

**EXCERPT OF DRAFT MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY/NATURAL
RESOURCES/TRANSPORTATION**

**Seventy-Fifth Session
March 6, 2009**

Following is an excerpt of the draft minutes of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety/Natural Resources/Transportation held on March 6, 2009, in Room 2134 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy McClain at 8:07 a.m.

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Kathy McClain, Chair
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin
Assemblyman Joseph (Joe) P. Hardy

SENATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joyce Woodhouse, Chair
Senator Bob Coffin
Senator Dean A. Rhoads

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan, Vice Chair

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Sarah Coffman, Program Analyst
Jeff Ferguson, Program Analyst
Christine Bashaw, Committee Secretary
Vickie Kieffer, Committee Assistant

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Tim Tetz, Executive Director, Office of Veterans' Services, said there were approximately 2.5 years of space left in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in the double-casket area. There were approximately 3.6 years left for in-ground cremains. The federal standard was there should never be less than four years of space, which was why there was such an imperative for that Capital Improvement Project (CIP). In the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, there were only five plots left in the single-burial caskets area. These five were being kept for the oversized caskets. Mr. Tetz said because of the shortfall, single caskets were being put in the double-casket area.

The Office of Veterans' Services had funded the planning and upfront money outside of the CIP process for the expansion and was trying to get money from the Veterans Administration. Mr. Tetz was informed that the stimulus package, which included money for the cemeteries, would not include construction money.