higher Education.		
For the support of the western inter- state commission for higher education.....	1,096,161	1,147,036
SEC. 26. Nevada Historical Society.		
For the support of the Nevada his- torical society.....	156,994	161,921
SEC. 27. Nevada State Museum.		
For the support of the Nevada state museum.....	383,284	394,232
For the support of the Lost City museum.....	60,708	65,637

	1977-78	1978-79
SEC. 28. Nevada Council on the Arts. For the support of the Nevada council on the arts.....	\$88,356	\$88,828
SEC. 29. Nevada State Library. For the support of the Nevada state library.....	566,574	592,037
For the support of library cooperation.....	123,676	126,365
SEC. 30. Department of Human Resources. The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Office of director of human resources....	288,541	295,554
Aging services division.....	205,665	219,214
Northern Nevada children's home.....	535,092	544,594
Southern Nevada children's home.....	533,436	541,566
Nevada youth training center.....	1,937,782	1,998,442
Spring Mountain youth camp.....	288,000	288,000
Probation subsidies.....	629,370	629,370
Nevada girls training center.....	1,452,203	1,640,081
Youth parole.....	419,375	426,570
Boys' school-girls' school outside agency care.....	169,830	169,830
Youth parolee foster homes.....	50,400	53,700
Health planning and resources.....	49,289	65,747
Developmental disabilities.....	10,000	10,000
Home of the Good Shepherd.....	255,000	255,000
Health division		
Office of state health officer.....	212,026	219,771
Vital statistics.....	241,964	255,633
Drinking water program.....	128,201	136,702
Bureau of health facilities.....	118,712	122,703
Family planning project.....	2,078	2,472
Bureau of laboratory and research.....	434,018	431,585
Maternal, child, school and special children's services.....	1,814,130	2,190,384
Bureau of community health services.....	315,186	332,926
Health aid to counties.....	396,157	396,157
Emergency medical services.....	133,457	140,841
Consumer protection.....	269,411	278,578
Environmental protection.....	405,577	425,623
Silicosis program.....	25,423	25,423
Tuberculosis control.....	120,100	134,610
Dental health.....	318,327	330,197
Mental hygiene and mental retardation division		
Administration.....	312,644	310,609

	1977-78	1978-79
Nevada mental health institute....	\$4,683,059	\$4,799,078
Facility for the mental offender....	778,670	796,901
Reno mental health center.....	502,557	510,702
Rural clinics.....	584,820	623,265
Las Vegas mental health center....	1,483,529	1,380,060
Henderson mental health center...	276,108	278,268
Children's behavioral services—		
Las Vegas.....	502,583	534,715
Children's behavioral services—		
Washoe County.....	497,492	434,615
Mental retardation.....	221,958	226,104
Desert development center.....	1,095,902	1,142,212
Sierra developmental center.....	1,640,168	1,683,295
Community training center.....	494,030	556,624
Foster grandparents program.....	39,240	39,050
Resident placement.....	61,831	106,187
Welfare division		
Administration.....	2,875,486	2,953,838
Aid to dependent children.....	5,220,000	5,220,000
Assistance to aged and blind.....	2,609,184	2,681,541
Medical care unit.....	8,952,641	10,303,699
Food stamp program.....	1,281,642	1,330,941
Work incentive program.....	49,805	49,805
Homemaking services.....	73,901	77,614
Child protection program.....	23,937	24,346
Child welfare services.....	980,465	1,098,509
Child support enforcement pro- gram.....	50,000	50,000
Rehabilitation division		
Vocational rehabilitation.....	990,131	1,159,914
Social services—vocational rehabilitation.....	74,732	78,324
Services to the blind.....	442,002	506,526
Social services for the blind.....	32,356	34,970
Alcohol and drug abuse reha- bilitation.....	534,633	613,111
Committee to hire the handi- capped.....	64,558	66,739
SEC. 31. Department of the Military.		
For the support of the department of the military.....	481,391	491,788
For the support of National Guard benefits.....	55,452	55,452
For the support of the civil defense and disaster agency.....	61,380	61,406
SEC. 32. Nevada State Prison.		
For the support of the office of director.....	984,376	988,658
For the support of the Nevada state prison.....	2,651,625	2,530,929

	1977-78	1978-79
For the support of the northern Nevada correctional center....	\$3,523,708	\$3,862,980
For the support of the southern Nevada correctional center...	1,143,023	2,596,095
For the support of the Nevada women's correctional center.....	377,543	382,486
SEC. 33. Department of Parole and Probation.		
For the support of the department of parole and probation.....	2,040,219	2,266,247
SEC. 34. Parole Board.		
For the support of the parole board....	120,841	117,284
SEC. 35. Commission on Crimes, Delinquency and Correction.		
The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Commission on crimes, delinquency, corrections, planning and training.....	99,209	109,546
Peace officer standards and training program.....	60,200	60,200
Federal grants, crime commission.....	34,125	34,125
Identification and communications division.....	236,420	228,447
Investigations and narcotics division....	976,699	1,026,277
SEC. 36. Department of Commerce.		
The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Office of the director.....	165,528	171,014
Insurance division.....	858,543	876,475
Fire marshal.....	29,314	
Banking division.....	244,581	244,524
Savings and loan division.....	114,608	113,495
Consumer affairs division.....	254,541	265,708
Real estate division.....	640,447	666,017
SEC. 37. Labor Commissioner.		
For the support of the labor commissioner.....	329,300	333,893
SEC. 38. Nevada Industrial Commission.		
For the support of the inspector of mines.....	48,140	48,450
SEC. 39. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.		
The following sums are hereby appropriated for the support of:		
Office of the director.....	259,665	258,738
State environmental commission.....	36,095	35,869
Conservation districts.....	37,208	38,365

	1977-78	1978-79
Division of state lands.....	\$141,980	\$166,191
Tahoe regional planning agency.....	50,000	50,000
Division of historic preservation and archeology.....	84,511	85,395
Division of mineral resources.....	1,500	1,500
Division of water resources.....	777,576	781,096
California-Nevada compact commis- sion.....	3,000	3,000
Division of state parks		
Park administration.....	1,706,559	1,657,850
Park planning and development....	234,036	236,569
Acquisition, grants and state- wide projects.....	78,261	100,353
Virginia and Truckee railroad.....	9,050	9,050
Division of forestry		
Forestry division.....	663,786	693,350
Forestry nurseries.....	56,169	40,050
Forest fire suppression.....	100,000	100,000
Committee on federal land laws.....	7,500	7,500
Division of water planning.....	61,853	60,733
SEC. 40. Department of Energy.		
For the support of the department of energy.....	130,322	149,453
For the support of the state energy resources advisory board.....	25,035	25,071
SEC. 41. Department of Fish and Game.		
For the support of the department of fish and game.....	20,000	22,000
SEC. 42. State Department of Agri- culture.		
For the support of the plant industry fund.....	969,260	959,461
For the support of the veterinary medical services.....	318,290	301,948
SEC. 43. Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board.		
For the support of the Nevada junior livestock show board.....	10,000	11,000
SEC. 44. State Predatory Animal and Rodent Control Committee.		
For the support of the state preda- tory animal and rodent control committee.....	404,307	410,644
SEC. 45. High School Rodeo Asso- ciation.		
For the support of the high school rodeo association.....	5,000	5,000

	1977-78	1978-79
SEC. 46. Mining Cooperative Fund. For the support of the mining cooperative fund.....	\$175,000	\$185,000
SEC. 47. Office of Traffic Safety. For the support of the office of traffic safety.....	9,749	9,959
SEC. 48. State Board of Examiners. For the costs associated with the sale of general obligation bonds....	20,000	
SEC. 49. Virginia City Historic District Commission. For the support of the Virginia City historic district commission..	6,000	6,000
SEC. 50. Western Interstate Nuclear Board. For the support of the western interstate nuclear board.....	15,000	15,000
SEC. 51. State Board of Examiners. For the payment of taxes by the state board of examiners pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 361.055.....	118,417	118,417
SEC. 52. Group Insurance Committee. For the support of the group insurance committee.....	3,800	3,800
SEC. 53. Consolidated Bond Interest and Redemption Fund. For the support of the consolidated bond interest and redemption fund.....	2,955,629	3,149,555
SEC. 54. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the state highway fund in the state treasury for the purposes hereinafter expressed for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, and beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979.		
Attorney General: Administrative fund.....	258,082	258,760
Department of taxation.....	64,330	69,476
Office of traffic safety.....	9,749	9,959
Department of motor vehicles		
Director's office.....	326,892	321,744
Administrative services.....	1,142,582	1,216,179
Automation.....	1,208,437	1,236,418
Law enforcement, highway patrol.....	3,062,378	3,322,153
Driver's license.....	1,086,600	1,099,208

	1977-78	1978-79
Motor carrier.....	\$1,175,756	\$1,205,566
Registration.....	1,712,941	1,740,763
Public service commission.....	408,020	413,544
State board of examiners for the payment of taxes by the state board of examiners pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 361.055.....	30,029	30,029

SEC. 55. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the state insurance fund in the state treasury for the purpose hereinafter expressed for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, and beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979.

State board of examiners for the payment of taxes by the state board of examiners pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 361.055.....	4,985	4,985
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SEC. 56. The following sums are hereby appropriated from the fish and game fund in the state treasury for the purpose hereinafter expressed for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1977, and ending June 30, 1978, and beginning July 1, 1978, and ending June 30, 1979.

For the support of the state predatory animal and rodent control committee.....	20,000	20,000
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SEC. 57. 1. Except as provided in subsection 3, the sums herein appropriated shall be:

(a) Expended in accordance with the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.245, inclusive; and
(b) Work programmed for the 2 separate fiscal years, 1977-78 and 1978-79, as required by NRS 353.215. Work programs may be revised with the approval of the governor upon the recommendation of the chief of the budget division of the department of administration.

2. Transfers to and from salary allotments, travel allotments, operating expense allotments, equipment allotments and other allotments shall be allowed and made in accordance with the provisions of NRS 353.215 to 353.225, inclusive, and after separate consideration of the merits of each request.

3. Pursuant to law, sums appropriated for the support of the supreme court of Nevada and the legislative fund shall be excluded from the allotment, transfer, work program and budget provisions of NRS 353.150 to 353.245, inclusive.

SEC. 58. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the sums appropriated to:

1. Care of visually and aurally handicapped (section 22);
2. Higher education student loan (section 22);
3. Board of examiners bond sale (section 48);
4. Forest fire suppression (section 39);
5. National guard benefits (section 31);
6. Tuberculosis control (section 30);
7. Maternal, child, school and special children's services (section 30);
8. Aid to dependent children (section 30);
9. Assistance to aged and blind (section 30);
10. Medical care unit (section 30);
11. Food stamp program (section 30);
12. Child welfare services (section 30);
13. Consolidated bond interest and redemption fund (section 53), shall be available for both fiscal years 1977-78 and 1978-79, and may be transferred from one fiscal year to the other with the approval of the governor upon the recommendation of the chief of the budget division of the department of administration.

SEC. 59. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the sums appropriated for 1977-78 to the federal grants, crime commission by section 35 shall not be encumbered or committed for expenditure after June 30, 1979, and the unexpended balance shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury. The sums appropriated for 1978-79 to the federal grants, crime commission by section 35 shall not be encumbered or committed for expenditure after June 30, 1980, and the unexpended balance shall revert to the general fund in the state treasury.

SEC. 60. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the sums appropriated to the legislative fund by section 17 for the support of the legislative commission and the various divisions of the legislative counsel bureau shall be available for both fiscal years 1977-78 and 1978-79, and may be transferred among the legislative commission and the various divisions of the legislative counsel bureau and from one fiscal year to another with the approval of the legislative commission upon the recommendation of the director of the legislative counsel bureau.

SEC. 61. The board of regents of the University of Nevada System shall establish one or two business centers for the business related functions of the various divisions in the University of Nevada System. To accomplish the establishment of business centers, the board of regents are authorized to transfer positions and funds from the appropriations made by section 24 for the system administration, community college administration, university press, statewide programs—UNR, intercollegiate athletics—UNR, intercollegiate athletics—UNLV, statewide programs—UNLV, agricultural experiment station, cooperative extension services, system computing center, desert research institute, University of Nevada, Reno, school of medical sciences, UNR, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Clark County community college, Western Nevada community college, and Northern Nevada community college to a separate budget account or accounts established for a business center or centers.

SEC. 62. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the sums appropriated to the Nevada state prison by section 32 of this act may be transferred among the various budget accounts of the Nevada state

prison with the approval of the governor upon the recommendation of the chief of the budget division of the department of administration.

SEC. 63. Sums appropriated to the Tahoe regional planning agency by section 39 of this act may be used for the support of the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency if the State of California does not provide continued support for the Tahoe regional planning agency.

SEC. 64. 1. Unencumbered balances of the appropriations herein made for the fiscal years 1977-78 and 1978-79 shall not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of each fiscal year. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of this section, unencumbered balances of these appropriations shall revert to the fund from which appropriated.

2. Any unencumbered balance of the appropriations made to the legislative fund by section 17 and the higher education student loan program by section 22 shall not revert to the general fund but shall constitute a balance carried forward.

SEC. 65. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury:

1. The sum of \$13,040 for the support of the supreme court of Nevada as an additional and supplemental appropriation to that allowed and made by section 19 of chapter 679, Statutes of Nevada 1975.

2. The sum of \$40,668 for the support of the legislative counsel bureau as an additional and supplemental appropriation to that allowed and made by section 18 of chapter 679, Statutes of Nevada 1975.

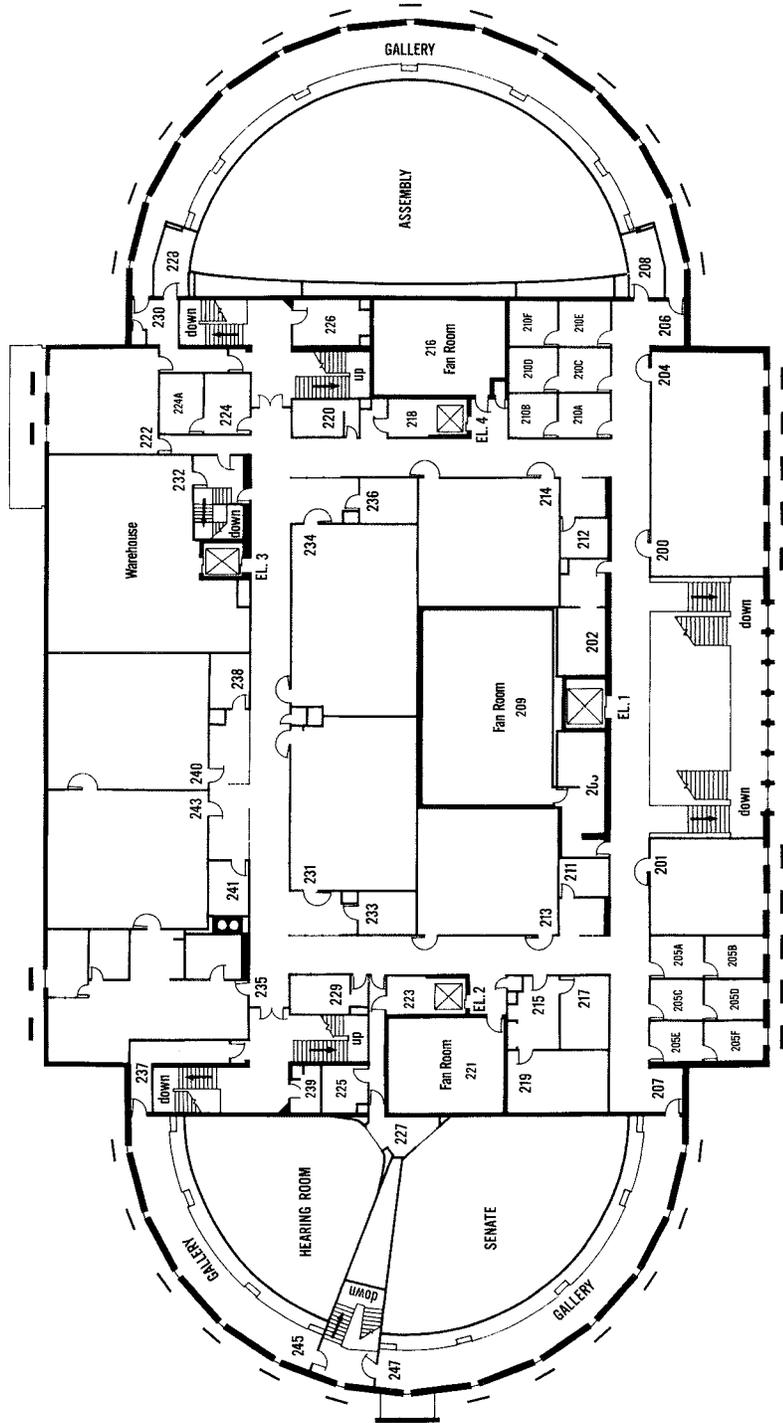
3. The sum of \$6,000 to the public employees' retirement board to be expended for the administration of the legislators' retirement system.

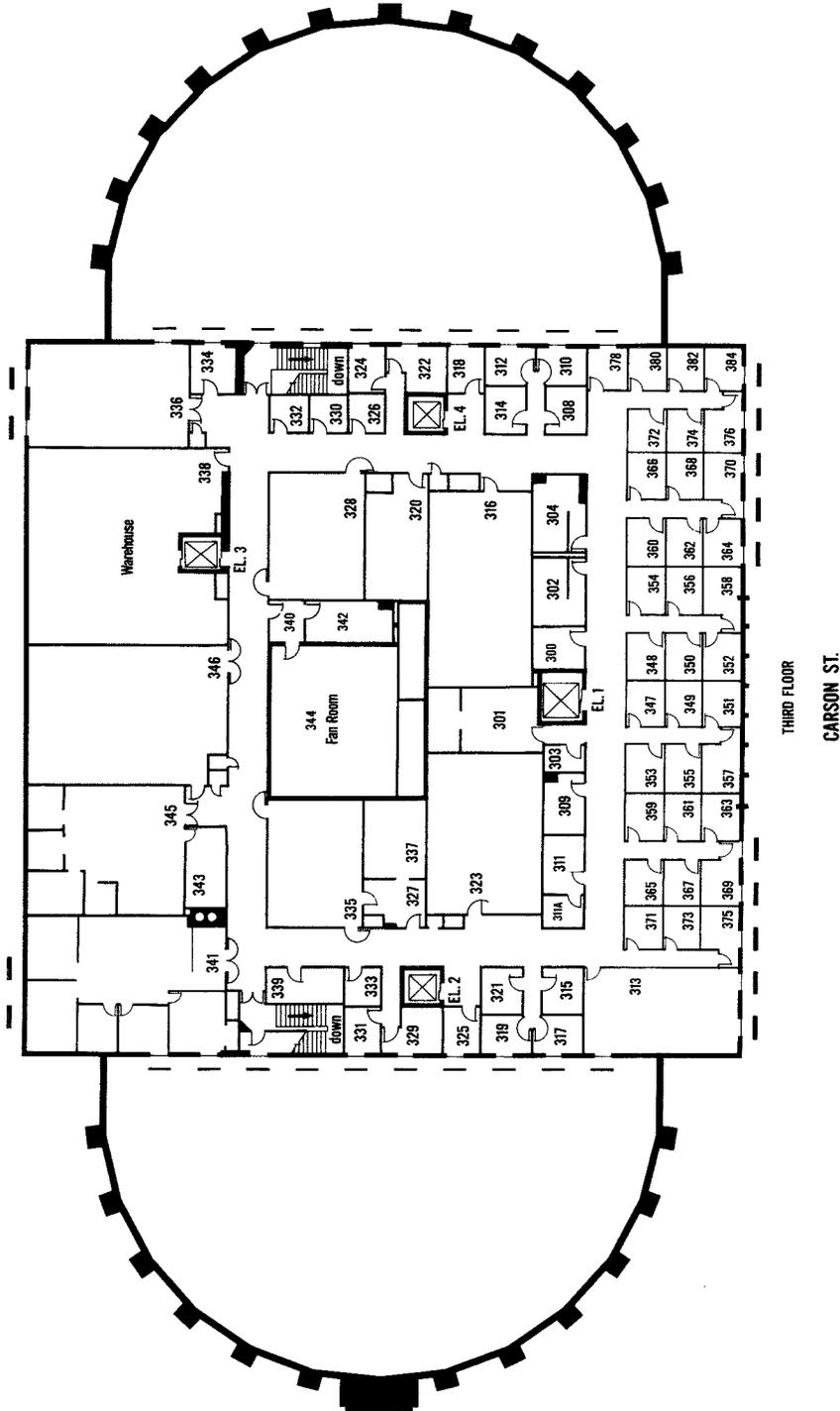
SEC. 66. This section and section 65 of this act shall become effective upon passage and approval. The remaining sections shall become effective on July 1, 1977.

THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Located on six city blocks immediately to the south of the capitol, the legislative building contains 96,000 usable square feet and adequate facilities for the Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Included within the building or to be included in the future are equipment and accommodations to make it one of the finest in the nation for its purpose.

The legislative building was designed by the architectural firms of Ferris and Erskine, Vhay and Ferrari, and Raymond Hellmann, in association, and constructed by Walker Boudwin Construction Company. Construction began in September 1968. The building was dedicated on June 9, 1970.





TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

As a Nevada state legislator you will want to be familiar with the various telephone communications services which are available in the legislative building. The basic types are:

- Nevada Bell Telephone Message Center
- State capitol telephone services
- Coin telephones

NEVADA BELL TELEPHONE MESSAGE CENTER

A "Telephone Message Center" has been established at the legislative building by Nevada Bell. The message center, located on the first floor, is provided to assist legislators in placing and receiving telephone calls during the legislative session. The message center telephone number is 883-2771. This number may be given to your associates as a place where you can be reached during the legislative session. If you are available, all incoming calls will be completed immediately. If you cannot be located, or are in a meeting, a message will be taken and placed in the message box assigned to you at the message center.

The message center will open daily no later than 9 a.m. and will close at the end of the day's activities. The center usually opens one hour before the daily sessions convene.

Nevada Bell messengers will be available for paging and delivery of incoming telephone messages received at the Nevada Bell Message Center.

Both long distance and local calls may be placed on white message center telephones. Local calls will be tallied as they are placed and can be billed to you at the end of the session by Nevada Bell. If you prefer, you can pay for the calls as they are made. The charge for local calls placed through the message center is 15 cents plus 3 percent federal excise tax. Charges for long distance calls made through the message center conform to regularly advertised Nevada Bell rates. Message center operators also have access lines to other state offices in Carson City and will make calls to these offices at no charge to the caller.

Long distance and local calls made on message center telephones may be charged to a telephone company credit card, billed to a third number, placed collect or paid for when the call is made. If you do not have a telephone company credit card, and wish to charge any or all of your calls made through the message center during the legislative session, it will be necessary for you to obtain a telephone company credit card.

STATE CAPITOL TELEPHONE SERVICES

In addition to using the Nevada Bell Telephone Company's message center telephones, you may use *your* office telephone to make both local and long distance calls.

LOCAL CALLS

1. To call other legislative building offices or state agencies located in Carson City, dial the last four digits of the telephone number of the person you wish to call. (Note: You cannot reach either legislative building offices or state agencies located in Carson City by dialing "9" and the complete telephone number.)

2. To make other local calls (in the Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Virginia City, Crystal Bay areas) dial "9" and the telephone number of the person you wish to call.

LONG DISTANCE CALLS

To other points in Nevada.

You may make long distance calls within Nevada, over the WATS lines (Wide Area Telephone Service) at reduced rates. To use this service from your office telephone:

Day Hours (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Dial "O" for the capitol operator, give your name and the number you are calling. The operator will place the call for you.

Evening Hours (after 6 p.m.). After hours WATS service is free.

Dial "121," wait for dial tone, dial "1" and the Nevada telephone number you wish to reach. The area code is not necessary.

To points outside of Nevada (except Alaska, Hawaii and parts of California not available through ATSS).

You may make your official out-of-state daytime long distance calls over WATS lines at reduced rates. To use this service from your office telephone:

Dial "O" for the capitol operator, give your name and the number you are calling. The operator will then place the call for you. This service is not available after 6 p.m.

To most California cities.

You may place calls free of charge to most California cities from your office telephone in the following manner:

Dial "8" plus the proper area code and the number you wish to call. Because of heavy use, you may wish to take advantage of this service after normal business hours.

TOLL FREE SERVICES FOR CONSTITUENTS

Long Distance Calls to Legislators

Constituents outside the local calling area may make toll free calls to their legislators from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. by dialing 800-992-0973. Such calls will be put through to the legislator's office. If the legislator is not in his

office, the constituent's message will be taken, by a state operator located in the legislative building, and placed in the legislator's mail box.

State Library—Legislative Information Service

To receive information concerning legislative bill status, committee hearing dates and the specific activities of the Legislature, constituents outside the local calling area may dial 1-800-992-0900 and ask for extension 5545. Constituents within the local calling area may call 885-5545. This service is offered by the state library Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

Coin operated pay telephones are located throughout the legislative building, with some located near the main message center for your convenience when the message center is closed.

BILLING FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE

As a legislator you are entitled to a \$500 telephone allowance during a regular session to help you defray telephone charges incurred in the performance of your official duties. Each member is responsible for payment of telephone bills incurred.

Legislators will be billed for daytime use of the WATS line and for long distance calls made from their office telephones on a monthly basis by General Services Accounting. Charges for WATS line calls are based on time and distance, but are still lower than regular long distance rates. If there are any questions about telephone billing, please call Ron Mays in the Nevada Department of General Services at 885-4127. Mail payment for your state telephone bill to:

General Services Accounting
Capitol Complex
Carson City, Nevada 89710

POSTAL SERVICE

United States Postal Service facilities are available in the legislative building at one location. A mailing receptacle for U.S. mail has been placed next to the wall between rooms 104 and 107 in the inner lobby on the main floor of the legislative building.

Each house independently provides for the distribution of mail to its own members. Legislators have been assigned personal mailboxes just across the hall and in the direction of the senate chamber from the U.S. mailing receptacle.

Mail chutes throughout the building are for state and interagency mail only—not for U.S. mail.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

Writing in 1968 in *The American Legislative Process: Congress and the States*, William J. Keefe stated, "The most significant contribution to legislative renewal in this century is found in the creation and development of service agencies to provide legislators with information and assistance"¹ This statement, although it minimizes the impact of reapportionment, the professionalization of legislatures and the general resurgence of state government in the federal system, is still a generally convincing assessment.

The legislative service agency as we know it today came into being in order to free legislators from their almost total dependence upon lobbyists representing those who could afford to pay them, and from the executive branch of state government. With service agencies, a legislator is not dependent upon a lobbyist or a governor to draft a bill for him, to provide him with research data or to keep him informed about his state and other states with similar problems. The more developed and expert the service agency staff, the less the dependence upon sources of support which, by definition, are biased.

Many states, including Nevada, use the basic legislative council pattern providing for a body composed of legislators from each house and from each party empowered to function during the interim between sessions, either annual or biennial. Powers and responsibilities vary among the states, but basically councils carry out functions assigned by the full legislatures. These functions range from simple housekeeping duties to extensive powers of legislative oversight, policy research and emergency appropriations.

The Nevada legislature in March of 1945 recognized a need for more information and assistance in order to deal with increasingly complex tasks. This situation was clearly pointed out in the preamble to the bill creating the legislative counsel bureau:

At each biennial session of the legislature, that body is confronted by requests for legislation expanding and changing the functions of and increasing the appropriations of numerous offices, departments, institutions, and agencies of the state government; and . . . not withstanding the information provided by the messages and budgets of the governor and the reports of public officers, it is impossible for the legislature or its committees to secure sufficient information to act advisedly on such requests in the time limited for its sessions.²

The 1945 law establishing the bureau charged it with assisting legislators, state officers and citizens in finding facts concerning government, proposed legislation and various public matters.³

During the next several years, the duties of the bureau and its staff were modified and expanded; however, the next major change in the bureau came 18 years later.

In 1963, the Nevada legislature undertook a major overhaul of the legislative counsel bureau which gave it a structure and responsibilities very similar to those it has today.⁴ One part of this change was the incorporation of the statute revision commission into the legislative counsel bureau as the legal division of the bureau. The statute revision commission was originally created under the supreme court in 1951 and became involved in bill drafting as an adjunct to its statute revision work. Another change was the separation of the bureau staff into three divisions. In addition to the legal division, already noted, a fiscal and audit division, and research division were established.

Today, the legislative counsel bureau consists of the legislative commission, a director, an audit division, a fiscal analysis division, a legal division, a research division and an interim finance committee.⁵ The following sections of the manual describes the activities of these units of the Nevada legislative counsel bureau.

The Legislative Commission

The legislative commission consists of 12 legislators who exercise general policymaking and supervising authority over the operations of the legislative counsel bureau. At every regular session of the legislature, the senate and the assembly each designate six members and six alternates to serve on the commission. The legislature is required to determine, by joint rule at each regular session in odd numbered years, (1) the method of determining the majority and minority party regular and alternate membership on the commission, (2) the method of filling vacancies on the commission, (3) the terms of office of the commission members, (4) the method of selecting the chairman, and (5) the term of office of the chairman.⁶ These provisions are currently enumerated in Joint Rule 11.

Members of the legislative commission serve until their successors are appointed, notwithstanding that their terms of office may have expired. However, retiring legislators, or those who have been defeated for reelection, serve only until the day after the general election. Resultant vacancies are filled in the same manner as vacancies arising from other causes.⁷

For each day's attendance at a meeting of the legislative commission or while engaged in official legislative counsel bureau business, commission members receive a salary of \$40 plus the standard per diem and travel allowances. An alternate who attends a meeting of the commission, but does not replace a regular member, is entitled to travel expenses, but not salary.⁸

The director of the legislative counsel bureau acts as the nonvoting recording secretary of the legislative commission, which meets periodically, as the accumulation of business requires, on call of the chairman or by decision of a majority of the commission. Seven members of the commission constitute a quorum.⁹

The legislative commission is designated by law as Nevada's commission on interstate cooperation. In this capacity, the commission is charged

with the responsibility of working with The Council of State Governments and The National Conference of State Legislatures in the exchange of ideas and information with other states, so that the legislature may have the benefit of the latest thinking on matters falling within its purview. Nevada is a member of The Council of State Governments and The National Conference of State Legislatures and its annual dues for membership in these organizations are paid by the commission out of the legislative fund.¹⁰

The commission, which is basically designed to assist the legislature in maintaining its independent and coordinate status with the executive and judicial branches of the state government, may investigate and inquire into any area within the competence of the legislature. Normally, the investigative responsibilities of the commission are delegated to subcommittees of the commission which are assisted by the staff of the legislative counsel bureau. When it holds hearings, the commission is required to receive recommendations and suggestions for legislation or investigation from state and local governments, officers and legislators, and may receive recommendations and suggestions from specified private groups or any citizens desiring to report to it.¹¹ It also has the subpoena power and may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents necessary to the discharge of its duties.¹²

The commission appoints the Nevada representatives to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws¹³ and other interstate bodies, formulates proposals for interstate compacts and agreements and, in general, facilitates Nevada's contacts with the other states, the Federal Government and with local units of government.¹⁴

Between sessions of the legislature, the legislative commission fixes the work priority of all studies and investigations assigned to it by concurrent resolutions of the legislature. Normally, such studies are carried out by subcommittees of the commission or counsel bureau staff under the direction and supervision of the commission. The commission may, between sessions, authorize the initiation of additional studies or investigations not specifically requested by the legislature at the preceding session.¹⁵

The Director

The legislative commission appoints the director of the legislative counsel bureau and sets the compensation for the position. The director, in turn, appoints the chiefs of the four divisions (legal division, research division, fiscal analysis division, and audit division) subject to the approval of the legislative commission.¹⁶ The legislative commission sets the compensation for each division chief. The director functions as the executive head of the counsel bureau and directs and supervises all of its daily administrative and technical activities.¹⁷ Ultimate policymaking authority, however, remains with the commission.

The director employs staff for the bureau, except where a division chief is authorized by statute to employ certain personnel, at salaries within the limits of legislative appropriations and the salary schedule approved by the legislative commission, and authorizes claims against the legislative

fund.¹⁸ He serves as secretary to the interim finance committee.¹⁹ With the consent of the legislative commission, the director may appoint one of the remaining division chiefs or an employee of the legislative counsel bureau as his deputy. No additional compensation attaches to the position of deputy director of the bureau.²⁰

The Audit Division

The audit division performs postaudits of all accounts, books and other financial records of all state departments, agencies and officials using or managing public funds. The audit division must get legislative commission approval prior to starting an audit.²¹

Reports written by the audit division are furnished to audited agencies and discussed with their officials on a confidential basis. The head of an agency may submit to the legislative auditor within 10 days a written statement of explanation or rebuttal. Any statement submitted is then included in the final report issued by the audit division. After a report has been submitted to the legislative commission, copies are furnished to all members of the legislature and other appropriate state officers and officials.²²

The legislative auditor prepares a biennial report, for the members of the legislature and the governor, which analyzes the audit program and recommends necessary improvements to the financial operations of state government. The biennial report includes a summary of changes made in the agencies' systems of accounts, and records included in the audits presented in the past biennium and specific recommendations to the legislature for the amendment of existing laws or the enactment of new laws.²³

All state agencies must provide the audit division, or its representatives, with any books, accounts, claims, reports, vouchers or other records of information requested by the legislative auditor for inspection.²⁴

The audit division is headed by the legislative auditor, who must be a certified public accountant or a public accountant qualified to practice public accounting in Nevada. He must have at least 5 years of progressively responsible experience in governmental accounting and auditing, and have a comprehensive knowledge of the principles and practices of public budgeting, governmental accounting, finance, auditing standards, a working knowledge of statistical methods and other techniques of scientific operational analysis.²⁵

At least once every fiscal year, the legislative auditor must count the money in the state treasury. When the count has been completed, the legislative auditor must file a report with the secretary of state showing separately the amounts counted of money on hand, amounts deposited in banks and an itemized list of all securities of which the state treasurer is custodian.²⁶

Copies of the annual audit reports on professional boards and commissions are required to be filed with the legislative auditor.²⁷ If a contract audit is performed on a state agency, a copy of the report must be furnished to the legislative auditor.²⁸ Such audit reports received are enumerated in a special report issued every 6 months.

The legislative auditor also keeps a complete set of accounting records and reports for all legislative operations. He not only does the accounting for the legislative counsel bureau, but for all of the legislative functions.

The Legal Division

The legal division, with a staff of lawyers and technicians, compiles *Nevada Revised Statutes*, with annotations, and the *Nevada Digest*,²⁹ provides bill drafting services³⁰ and certain other assistance when requested. As legal adviser to the legislature, the legislative counsel or his staff on direction of the legislative commission may appear in, commence, prosecute, defend or intervene in any action, suit or other judicial or administrative proceeding to protect the official interests of the legislature or any of its committees.³¹

Upon request, the legal division prepares or assists in the preparation of legislative measures for members of the legislature, state agencies and departments, the governor and members of the judiciary. However, the division cannot prepare or assist in the preparation of any measures proposed by the executive branch unless a request has been approved by the governor and is received prior to October 1 preceding the convening of a session. During regular sessions, the division can only work on legislative measures upon the written request of a legislator or the governor.³²

The preparation of bills and resolutions entails research into the legal effect of proposed changes in existing laws, the development of sufficient background information to enable the bill drafter and the legislative sponsor to understand fully the ramifications of the suggested legislation, and the actual drafting of the measures in proper form and style. The staff of the division, as well as other legislative counsel bureau staff is prohibited from urging or opposing any legislation and is bound to observe the confidentiality of all matters within their work assignment unless such matters have become public records or their sponsor has granted consent for release.³³

Before introduction, every request for a bill must be delivered to the legal division to be put in the proper form. The legislative counsel may correct any clerical errors he finds in a proposed bill or resolution, but if he thinks a correction might change the substance of a measure, he must obtain the permission of the measure's author prior to making the change.³⁴ All bills or resolutions of both houses designated for reprinting, engrossment, reengrossment or enrollment must be routed directly through the legal division, so that amendments which have been adopted may be inserted preparatory to engrossment or enrollment.³⁵

The legal division is headed by the legislative counsel, who must be an attorney licensed to practice law in Nevada. The legislative counsel, because of the varied nature of his duties, must be versed in some or all of the following fields: political science, parliamentary practice, legislative procedure and the methods of research, statute revision and bill drafting.³⁶ The legislative counsel is ex officio one of Nevada's three commissioners on uniform state laws.³⁷

The legislative counsel is the legal adviser to the legislative branch of government and provides legal counsel for legislative committees and subcommittees. He may issue legal opinions which have an important influence on the construction and application of statutes. Just as the attorney general responds to requests within the executive branch, the legislative counsel only issues his opinions upon the request of a member or committee of the legislature or the legislative commission.³⁸ Neither the opinions of the attorney general nor those of the legislative counsel have any binding force and are intended to guide public officials in the absence of an authoritative decision rendered by a court of law.

The legislative counsel through his staff performs engrossing and enrolling functions for the legislature. Whenever a bill or resolution has passed both houses of the legislature, the measure is transmitted to the legislative counsel for enrollment, at which time he must issue a receipt to the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk of the assembly bearing the date of delivery. When the measure is delivered to the governor, the legislative counsel must note such fact over his signature as a part of the bill's history.³⁹ The official engrossed bill is then delivered to the secretary of state.⁴⁰ The legislative counsel also makes recommendations to the legislature for the clarification of specific statutes, the elimination of obsolete sections of *Nevada Revised Statutes* and the resolution of conflicting portions of the law.⁴¹

The legislative counsel is responsible for revising *Nevada Revised Statutes*, the *Annotations to Nevada Revised Statutes*, and supplementary material for the *Nevada Digest*. The legislative counsel is assisted by an indexer, who indexes *Nevada Revised Statutes*, the *Statutes of Nevada*, all legislative counsel bureau publications and legal materials, as well as the histories and journals of both houses.

The legal division is also responsible for preparing an Administrative Code for the state.⁴² This entails examining all regulations adopted by the agencies of the executive department, determining which provisions are current, and arranging them in logical sequence. Every proposed regulation must also be examined and revised if necessary to fit into the existing regulations. When completed, the code is designed to express the regulations in clear and concise language and make those on a particular subject easy to find. The legislative counsel also provides legal advice to the legislative commission in its review of adopted administrative regulations for compliance with legislative intent.⁴³

The legislative counsel hires and directs the staff of attorneys and other members of the legal division engaged in the legal work of the bureau.

The Research Division

The research division is the general information arm of the legislature.⁴⁴ It conducts spot research into a myriad of subjects at the request of legislators, standing committees, other state and local officials and citizens of Nevada. It also responds to inquiries concerning Nevada's government, laws and public problems from residents, counterpart agencies and public officials in other states.

The division handles a wide range of assignments, and requests for information which are not primarily legal in nature and which do not require intricate fiscal analysis. For example, the division: assists legislators in dealing with constituents' grievances with state government agencies; compiles voting records and bill sponsor lists; assists legislators in preparing information about the state and local governments and current policy issues for presentations to citizens' groups and other interested persons; performs public information and community service activities; prepares background papers summarizing issues and topics of possible legislative concern; updates the *Legislative Manual* and other publications relating to the Nevada legislature; prepares bill summaries for legislators and legislative standing committees; and prepares the publication entitled *Selected Significant Legislation*.

In addition to spot research (i.e., research covering a limited scope and requiring only a brief expenditure of staff time), the research division performs long-range investigations under the direction of the legislative commission. These studies are normally in-depth analytical treatments of the topics being examined. Surveys, data accumulation and interpretation, statistical analysis and related research methods and techniques are used by the division to produce concise, factual and objective information to assist lawmakers in evaluating the merits of proposed or existing policies and programs.

The research division provides library facilities for the entire bureau. The library contains legal publications and documents, pamphlets on a variety of subjects, general reference and research works and comprehensive files keyed to the *Nevada Revised Statutes*.

The research director is the federal-state legislative coordinator for Nevada. He and the other members of the research division work closely with The Council of State Governments, The National Conference of State Legislatures, and other public and private organizations dedicated to the improvement of the legislative process through (1) the dissemination of materials which would be of value to legislators and (2) the promotion of increased public understanding of legislators and their work in a democratic society. In communicating with research operations in other states through correspondence, attendance at national conferences and reciprocal exchange programs, the research director and his staff are made aware of trends and developments elsewhere that might find useful application in Nevada.

The Fiscal Analysis Division

The fiscal analysis division provides the legislature with the capability for independent review and analysis of budgetary and fiscal matters. It examines the *Executive Budget* and suggests possible changes; provides expenditure and revenue projections to aid the legislative money committees; and assists the legislature in the interpretation of factual data related to the fiscal aspects of the operation of state government.

Other duties of the fiscal analysis division are (1) analyzing the past history and probable future trends of the state's financial position in

order that a sound fiscal policy may be developed and maintained for the state and (2) analyzing appropriations bills, revenue bills, and bills having a fiscal impact upon the operation of the government of the State of Nevada or its political subdivisions.⁴⁵

Because of the critical importance of adequate financial data on which to base legislative decisions, the fiscal analysis division is an indispensable adjunct of the legislature. The services it provides help the legislature to set economically sound policies for the state, anticipate future needs and objectively analyze budgetary requests submitted to it.

Interim Finance Committee

In 1969, the legislature created the interim finance committee to function within the legislative counsel bureau between sessions and administer a \$1 million contingency fund. This fund, which is now \$3 million, was set up to provide provisional funds for state agencies when the legislature is not in session. To obtain funds, agencies must submit their requests to the state board of examiners for review and recommendation. Members of this board may require from the requestor such additional information as they deem appropriate. If the board finds sufficient justification for the requests submitted to it, it must make such recommendation to the interim finance committee by transmitting it to the director of the legislative counsel bureau, who is required to notify the chairman of the interim finance committee of it. Upon receiving the recommendation, the chairman of the committee must call a meeting to act upon the agency requests. The interim finance committee is not bound to follow the recommendation of the state board of examiners. The committee, by resolution, may allocate an amount for the purposes requested. In authorizing an allocation, the committee directs the state controller to transfer the approved amount from the contingency fund account to the appropriate agency account.⁴⁶

The interim finance committee is composed of the members of the assembly standing committee on ways and means and the senate standing committee on finance during the immediately preceding session. Chairmanship of the interim finance committee alternates between immediate past chairmen of the two legislative committees. Membership on the committee terminates at the beginning of the next legislative session for any legislator who retires or is defeated for reelection.⁴⁷

In voting on matters before the interim finance committee, a vote is taken of the senate and assembly members separately. No action can be taken unless a majority of both groups votes in the affirmative.

Summary

Through the organizational structure outlined above, the legislative counsel bureau meets the basic needs for assistance to legislators. The demand for increased governmental services, as well as competition among governmental units for revenue to finance their programs, makes it increasingly mandatory that policymakers be thoroughly and impartially informed regarding public issues.

The staff services of the legislative counsel bureau are furnished throughout the year for any legislator. Legal advice, fiscal information and spot research are furnished upon request, but services of a more extensive nature are executed when the legislature so orders by means of a law or resolution. Between sessions, such projects can be requested through the legislative commission.

FOOTNOTES

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⁴⁵NRS 218.686.

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⁴⁷NRS 218.6822.

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RESOURCES FOR LEGISLATORS

During every session of the Nevada legislature, senators and assemblymen find themselves deluged with a massive number of official reports, documents and communications. Filtering the significant from the insignificant materials frequently becomes a sizeable chore. However, there are a few key resources with which legislators should become familiar, for they bear more directly and more constantly on the work of the legislature than any others likely to cross their desks. These resources are primarily issued by the legislature and the legislative counsel bureau. However, at least four documents issued by the executive branch, the *Executive Budget*, the Nevada state planning board's *Recommended Schedule of Priorities for Capitol Improvements*, the *Nevada Statistical Abstract*, and the *Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies, 1978*, should also receive legislators' scrutiny. The major printed resource tools at the disposal of the Nevada legislators are briefly highlighted below.

Statutes of Nevada

The *Statutes of Nevada*, sometimes called the session laws, are a bound compilation of all general and special laws and resolutions enacted in a specific year. They have been published for every session since territorial days. Thoroughly indexed, they are normally available within a few months following the close of a session. Between the end of a session and the publication of the *Statutes of Nevada*, a temporary compilation of the session laws, known as the advance sheets, is available to interested parties. This softbound publication contains all of the laws and resolutions adopted at the recently adjourned session in the same order of appearance as in the *Statutes of Nevada* with index and locator tables.

The text of all bills and resolutions enacted at a session appears in the statutes in the same form as enrolled copies filed with the secretary of state. With some exceptions, new material is printed in italics, while material enclosed in brackets is struck out of the existing law. Laws are arranged in the statutes by chapter number assigned by the secretary of state on the basis of the time he received them from the governor.

Besides the complete texts of all laws and resolutions adopted during a session, the *Statutes of Nevada* contain indexed copies of the United States and Nevada constitutions. There are also several helpful tables useful in determining the current state of law in Nevada prior to the issuance of the looseleaf supplements to *Nevada Revised Statutes* containing the statutory changes adopted at the previous session. These tables are:

1. A table of sections of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended or repealed at the session.
2. A table of chapters of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended by the addition of new sections.
3. A table of titles of *Nevada Revised Statutes* amended by the addition of new chapters.

4. An alphabetical table of local statutes by short title showing their amendment or repeal.
5. A table of statutes, or sections thereof, repealed or amended by subsequent action of the same legislature (1975).
6. A table of contents showing the titles and chapter numbers (or file numbers for resolutions) of all the measures enacted during the session.

Nevada Revised Statutes

Nevada Revised Statutes is a codification of all statute laws of Nevada of a general, public and permanent nature. Officially cited as NRS, the code consists of 33 looseleaf volumes, including the indices and comparative tables.

Unlike the legal codes of most states, which are printed by private firms, *Nevada Revised Statutes* is revised and published by the service arm of the legislature—the legislative counsel bureau. It is organized according to subject matter, but unlike the codes of some states, there is a single, unified system of section numbers running from beginning to end, so that codes, titles and chapters need not be cited. The four broadest divisions are codes:

1. The *Remedial Code*, which deals with court structure and organization and civil procedure and remedies.
2. The *Civil Code*, which deals with relationships between individuals.
3. The *Penal Code*, which encompasses crimes and punishments and criminal procedure; and
4. The *Political Code*, which relates to the structure and organization of state and local governments and with the services rendered and the regulation exercised by government.

Next come the titles, numbered consecutively from 1 through 58, with each title embracing a major subject area of law. The titles, in turn, are broken down into chapters, and within the chapters are the specific provisions of the law set forth as sections which are given identifying numbers. In citing a law contained in NRS, the numbers preceding the decimal point indicate the chapter in which the provision is located, while those following the decimal pinpoint the specific section referred to in the citation. Hence, a citation reading NRS 218.340 would mean that the law in question is found in chapter 218 of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, while 340 indicates its place in that chapter. The system is truly decimal; that is, NRS 218.5333 lies between NRS 218.533 and 218.534.

The numbers, dates and symbols at the conclusion of each NRS section refer to the statutory history of the sections and permit the quick location of their statutory antecedents. An explanation of the code employed is contained in the Legislative Counsel's Preface in volume 1.

The rules of Nevada's courts are also printed in NRS. Volume 1 contains the rules of the Nevada supreme court and of the district courts. These rules, and all the court rules, are not assigned chapter numbers and are arranged simply in numerical order by rule. They may be cited as "Supreme Court Rule 4" or "District Court Rule 17." The *Nevada Rules*

of *Civil Procedure* and the *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure* are contained in volume 2 and the *Nevada Justices' Courts Rules of Civil Procedure* are found in volume 3. Citations for these rules may be given as N.R.C.P. 65(a), N.R.A.P. 1(a) or N.J.R.C.P. 73(a).

Volume 28 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* contains the Nevada admission acts, the *Nevada constitution* and the *United States Constitution*, as well as the final portion of the political code. Volumes 29 through 32 comprise the comprehensive index to NRS, while the last volume, volume 33, provides comparative tables relating NRS sections to those found in the compilation superseded by NRS and to new sections added to NRS by statutes enacted subsequent to the adoption of NRS as the law of Nevada. Also included is a table of all sections repealed or replaced in revision since the enactment of NRS.

At each session of the legislature, numerous changes are made in the existing body of law contained in NRS. To keep NRS current, these changes are noted by the legal division of the legislative counsel bureau as the session progresses. After final adjournment, the legislative counsel prepares special page supplements to NRS containing the new or amended sections of the law. These pages replace those in NRS which have been modified during the session, which are removed when the revised pages are inserted.

Nevada Revised Statutes currently sell for \$420 per set and may be ordered through the legislative counsel bureau. Legislators desiring to obtain a personal set of NRS may order it directly from the legislative counsel bureau at a cost of \$50. This fee entitles a legislator to a complete set of the code, along with sets of replacement or supplementary pages as issued during his term of office, without additional charge.

Annotations to Nevada Revised Statutes

Annotations to Nevada Revised Statutes is a six-volume compilation of notes keyed to *Nevada Revised Statutes*, which is designed to assist individuals in interpreting the meaning of statutory language appearing in NRS. The annotations contain six basic aids to understanding Nevada law;

1. *Reviser's Notes.* The Reviser's Notes explain the reason for each omission, change of wording or reorganization made during the revision of NRS, and include legislative policy statements concerning its enactments.

2. *Legislative Histories.* The legislative histories appearing at the beginning of each Title of the annotations trace the enactment, amendment and repeal of various provisions existing before the enactment of NRS. The dates given refer to the *Statutes of Nevada* for the years cited. The numbers following the dates locate the statutory provision by page within the statutes for the year listed. This information permits one to review the evolution of the body of law that comprises *Nevada Revised Statutes*.

3. *Notes of Opinions of the Attorney General.* Where appropriate, the annotations contain brief notes on pertinent opinions of the attorneys

general of the State of Nevada since 1865. These are identified by the citation prefix "AGO," followed by the number of the opinion and its date of issuance.

4. *References to Nevada Constitutional Debates and Proceedings.* Annotations to the constitution of the State of Nevada contain references to the *Debates and Proceedings in the 1864 Constitutional Convention of the State of Nevada*, as reported by Andrew J. Marsh and published in 1866.

5. *Notes of the Advisory Committees of the Nevada Supreme Court.* The annotations to *Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure*, *Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure* and *Nevada Justices' Courts Rules of Civil Procedure* contain notes as prepared by the respective advisory committees appointed by the Nevada supreme court.

6. *Relevant Judicial Decisions.* The annotations contain notes and citations for decisions of the Nevada supreme court, federal courts and courts of other jurisdictions which bear upon the provisions of *Nevada Revised Statutes*. Also included are statements of holdings in cases decided under former statutes which were substantially the same as the provisions in *Nevada Revised Statutes*.

Annotations to Nevada Revised Statutes currently sell for \$290 per set of six volumes.

Nevada Digest

A legal research tool, the *Nevada Digest* summarizes all Nevada case law since 1864, together with federal and other cases applicable to Nevada. It contains collateral references to other publications, including;

American Jurisprudence (1st and 2nd editions)

American Law Reports (1st, 2nd and 3rd series)

The 49-volume set is arranged by alphabetical topic headings generally paralleling those found in *California Jurisprudence, 2nd Edition*.

For those legislators interested in pursuing a subject in depth, the *Nevada Digest* can be a valuable source of information. Its use is more fully explained in the preface, which appears in volume 1 of the digest.

The *Nevada Digest* currently sells for \$500 for the 49-volume set.

Daily Histories

The Nevada legislature considered 1,557 legislative measures during the 1977 session. Keeping track of the progress of such a massive number of bills and resolutions would tax the energies of any legislator if he had to trace their current status himself; but fortunately this service is provided to each legislator through the *Assembly Daily History* and the *Senate Daily History*.

The daily histories list each bill and resolution introduced in the respective chambers for which they are reporting in numerical sequence by bill number or the number of the resolution. Following the bill number is the name of the introducer and the date of introduction of the measure. Below this information there is a brief summary of the measure and the number of the bill drafting request. Then, in chronological order, the

measure's legislative history is traced up to the date of publication. Thus, at a moment's glance, a legislator can locate any bill or resolution he is interested in and determine its status.

Daily histories, which are printed each day the legislature is in session and are also printed in cumulative volumes every 2 weeks (on an alternating basis between the senate and assembly), record all action taken on bills and resolutions.

They also contain a complete listing of the daily files scheduled during the day and a notation of committee meetings.

At the conclusion of each session, final volumes of the assembly history and the senate history are printed and made available upon request. These volumes contain the legislative history of each measure through the last day of the session and are arranged in the same fashion as the daily histories. Measures enacted into law are traced through the date of the governor's signature (or the date on which they became law without his signature), with notations entered citing their assigned chapter number in the *Statutes of Nevada* and their effective dates, unless vetoed, in which case the date of veto is noted. The final volumes include additional relevant information on the personnel of the session, committee assignments, a legislative box score and other items of general interest.

Index of Bills and Resolutions

The index to senate and assembly bills and resolutions is a document which may be used to determine if a measure has been introduced on a particular subject area. The index, which shows all introduced bills and resolutions by subject matter, is printed each week during the session. A final edition of the index, indicating bills approved by the governor, is printed shortly after adjournment.

Legislative Journals

Each house of the Nevada legislature publishes a daily journal of its proceedings. While the journals are not verbatim transcriptions of floor activity, they do record all official action taken on measures pending before the chambers and frequently include the text of remarks made by legislators, as well as gubernatorial messages. Journals for the preceding day are distributed to the legislators in their respective chambers at the beginning of each day's session.

After the legislature has adjourned *sine die*, the daily journals are gathered together, indexed and bound in permanent publications. Hardbound copies of the journals also contain certain ancillary information relating to the legislative calendar and the personnel of the legislature.

State Statistical Abstract and Consolidated Biennial Report

Pursuant to NRS 345.070, the state planning coordinator compiles a biennial report which describes the operations and functions of state agencies. The report includes the governor's state of the state message delivered at the most recent regular session, an organizational chart of

state government and separate sections relating to each state department and other selected agencies of the executive branch of state government. Each section on state departments or agencies contains information on the agencies' budgets, programs, activities, purpose and publications during the biennium. The *Biennial Report of Nevada State Agencies, 1978*, prepared in the fall of 1978, is the first consolidated biennial report for executive branch state agencies. Prior to the publication of the biennial report, certain information on selected state agencies was contained in the *Appendix to the Journals of Senate and Assembly*. This document is no longer published.

The state planning coordinator also compiles and publishes a statistical abstract in each odd-numbered year. The statistical abstract, which is mandated by NRS 345.090, contains significant statistical information for the current biennium pertaining to the federal, state and local governments. It also contains data relating to business and economy in Nevada. *The Nevada Statistical Abstract 1977*, prepared in late 1977, is the first edition of the statistical abstract.

Political History of Nevada

One of the most comprehensive historical reference works on Nevada state government and politics is the *Political History of Nevada*, the seventh revised edition of which was issued by the secretary of state in the fall of 1978. The political history is available free of charge through the secretary of state's office or the legislative counsel bureau upon request.

The political history contains background data on the historical development of the state (including the texts of many rare and important documents), descriptive material on the state symbols and mottoes, lists of territorial and state elective officials, maps and complete statewide election returns for every special, primary and general election since 1864. A special section entitled "Legislatures—Today and Yesterday," highlights valuable information regarding apportionment of the Nevada legislature since 1861 and lists the membership of each session of the territorial and state legislatures.

Audits of State Agencies

The audit division of the legislative counsel bureau periodically issues audits and other reports of value to legislators. Because of the technical nature and complexity of these reports, it is recommended that interested legislators consult with the legislative auditor for assistance in obtaining and interpreting audit reports.

Every legislator will receive a copy of the *Biennial Report of the Legislative Auditor* which summarizes audit reports on state agencies and money counts of the state treasury. This report also includes specific recommendations to the legislature for laws to improve the efficiency and to reduce the cost of state government.

Legislative Films

The legislative counsel bureau provides a film entitled "There Oughta Be a Law." The film was made during the 1977 session. It was produced

by Studios Kaminski of Reno. It was directed at the high school age group but it is appropriate for general adult groups as well. Its length is about 20 minutes.

The National Conference of State Legislatures in 1976 also produced a film about the legislative process. The film is set in the Minnesota legislature and uses the case study approach based on a bill to provide land use planning. This film is aimed at college age students and adult groups that already have some understanding of the legislative process.

Either film is available for checkout to legislators. For specific information, contact Marcia J. Staub, Legislative Counsel Bureau, Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada 89710.

Recommended Schedule of Priorities for Capital Improvements

Section 341.160 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* requires the state public works board to recommend to the governor and to the legislature a schedule of priorities for the construction of proposed capital improvements. The *State Administrative Manual* requires all institutions and departments to submit to the state public works board for consideration and recommendation their requests for capital improvements estimated to cost in excess of \$5,000, or which affect the structure of an existing facility. The publication containing the long-range perspective of the capital construction needs and ultimate level of financing required is *Recommended Capital Improvement Program for 1979-81*.

The recommended schedule assigns each proposed capital improvement project a project number and title. This information is followed by a cost estimate, description of the project and its justification. In appropriating funds to carry out a program of capital improvements, the legislature normally makes reference in the appropriations act, or in supplementary materials to this act, to the project numbers assigned to various projects by the state public works board in its recommended schedule. Hence, the recommended schedule is the key to understanding the capital improvements appropriations act and the state's capital improvement program.

Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure

The standing rules of both houses of the Nevada legislature designate *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* as the parliamentary authority to be followed in the absence of any constitutional provisions, statutes or standing rules governing the conduct of proceedings in the chambers. *Mason's Manual*, because of its official standing, is thus one of the major printed resources with which legislators should acquaint themselves.

The manual contains a complete outline of parliamentary laws and rules, explaining questions of precedence of motions, the conduct of debate, methods of voting and other intricacies of procedure. Citations to collateral parliamentary authorities permit in-depth analysis of specific issues, while the narrative itself (which is organized by topical sections for purposes of citation) offers a statement of general principles applicable in most given situations.

In addition to an extensive table of contents, the manual has an index, a brief index and a table of cases cited. A limited number of copies of *Mason's Manual* is available for check-out from the research library. Copies are also available for purchase by legislators at \$7.50 per copy from the publications office of the legislative counsel bureau.

The Legislative Manual

Each legislator is provided with a copy of the *Legislative Manual*, which contains materials designed to acquaint him with the structure and processes of the legislature, the nature of his responsibilities and the types of services that are available to him as a legislator. The manual also includes miscellaneous orientation information to assist new legislators and ease some of the minor strains associated with the legislative life.

Legislative Counsel Bureau Publications

The legislative counsel bureau issues several reports and publications which legislators should find useful. These publications are the: *Legislative Fiscal Report*, *Legislative Appropriations Report*, *Selected Significant Legislation*, legislative counsel bureau bulletins and various background papers.

1. *Legislative Fiscal Report*. This report, which is produced biennially by the fiscal analysis division, deals primarily with the *Executive Budget*, discussed later. The *Legislative Fiscal Report* is distributed to all members of the legislature shortly after they have received the budget. (NRS 353.230 requires that the *Executive Budget* be transmitted to the legislature not later than the 10th day of the regular legislative session.)

2. *Legislative Appropriations Report*. This report, also produced biennially by the fiscal analysis division, details all the appropriations made by the legislature for the operation of Nevada state government. It is distributed to all members of the legislature as soon after the adjournment of the legislative session as possible.

3. *Selected Significant Legislation*. This report, produced biennially by the research division, summarizes important legislation enacted during the most recent session.

4. Legislative counsel bureau bulletins. The legislative commission, responding to directions contained in concurrent resolutions, normally assigns a number of interim studies on legislative problems to its subcommittees, the staff of the legislative counsel bureau or both.

Upon their completion, these studies, together with recommendations for appropriate legislative action, are published by the legislative counsel bureau and distributed to the members of the next session of the legislature. Each publication is given a bulletin number and a complete listing of LCB bulletins issued to date is included in the *Legislative Manual* following this discussion of printed resources for legislators. The numbering system for bulletins was changed in 1976 so that a bulletin now has a two-part number. The first part is the year of the regular session to which the report was made and the second part is a sequence number for that session. The first bulletin to the 1979 session is 79-1.

While an attempt is made to maintain a sufficient supply of each bulletin to accommodate requests for additional copies, certain numbers are now out of print. Persons wishing to review the contents of out of print bulletins may do so by consulting the issues retained by the legislative counsel bureau in its research library.

5. Background papers. These reports, which are produced prior to each legislative session by the research division as part of its requirements under NRS 218.731, discuss subjects which may be of major legislative interest during legislative sessions. The division welcomes legislators' suggestions for topics to be covered in the background papers. As noted under "The Legislative Counsel Bureau," in the *Legislative Manual*, the research division also handles a wide assortment of research assignments for legislators upon request.

Executive Budget

The major fiscal document used by legislators in Nevada is the *Executive Budget*, which contains revenue projections, actual appropriation and expenditure figures for past fiscal years, agency requests for the future biennium and the gubernatorial recommendations which endorse or modify agency budgetary requests. Included in the budget document are program statements which preface the detailed fiscal information for the various departments, boards, commissions and other agencies of the state. The program statements describe the major functions and requirements of the agencies in narrative form and offer explanations for any unusual budget items requiring clarification. The budget document is organized functionally, by agency. It provides details relating to personnel requests, i.e., it describes the number and type of positions being budgeted by agency, the salaries involved and the secondary costs to the state (insurance, retirement and other fringe benefits) for the actual and contemplated work forces included within each agency's projected budget.

The introductory materials located at the front of the budget document provide general interest data relating to the Nevada economy, taxation, employment, traffic flow, personal income and fiscal trends. This information is useful in understanding the factors involved in calculating budget projections; but it is equally useful as a statistical reference work on the State of Nevada.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU PUBLICATIONS

Bulletin Number	Title
1	A Survey of the Functions of the Offices, Departments, Institutions, and Agencies of the State of Nevada and What They Cost (1947).
2	A Survey of Power and Industrial Facilities in Southern Nevada (1947).
*3	A Survey of Sales Taxes Applicable to Nevada (1948).
*4	Administrative Reorganization for Effective Government Management in Nevada (Gorvine, 1948).
5	Financial and Administrative Problems of Nevada Schools, and Suggested Solutions (1948).
6	A Survey of the Functions of the Insurance Commissioner (1948).
7	County Consolidation and Reorganization in Nevada (1948).
*8	Report of the Legislative Counsel 1947-1948 (1948).
*9	Survey of Recodification Problems in Nevada (1950).
10	Survey of the Nevada Hospital for Mental Diseases (1950).
11	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1949-1950 (1950).
12	A Survey of State-Owned Automobiles in Nevada (1950).
13	Report of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau (1950).
14	Analysis of Appropriations made by Nevada Legislature 1951 Session (1951).
15	Home Rule in Nevada (1952).
16	Nevada's Registration Law (1952).
*17	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1951-1952 (1952).
*18	Survey of Handicapped Children in Nevada (DeWhitt, 1952).
*19	Housing Aged Persons in Nevada (1952).
*20	Report of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau (1953).
*21	Analysis of Appropriations Made by Nevada Legislature 1953 Session (1953).
*22	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1953-1954 (1954).
23	Public Health Administration in Nevada (1954).
*24	Nevada Sexual Deviation Research (1955).
*25	Legislation Toward Effective Library and Related Services for the People of Nevada (1954).
*26	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1955 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1953-1955 (1955).
27	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1955-1956 (1956).
28	The University of Nevada: An Appraisal (McHenry Report, 1956).
*29	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1957 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1955-1957 (1957).
*30	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1957-1958 (1958).

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31	Alcoholism in Nevada (1958).
32	A Study of the Presidential Primary (1958).
*33	Temporary Disability Benefits (1958).
34	The Nevada School of Industry: An Appraisal (1958).
35	The Beneficial Use of Water in Nevada (1959).
*36	Survey of Fish and Game Problems in Nevada (1959).
*37	A Study of Administrative Law; Administrative Rule Making; The Conduct of Administrative Hearings and The Judicial Rule Thereof (1958).
*38	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1959 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Biennium 1957-1959 (1959).
39	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1958-1959 (1959).
40	A Study of the Feasibility of Establishing a Nevada Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (1959).
41	A Study of State Bonding and Insurance Problems (1960).
*42	A Study of the Election Laws of Nevada Relating to Primary and General Elections (1960).
*43	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1960 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Fiscal year 1959-1960 (1960).
†44	Financing State and Local Government in Nevada (Zubrow Report, 1960). Bound: \$10; Unbound: \$5.
*45	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1959-1960 (1960).
46	State and County Welfare Administration in Nevada (Barrick Report, 1960).
47	Mentally Retarded Children in Nevada: An Appraisal (1960).
48	Judicial Retirement in Nevada (1961).
49	Analysis of Appropriations by the 1961 Legislature and Analysis of General Fund Activities Fiscal Year 1960-1961 (1961).
...	A Survey of Adoption Practices in Nevada 1961 (No Number, 1961).
50	Report of the Legislative Auditor 1960-1961 (1961).
51	Restoration and Preservation of Nevada's Historic Cemeteries (1962).
52	Rehabilitation of Sex Offenders in Nevada: An Evaluation (1962).
53	Incidental Charges to the Purchasers of Dwellings (Under FHA and VA Insured or Guaranteed Mortgages) (1962).
54A	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1962).
54B	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1963).
55	Problems Involved in Financing Public Buildings With Lease- Purchase Agreements (1962).
56	A Study of the Problems Relating to the Use of Checks and Drafts in the Purchase of Livestock and Agricultural Products (1962).
*57	Home Rule Study (Mimeographed, 1963).

Bulletin Number	Title
58	Child Welfare and Adoption in Nevada—A New Law and a New Approach (Mittler, 1963).
59	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1963–1964).
60	Nevada's Uniform Commercial Code (1967). \$1.
61	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada, 1965 (1965).
62	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1964–1965).
63	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies (1965–1966).
64	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada, 1967 (1967).
65	Bill Drafting Manual (1966) (Periodic revisions to update material.)
*66	Revision of Nevada's Substantive Criminal Law and Procedure in Criminal Cases (Criminal Code) (1966).
67	Taxation of Banks and Other Financial Institutions in the State of Nevada (1966).
68	Study of General Fund Revenues of the State of Nevada (Lybrand, 1966). \$1.50.
68A	Summary of the Study of General Fund Revenues of the State of Nevada (1966).
69	State Financial Support for Public Schools (1967).
70	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (1966–1967).
71	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (Vols. I & II, 1967–1968).
72	Economic Regulation of Business and Unfair Competition (1968).
73	Fish and Game Laws (1968).
73A	Fish and Game Laws (Supplemental Report, 1969).
74	Nevada's Court Structure (1968).
75	Legislative Techniques (1969).
76	Need and Feasibility of Establishing an Estate Tax in Nevada (1969).
77	Legislative Manual, State of Nevada, 1969 (1969).
78	Public Printing in Nevada (1969).
79	The Marlette Lake Water System—A Report on the Feasibility and Desirability of its Retention (1969).
80	Illegal Narcotic and Drug use in Nevada (1969)
81	Nevada State Hospital Procedures (1969).
82	Motor Vehicle Laws and Highway Safety Standards (1969).
83	Nevada's Laws Regulating Savings and Loan Associations (1969).
84	The Activities and Services of the Welfare Division of the Department of Health, Welfare and Rehabilitation (1969).
*85	Revision of Nevada's Mining Laws (1969).
86	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (1968–1969).

Bulletin Number	Title
87	Audit Report (1970).
88	County Courts for Nevada (1970).
*89	Legislative Manual 1971 (1971).
90	Proposed Evidence Code for the State of Nevada (1970).
91	Consumer Protection (1970).
92	Nevada Municipal Governments (1970).
93	Gaming Supervision and Control in Nevada (1970).
94	Museums for Southern Nevada (1970).
95	Highway Safety Standards and Motor Vehicle Carriers: A Con- tinuation Study (1970).
96	Nevada's Community Property Laws (1970).
97	State-Supported Communications Systems (1970).
98	Report on the Continuation Study of the Marlette Lake Water System (1971).
*99	Audit Reports of Departments and Agencies of the State of Nevada (Issued by the Fiscal Analyst) (1971).
100	Fiscal Analyst Report (1972).
101	Subcommittee Study of Facilities for Juvenile Offenders (1972).
*102	Legislative Printing Requirements and Costs (1972).
*103	Legislative Manual 1973 (1973).
104	NIC Report (1972).
105	Continuation Study of Nevada Municipal Government (1972).
106	Subdivision Planning and Zoning (1972).
107	Conflicts of Interest (1972).
108	State Welfare Laws (1972).
109	Continuation Study of Highway Safety Standards and Motor Vehicle Laws (1972).
110	Senior Citizens Tax Relief Study (1972).
111	Nevada Election Laws (1972).
112	Legislative Rules Study (1972).
113	Nevada Probate Statutes (1974).
114	Counsel Bureau Organization and Legislative Procedures (1974).
115	Consolidation of State and Local Welfare Programs (1974).
116	Development of the Practice of Chinese Medicine (1974).
117	Mental Health Care Facilities and Programs (Interim Report 1974).
118	Unincorporated Town Governments (1974).
119	Mobile Home Taxation (1974).
120	Temporary Disability Insurance (1974).
121	Financial Condition of Public Housing Authorities (1974).
122	Tax Exemptions for Charitable Societies (1974).
123	Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff Study on the Role of the Lieutenant Governor (1974).
124	State Insurance Policies and Procedures (1974).
125	Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff Study on the Feasibil- ity of a Forestry Nursery Facility, Southern Nevada (1974).

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126	Legislative Manual 1975 (1975).
‡77-1	The Problems of Medical Malpractice Insurance.
77-2	Study of Electric and Gas Utilities and the Public Service Commission of Nevada.
77-3	Personnel and Administrative Practices of the Court System and District Attorneys.
77-4	Funding Nevada's Courts.
77-5	Budget Formulas and Formats for the University of Nevada System.
77-6	Deriving Additional State Benefits from Public Lands.
77-7	Skilled Nursing Facilities and Problems of the Aged and Aging.
77-8	Publications Policy of State Agencies.
77-9	Employer Payment of Employee Contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System.
77-10	Roles of the State Health Division and Local Governments in Approving Construction Projects.
77-11	Creation, Financing and Governance of General Improvement Districts.
77-12	Problems Confronting the Dairy Industry.
77-13	General Funding for the Support of the Nevada Department of Fish and Game.
77-14	Regional Water and Sewer in Washoe County.
77-15	Problems Related to the State Permanent School Fund.
77-16	Recommendations by the Citizens' Advisory Committee Studying Sexual Discrimination in Nevada's Laws.
77-17	Review of Regulations of Executive Agencies by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
77-18	Study of State Election Laws.
77-19	Records Retention Procedures of Local Governments.
77-20	Study of Intergovernmental Payments.
77-21	Study Ways of Encouraging Private and Community Foundations.
77-22	Summary of Interim Studies of the Legislative Commission.
77-23	Legislative Manual 1977.
79-1	Administrative Procedures Followed by the Nevada Industrial Commission and Alternative Methods of Providing Workman's Compensation Coverage.
79-2	The Condition of the State Prison.
79-3	Community College Division of the University of Nevada System.
79-4	Provisions Relating to Obscenity.
79-5	Feasibility of Creating a Commission to Regulate Transportation.
79-6	Administration of Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation Programs in Nevada.
79-7	Unclaimed Property in Nevada.

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79-8	Structures and Functions of the State Board of Education and State Department of Education.
79-9	Problems Concerning Professional Liability Insurance.
79-10	Pupil Achievement in Nevada.
79-11	Availability of Liability and Employee Group Insurance to Local Governments.
79-12	Effect of Government Regulation of Small Business.
79-13	Feasibility of Creating a New County to Govern the North Shore Area of Lake Tahoe.
79-14	Recodification of Nevada's Education Laws.
79-15	Problems and Treatment of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.
79-16	Assessment and Taxation of Geothermal Resources.
79-17	State Veterans' Home in Nevada.
79-18	Study of Crimes and Punishments.
79-19	Select Committee on Public Lands.
79-20	Summary Bulletin of Reports of the Legislative Commission to the 60th Session of the Nevada Legislature.
79-21	Legislative Manual 1979.
79-22	State Science Engineering and Technology Project Report.

*Out of print.

†Unbound out of print, bound in print.

‡Bulletin numbering system was changed for 1977 legislative session.

Note: Copies of studies now out of print are available for examination through the research library.

NEVADA STATE LIBRARY AND SUPREME COURT LIBRARY SERVICES FOR LEGISLATORS

The Nevada state library, established in 1861 as the territorial library for service to attorneys and justices, became the state library in 1864 and has become a resource providing programs of library and information services to all Nevadans utilizing resources and experience gained over 117 years.

It not only acts as the backup resource and coordination base for all public libraries in the state, but also as the library and information service center for all functions of state government.

Among the full range of information services to all Nevadans the state library provides, the following are of special use to members of the legislature:

Public Services Division

Reference/research/interlibrary loan and circulation services from indepth collections of Nevada history, law, public administration, reapportionment, education, welfare, public health, taxation, and public finance.

The collections of materials in all formats on these and many other subjects include the historical and all current newspapers published in Nevada and depositories of federal and state publications. Another unique collection of indexed telephone books, directories and other locator types of reference resources enable quick access to information essential to legislative action.

The reference staff will answer all questions of general or special nature, perform manual and computer-assisted literature searches, compile bibliographies or lists of information sources on any subject and obtain difficult-to-find materials through interlibrary loan from other libraries and information centers in and out of state.

To keep legislators informed on current developments in their areas of particular interest, the reference staff will survey current periodicals and scan newspapers for pertinent information requested by legislators on a continuing basis. Photocopy and microfilm reader-printer services are available.

DOCUMENTS SECTION

The state publications distribution center, created within the state library by the 1971 legislature, has organized Nevada state agency documents for use at the state library, depository service points at Elko, Clark and Washoe County libraries and the University of Nevada, Reno and Las Vegas campuses.

In-depth reference service is provided from the state and local government documents collection as well as a special "Legislative Information

Service" offered to state agencies and the general public during the legislative session to answer questions concerning bill status, committee hearing dates and other questions specific to the activities of the legislature. The documents section is a federal documents depository maintaining a current and historical collection of 150,000 federal documents including congressional bills, statutes, hearings and reports as well as executive publications. A limited collection of out-of-state and intergovernmental documents is also available. Full reference service, photocopy and microfilm reader-printer services are available for all collections, as well as telecopier transmission of documents to all telecopier service points.

Library Development Division

Offers information on library and service program developments at the local level and on a statewide basis. Briefings for legislators concerned with these programs in their districts are offered.

Special Services Division

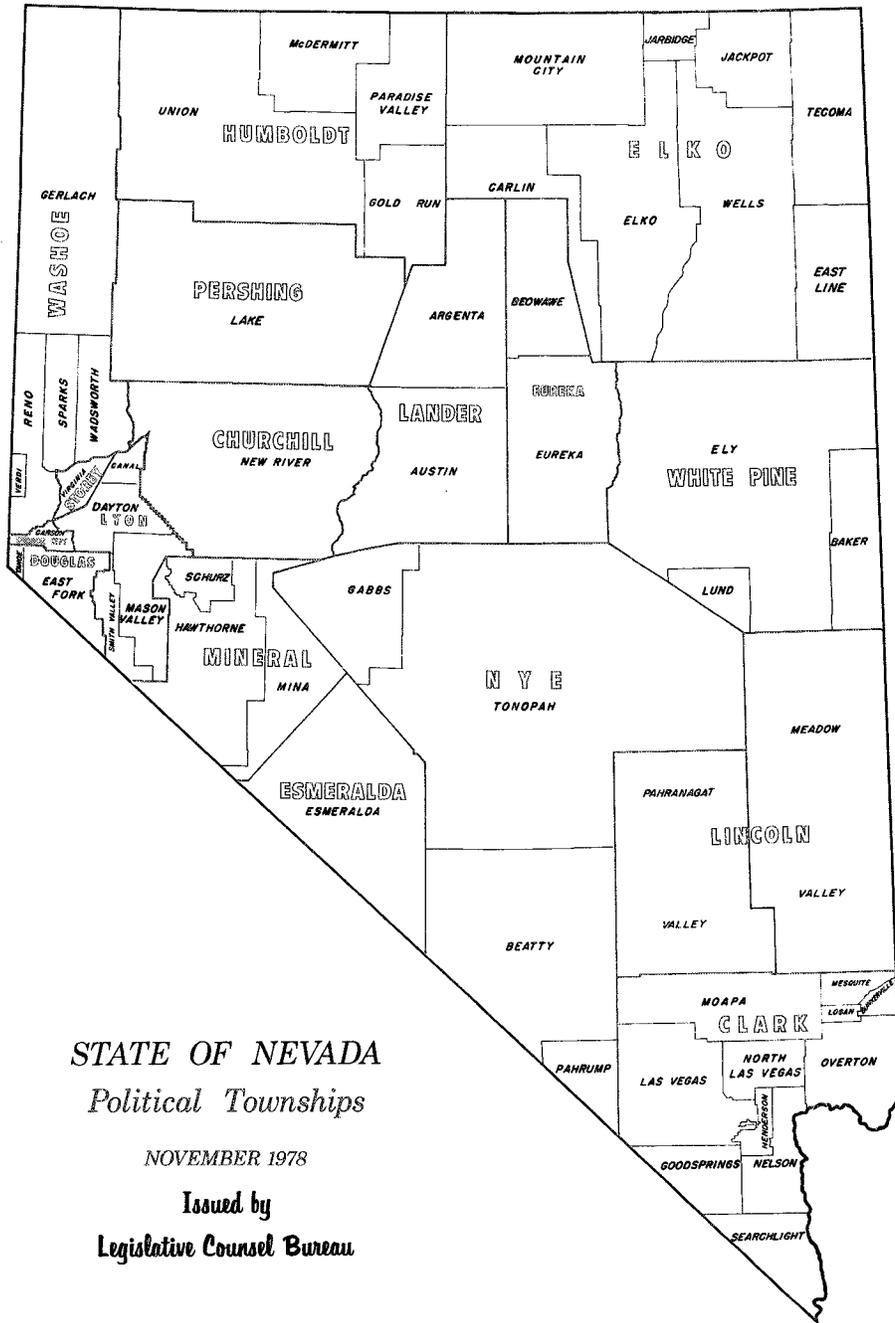
Offers information on the library and service programs to the physically handicapped on a local and statewide basis. Legislators are invited to inspect the operation of this program and the unique and varied materials and equipment utilized. There is a high degree of interagency cooperation involved.

Cooperative Services Division

The division coordinates and performs library services on a statewide basis relating to acquisitions, cataloging, processing and delivery of library materials to libraries of all types; public and private agencies and institutions; develops and maintains the Union Catalog as a base of the statewide interlibrary loan network (Information Nevada); has responsibility for coordination of statewide and regional network development and carries out state library participation.

NEVADA SUPREME COURT LIBRARY

Located in the basement of the supreme court building, this library offers a full range of law library and information services to legislators. Circulation to Nevada citizens is allowed for most of its collection of over 50,000 volumes and cassette tapes. Services include reference, interlibrary loan and photocopy. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and at other times by appointment with library staff. Telephone: 885-5140; for paging: 885-5183.



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<i>County</i>	<i>County Seat</i>	<i>District Judges</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Dept.</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>	<i>Recorder and/or Auditor</i>																																																																																																																												
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Storey..... Virginia City 89440.....	Mike Griffin	1	1	Marlene Andreasen	Robert Del Carlo	Mary Jane Rule
Washoe..... Reno 89501.....	Grant Bowen	2	1	Alex Coon	Robert Galli	Joe F. Melcher
	John Barrett	2	2			
	John Gabrielli	2	3			
	Roy Torvinen	2	4			
	William Forman	2	5			
	James Guinan	2	6			
	Peter Breen	2	7			
White Pine..... Ely 89301.....	Merlyn Hoyt	7	....	Neil Jensen	Dean E. Saderrup	Farrel Hansen

<i>County</i>	<i>Assessor</i>	<i>District Attorney</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Engineer</i>	<i>Manager</i>	<i>Public Administrator</i>
Carson City.....	Homer Rodriguez	David B. Small	Theo. "Ted" Thornton	Lawrence A. Werner	Don W. Hataway	Pete Supera
Churchill.....	Paul Scholz	John S. Hill	Manuel Barrenchea		Bjorn Selinder	Paulina Springer
Clark.....	Jean Dutton	Robert J. Miller	William Galloway		Richard W. Bunker	Joel Rosenthal
Douglas.....	Harry Winkelman	Steven D. McMorris	Yvonne Bernard	Bob Gardner	Robert Hadfield	Joe Liebherr
Elko.....	John Moshetti	Thomas L. Stringfield	Cesar Salicchi		George Boucher	Pat Vath
Esmeralda.....	Richard A. Gilbert	Andrew D. Demetras	Xniea Baird	Roger D. Gliden		
Eureka.....	J. P. Ithurrealde	Johnson W. Lloyd	Joan Shangle			
Humboldt.....	Marvin Clausen	William Macdonald	Josephine H. Patterson			Lyle Mattice
Lander.....	S. Janean Buhl	George G. Holden	Don Bruce	Mark Chilton		George Holden
Lincoln.....	William T. Lloyd	John McGimisey	Ruby Lister			John McGimisey
Lyon.....	Leroy L. Ward	John C. Giomi	Willard J. Parr			Howard W. Dale

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Mineral.....	Mary J. Wagner	Larry G. Bettis	Martha G. Barlow	Malone Engineers (Acting Surveyor)	Pal Holland (Executive Assistant)	John A. Kallio
Nye.....	Bernie Merlino	Peter L. Knight	Rena Bailey		Roy Neighbors	Nick Banovich
Pershing.....	Charles Sheeran	Richard Wagner	Louise Similey	J. R. Caldwell		Oma Gierhart
Storey.....	John T. Flanagan	Jack Christensen	Marlene Andreasen			
Washoe.....	Donald Peckham	Cal Dunlap	Gary Simpson	Floyd Vice	John MacIntyre	Tom Brennan
White Pine.....	C. G. Charchalis	Robert Johnston	Bessie Llewelyn			Robert Johnston

<i>County</i>	<i>County Commissioners</i>	<i>Justice of the Peace (Townships)</i>
Carson City.....	Bob Brogan, Bill Burnaugh, M. E. (John) Hayes, Jack G. Warnecke, Harold Jacobsen (Mayor)	Tom R. Davis
Churchill.....	Skip Cann, William (Bill) Lee, Mario Peraldo	Marilyn Craig, New River Twp.
Clark.....	Sam Bowler, Robert Broadbent, David Canter, Manuel Cortez, Thalia Dondero, Jack Petitti, Richard Ronzone	Cecil R. Leavitt, Bunkerville Twp.; Stuart A. McCarthy, Goodsprings Twp.; Reginald L. Tabony, Henderson Twp.; Dan Ahlstrom, Al Becker, Joseph T. Bonaventure, John S. McGroarty, and Miriam Shearing, Las Vegas Twp.; William Cooper, Logan Twp.; Brent V. Walker, Mesquite Twp.; Marley Robinson, Moapa Twp.; Clifford C. Segerblom, Nelson Twp.; James B. Kelly, North Las Vegas; Robert C. Behmer, Overton Twp.; Jack B. Strong, Searchlight Twp.
Douglas.....	Harold Dayton, Jr., Dan Hickey, Kenneth Kjer, Gene Osborne, Garry Stone	Glen Anderson, East Fork Twp.; Ellsworth Chappell, Lake Tahoe Twp.

Elko.....	John Carpenter, William Gibbs, Dale Porter	Vivian Taylor, Carlin Twp.; Edward F. Lunsford, Elko Twp.; Chester Howlett, Eastline Twp.; Jay W. Snyder, Jackpot Twp.; John Williams, Jarbidge Twp.; Delbert L. Pruitt, Tecoma Twp.; Gerald Genet, Wells Twp.; Norman Barbour, Mountain City Twp.
Esmeralda.....	Gerald Allen, Edward F. Denton, May Bliss	Joseph Drew
Eureka.....	R. D. Damele, Martin Milano, Charles A. Vaccaro	Albert J. Hammond, Eureka Twp.; Eloise McDaniel, Beowawe Twp.
Humboldt.....	Pete L. Bengochea, Alan E. Beck, Sammye Ugalde	Elizabeth Chabot, Paradise Twp.; Norman Doughty, Union Twp.; Oren Lee McDonald, McDermit Twp.; (Vacancy), Gold Run Twp.
Lander.....	Bert Gandolfo, David Layton, Nyle Leshikar	Frank A. Bertrand, Austin Twp.; Theodore Gandolfo, Argenta Twp.
Lincoln.....	Edward Arnold, Mike Fogliani, Ralph Smeath	Rodney Chadburn, Meadow Valley Twp.; Eather Leavitt, Pahrangat Valley Twp.
Lyon.....	Ed Maloney, John McNown, John Poli	Ernest Alpers, Smith Valley Twp.; John Fleckenstein, Dayton Twp.; John L. Rees, Canal Twp.; Marolyn Patton, Mason Valley Twp.
Mineral.....	Max Chilcott, Allen E. Conelly, Bill M. Williams	Eugene S. Gates, Jr., Mina Twp.; Robert M. Rupracht, Sr., Hawthorne Twp.; Randy Varain, Schurz Twp.
Nye.....	Donald J. Barnett, Andrew M. Eason, Robert N. Revert	Dow R. Chenoweth, Jr., Pahrump Twp.; Bill Sullivan, Beatty Twp.; George McGovern, Gabbs Twp.; Solan Terrell, Tonopah Twp.
Pershing.....	James F. Burke, Robert Souza, Robert C. Summers	Joyce Santos, Lake Twp.
Storey.....	Robert E. Berry, Henry Bland, Lora Del Carlo	Edward S. Colletti
Washoe.....	Francis W. Farr, Steve Brown, Bennie Ferrari, Jean Stoess, Jim Underwood	William Beemer, Reno Twp.; Larry Graham, Wadsworth Twp.; J. J. Lamberti, Sparks Twp.; Richard Minor, Reno Twp.; Henry Mosconi, Verdi Twp.; Raymond Paschall, Gerlach Twp.
White Pine.....	Mike Marich, Doug Hawkins, J. Kendall Jones	William Nichols, Ely, No. 1.

NEVADA MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS, 1979

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Mayor</i>	<i>Councilmen or Governing Board</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Attorney</i>	<i>Manager</i>
Boulder City.....	Heber J. Tobler	Kenneth H. Andree Richard L. Danielson Robert S. Ferraro John S. McEwan	Lorraine H. Kautz	Monte J. Morris	Mayhlon L. Degernes, Jr.
Caliente.....	Keith Larson	Glenn A. Bosh Arthur L. Cameron Michael Rollins George T. Rowe	Inez C. Thomas	C. E. Horton	
Carlin.....	Wanda Borden	Alfred Barredo Betty L. Gates John W. Hyatt, Sr. Anna C. Meierhoff	Karen L. Wiggins	Robert Goicoechea	George A. Pacini
Carson City.....	Harold Jacobsen	Robert Brogan Bill Burnaugh Jack G. Warnecke M. E. (John) Hayes	Theo. "Ted" Thornton	David B. Small	Don W. Hataway
Elko.....	D. George Corner	Jack B. Ames Ted Blohm Jay R. Kump John Tewell	Giuliana Murphy	Jack Hull	Charles C. Arumuth, Jr.
Ely.....	James P. Whitmore	R. L. Haslem Rawson M. Prince Adele Rattazzi Jack Smith Barlow White	Nick Orphan	C. E. Horton	
Fallon.....	Merton E. Domonoske	Jack D. Frank Richard Graham Harold W. Rogers	Leroy A. Getchell	Mario G. Reconzone	

Gabbs.....	Ray A. Dummar	Dale W. Bake Louis W. Repp Aileen M. Wakefield	Patricia J. Butler	Robert R. Barengo	
Henderson.....	Lorin L. Williams	Lorna Kesterson J. Gary Price Phil Stout Carlton D. Lawrence	Dorothy A. Vondenbrink	Kent J. Dawson	Robert E. Campbell
Las Vegas.....	William H. Briare	(Vacancy) Roy A. Woofter Paul J. Christensen Ron Lurie	Edwina M. Cole	Richard Maurer	Russell W. Dorn
Lovelock.....	Lyle W. Wilcox	Victor Gierhart Massoud Moezzi Gail G. Munk	Virginia Rose	Richard Wagner	
North Las Vegas.....	Ray H. Daines	Cynthia Baumann Thomas Brown Gary Davis Mary J. Kincaid	Esther Borden	George Franklin	Raymond D. Schweitzer
Reno.....	Bruno Menicucci	Clyde E. Biglieri Marcel Durant William Granata Ed Oaks Ed Spoon William H. Wallace	Gilbert Mandagaran	Robert L. Van Wagoner	Henry Etchemendy
Sparks.....	James C. Lillard	Valdo Renucci Edwin Hastings Bernie Gulla Donald Spanier Ronald Player	Mrs. Chloris Goodwin	Paul Freitag	Thomas J. Milligan

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<i>Municipality</i>	<i>Mayor</i>	<i>Councilmen or Governing Board</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Attorney</i>	<i>Manager</i>
Wells.....	Joe Quilici	Keith Dixon Catherine C. Igoa Mike Nannini Charles Rigel	Carrie V. Fitch	Robert Goicoechea	
Winnemucca.....	Joseph Jamello	Leslie F. Harmon Hughie J. Schoff Eugene F. Wambolt	Marguirite E. Mowry	Richard Lagarza	
Yerington.....	Vaughn B. Silva	Max Bearden Norman Montelatici William Purse! Joe Sheehy	Audrey Allum	John C. Giomi	Frank M. McGowan

1970 CENSUS OF NEVADA*

Table 1. Population of Counties: 1970 and 1960.

<i>The State Urban and Rural</i>	<i>Total population 1970</i>	URBAN				RURAL			<i>Total population 1960</i>	<i>Percent change, 1960 to 1970</i>
		<i>Total urban</i>	<i>Percent of total</i>	<i>Urbanized area</i>	<i>Other urban</i>	<i>Total rural</i>	<i>Places of 1,000 to 2,500</i>	<i>Other rural</i>		
The State	488,738	395,336	80.9	336,368	58,968	93,402	20,061	73,341	285,278	71.3
Churchill	10,513	2,959	28.1	.....	2,959	7,554	1,045	6,509	8,452	24.4
Clark	273,288	258,299	94.5	236,681	21,618	14,989	.....	14,989	127,016	115.2
Douglas	6,882	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,882	1,320	5,562	3,481	97.7
Elko	13,958	7,621	54.6	.....	7,621	6,337	2,394	3,943	12,011	16.2
Esmeralda	629	.....	.....	.....	.....	629	.....	629	619	1.6
Eureka	948	.....	.....	.....	.....	948	.....	948	767	23.6
Humboldt	6,375	3,587	56.3	.....	3,587	2,788	.....	2,788	5,708	11.7
Lander	2,666	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,666	1,856	810	1,566	70.2
Lincoln	2,557	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,557	.....	2,557	2,431	5.2
Lyon	8,221	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,221	2,010	6,211	6,143	33.8
Mineral	7,051	3,539	50.2	.....	3,539	3,512	1,579	1,933	6,329	11.4
Nye	5,599	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,599	1,716	3,883	4,374	28.0
Pershing	2,670	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,670	1,571	1,099	3,199	-16.5
Storey	695	.....	.....	.....	.....	695	.....	695	568	22.4
Washoe	121,068	99,687	82.3	99,687	.....	21,381	2,414	18,967	84,743	42.9
White Pine	10,150	4,176	41.1	.....	4,176	5,974	4,156	1,818	9,808	3.5
Carson City City	15,468	15,468	100.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,163	199.6

*Taken from Bureau of Census report PC(V-1)30, *Advance Report, 1970 Census of Population: Nevada*, final population counts, November, 1970.
 †Includes population (2,900) of that part of Ormsby County outside Carson City consolidated with Carson City subsequent to April 1, 1970.

Table 2. Population of County Subdivisions: 1970 and 1960.

[Total population of a place in two or more county subdivisions appears in table 3. County subdivision figures for 1960 do not necessarily add to county totals. For information on boundary changes and meaning of symbols, see text.]

<i>County Subdivisions</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1960</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
Carson City City County.....	15,468	5,163	199.6
Churchill County.....	10,513	8,452	24.4
New River Twp.....	10,513	8,190	28.4
Fallon City.....	2,959	2,734	8.2
Fallon Station (U).....	1,045	.....	.....
Clark County.....	273,288	127,016	115.2
Bunkerville Twp.....	244	200	22.0
Goodsprings Twp.....	314	216	45.4
Henderson Twp.....	16,410	12,525	31.0
Henderson City.....	16,395	12,525	30.9
Las Vegas Twp.....	191,260	106,755	79.2
East Las Vegas (U).....	6,501	.....	.....
Las Vegas City.....	125,787	64,405	95.3
Paradise (U).....	24,477	.....	.....
Sunrise Manor (U) (Part).....	860	.....	.....
Vegas Creek (U).....	8,970	.....	.....
Winchester (U).....	13,981	.....	.....
Logan Twp.....	426	809	-47.3
Mesquite Twp.....	674	517	30.4
Moapa Twp.....	353	432	-18.3
Nelson Twp.....	5,674	4,171	36.0
Boulder City City.....	5,223	4,059	28.7
North Las Vegas Twp.....	56,241	.....	.....
Nellis (U).....	6,449	.....	.....
North Las Vegas City.....	36,216	18,422	96.6
Sunrise Manor (U) (Part).....	10,026	.....	.....
Overton Twp.....	1,336	1,162	15.0
Searchlight Twp.....	356	229	55.5
Douglas County.....	6,882	3,481	97.7
East Fork Twp.....	3,867	2,464	56.9
Gardnerville-Minden (U).....	1,320	.....	.....
Tahoe Twp.....	3,015	1,017	196.5
Elko County.....	13,958	12,011	16.2
Carlin Twp.....	1,356	.....	.....
Carlin Town.....	1,313	1,023	28.3
East Line Twp.....	97	.....	.....
Elko Twp.....	8,931	.....	.....
Elko City.....	7,621	6,295	21.0
Jarbridge Twp.....	32	.....	.....
Mountain City Twp.....	1,125	.....	.....
Tecoma Twp.....	221	.....	.....
Wells Twp.....	2,196	.....	.....
Wells City.....	1,081	1,071	0.9
Esmeralda County.....	629	619	1.6
Esmeralda Twp.....	629	.....	.....
Eureka County.....	948	767	23.6
Beowawe Twp.....	401	85	371.8
Eureka Twp.....	547	496	10.3
Humboldt County.....	6,375	5,708	11.7
Gold Run Twp.....	238	271	-12.2
McDermitt Twp.....	1,086	831	30.7
Paradise Valley Twp.....	257	281	-8.5
Union Twp.....	4,794	3,984	20.3
Winnemucca City.....	3,587	3,453	3.9
Lander County.....	2,666	1,566	70.2
Argenta Twp.....	2,252	1,177	91.3
Battle Mountain (U).....	1,856	.....	.....
Austin Twp.....	414	389	6.4
Lincoln County.....	2,557	2,431	5.2
Alamo Twp.....	398	317	25.6
Caliente Twp.....	979	960	2.0
Caliente City.....	916	792	15.7
Panaca Twp.....	539	458	17.7
Pioche Twp.....	641	696	-7.9

TABLE 2—Continued

<i>County Subdivisions</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1960</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
Lyon County.....	8,221	6,143	33.8
Canal Twp.....	1,470	.....	.....
Dayton Twp.....	826	.....	.....
Mason Valley Twp.....	5,187	4,278	21.2
Yerington City.....	2,010	1,764	13.9
Smith Valley Twp.....	738	722	2.2
Mineral County.....	7,051	6,329	11.4
Hawthorne Twp.....	5,995	5,277	13.6
Babbitt (U).....	1,579	2,159	-26.9
Hawthorne (U).....	3,539	2,838	24.7
Mina Twp.....	506	460	10.0
Schurz Twp.....	550	415	32.5
Nye County.....	5,599	4,374	28.0
Beatty Twp.....	1,131	1,153	-1.9
Gabbs Twp.....	1,000	796	25.6
Gabbs City.....	874	770	13.5
Pahrump Twp.....	963	.....	.....
Round Mountain Twp.....	215	195	10.3
Tonopah Twp.....	2,290	2,216	3.3
Tonopah (U).....	1,716	1,679	2.2
Pershing County.....	2,670	3,199	-16.5
Lake Twp.....	2,670	2,702	-1.2
Lovelock City.....	1,571	1,948	-19.4
Storey County.....	695	568	22.4
Virginia Twp.....	695	.....	.....
Washoe County.....	121,068	84,743	42.9
Bald Mountain Twp.....	14	34	-58.8
Gerlach Twp.....	579	1,141	-49.3
Reno Twp.....	90,502	63,607	42.3
Reno City.....	72,863	51,470	41.6
Sparks Twp.....	28,702	18,815	52.5
Sparks City.....	24,187	16,618	45.5
Sun Valley (U).....	2,414	.....	.....
Verdi Twp.....	716	587	22.0
Wadsworth Twp.....	555	559	-0.7
White Pine County.....	10,150	9,808	3.5
Baker Twp.....	146	.....	.....
Ely Twp.....	9,686	.....	.....
East Ely (U).....	1,992	1,796	10.9
Ely City.....	4,176	4,018	3.9
McGill (U).....	2,164	2,195	-1.4
Lund Twp.....	318	215	47.9

Table 3. Population of Places: 1970 and 1960.

<i>All Incorporated Places Unincorporated Places of 1,000 or More</i>	<i>Counties</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1960</i>	<i>Percent change</i>
Babbitt (U)	Mineral	1,579	2,159	-26.9
Battle Mountain (U)	Lander	1,856	.....	.....
Boulder City City	Clark	5,223	4,059	28.7
Caliente City	Lincoln	916	792	15.7
Carlin Town	Elko	1,313	1,023	28.3
Carson City City	Carson City City	15,468	5,163	199.6
East Ely (U)	White Pine	1,992	1,796	10.9
East Las Vegas (U)	Clark	6,501	.....	.....
Elko City	Elko	7,621	6,298	21.0
Ely City	White Pine	4,176	4,018	3.9
Fallon City	Churchill	2,959	2,734	8.2
Fallon Station (U)	Churchill	1,045	.....	.....
Gabbs City	Nye	874	770	13.5
Gardnerville-Minden (U)	Douglas	1,320	.....	.....
Hawthorne (U)	Mineral	3,539	2,838	24.7
Henderson City	Clark	16,395	12,525	30.9
Las Vegas City	Clark	125,787	64,405	95.3
Lovelock City	Pershing	1,571	1,948	-19.4
McGill (U)	White Pine	2,164	2,195	-1.4
Nellis (U)	Clark	6,449	.....	.....
North Las Vegas City	Clark	36,216	18,422	96.6
Paradise (U)	Clark	24,477	.....	.....
Reno City	Washoe	72,863	51,470	41.6
Sparks City	Washoe	24,187	16,618	45.5
Sunrise Manor (U)	Clark	10,886	.....	.....
Sun Valley (U)	Washoe	2,414	.....	.....
Tonopah (U)	Nye	1,716	1,679	2.2
Vegas Creek (U)	Clark	8,970	.....	.....
Wells City	Elko	1,081	1,071	0.9
Winchester (U)	Clark	13,981	.....	.....
Winnemucca City	Humboldt	3,587	3,453	3.9
Yerington City	Lyon	2,010	1,764	13.9

1978 NEVADA POPULATION ESTIMATES

TABLE I. Nevada Population Projections By Nevada County for Selected Years,¹ 1970-2000

<i>County</i>	YEAR						
	<i>1970</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>1980</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>2000</i>
Carson City.....	15,468	27,622	36,712	44,666	54,343	60,000	66,244
Churchill.....	10,513	12,027	13,541	15,246	17,166	19,327	21,760
Clark.....	273,288	337,597	416,713	473,378	534,905	578,844	624,165
Douglas.....	6,882	10,285	15,262	18,568	22,591	24,942	27,538
Elko.....	13,958	15,287	16,951	18,722	20,642	22,735	25,025
Esmeralda.....	629	862	963	1,076	1,204	1,345	1,503
Eureka.....	948	1,139	1,367	1,522	1,610	1,652	1,667
Humboldt.....	6,375	7,161	8,001	8,706	9,243	10,031	10,696
Lander.....	2,666	3,281	3,382	3,487	3,594	3,705	3,820
Lincoln.....	2,557	2,892	2,910	2,932	2,950	2,969	2,987
Lyon.....	8,221	10,305	11,178	12,511	13,671	14,557	15,110
Mineral.....	7,051	6,769	6,912	7,059	7,208	7,361	7,517
Nye.....	5,599	6,400	7,330	8,395	9,614	11,010	12,610
Pershing.....	2,670	2,674	2,692	2,711	2,730	2,749	2,768
Storey.....	695	959	1,225	1,414	1,532	1,597	1,631
Washoe.....	121,068	147,742	208,232	236,547	267,291	289,249	322,828
White Pine.....	10,150	9,792	10,004	10,423	10,994	11,680	12,459
TOTALS	488,738	602,794	763,375	867,363	981,288	1,063,753	1,160,328

¹Supplied by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of Nevada, Reno. Revised May 1978 by Dr. Shih-fan Chu.

TABLE II. 1978 Population Estimates by Nevada Cities.¹

City	YEAR	
	1970	1978
Boulder City.....	5,223	9,734
Caliente.....	811	960
Carlin.....	1,313	1,365
Carson City.....	15,468	31,000
Elko.....	7,621	9,035
Ely.....	4,176	² 6,246
Fallon.....	2,959	4,500
Gabbs.....	874	950
Hawthorne/Babbitt.....	5,118	³ 4,900
Henderson.....	16,395	22,500
Las Vegas.....	125,787	164,000
Lovelock.....	1,571	1,674
North Las Vegas.....	45,542	50,710
Reno.....	72,863	96,000
Sparks.....	24,187	43,000
Wells.....	1,081	1,200
Winnemucca.....	3,587	4,000
Yerington.....	2,010	2,490

¹1978 population data supplied to the State Planning Coordinator's Office by individual Nevada cities.

²1978 growth estimate due, in part, to annexation of East Ely.

³1978 data for these unincorporated towns supplied by the county manager's office.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN

1. In the event of sounding the fire alarm system, it is to be assumed that the alarm is real and all personnel are to evacuate the building immediately, using the nearest stairs. The elevators are not on emergency power circuits and valuable time might be lost in attempting to use them. If the nearest stairwell is smokefilled or access to it blocked in any way, then use the other stair.

2. All doors to the stairwell enclosures, particularly those exiting the main portions of the building, are intended to be closed in the event of fire to protect the enclosure from fire and keep it clear of smoke. If any of these doors are found open on leaving the building, they should be closed. As a general item of information, similar considerations apply to doors to corridors. These doors are sometimes found to be blocked open. If a fire occurs in a room, all doors to the room should be closed in order to contain fire and smoke within the room and prevent its further spread in the building.

3. After evacuating the building, reentry will not be made until the fire department has specifically determined that this is permissible.

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Fire: 882-1661

Ambulance: 883-0911

First Aid: 5655

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Each elevator in the legislative building is equipped with an emergency telephone. In the event of fire, a stalled elevator or any other emergency, assistance may be obtained by dialing 5648 or 5655 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or 5300 between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.

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