
SENATE BILL NO. 166—SENATOR WOODHOUSE

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates the official state insect of Nevada.
(BDR 19-914)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

AN ACT relating to state emblems; designates the Vivid Dancer Damsselfly (*Argia vivida*) as the official state insect of the State of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law establishes various official state emblems, including a state bird,
2 state reptile, state animal, state fish and others. (NRS 235.020-235.130) This bill
3 establishes the Vivid Dancer Damsselfly (*Argia vivida*) as the official state insect.
4 This insect was selected through a contest that was open to all fourth grade and
5 Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) classrooms in Nevada to select a state
6 insect because Nevada is one of only eight states in the country that does not have a
7 state insect. The contest was open to public, private, parochial and homeschooled
8 pupils. To participate in the contest, the classes were required to submit a one-page,
9 research-based essay supporting the nomination of an insect found in Nevada,
10 including the pupils’ rationale for why that insect would be a good symbol for the
11 State of Nevada. The 74 classrooms that participated in the contest represented 57
12 schools in seven counties.
13 The winners are the fourth grade class taught by Mr. David R. Slater at John R.
14 Beatty Elementary School, which is located on Hidden Palms Parkway in Las
15 Vegas.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 3 *The insect known as the Vivid Dancer Damselfly (Argia vivida)*
- 4 *is hereby designated as the official state insect of the State of*
- 5 *Nevada.*

