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A. B. 666—Bogaert, May 13.

Summary—Designates state colors as silver and blue. (BDR 19-1387)

Fiscal Note: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

May 13—Read first time. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. To printer.

May 14—From printer. To committee. 5/16

✓ May 16—From committee: Do pass. Declared an emergency measure under the Constitution. Read third time. Passed. Title approved. To Senate.

May 17—In Senate. Read first time. Referred to Committee on Government Affairs. To committee. 5/18

✓ May 19—From committee: Do pass. Declared an emergency measure under the Constitution. Read third time. Passed. Title approved. To Assembly. In Assembly. To enrollment.

May 24—Enrolled and delivered to Governor.

May 25—Approved by the Governor. Chapter 499.

Effective July 1, 1983.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Joseph E. Dini, Jr.
Vice Chairman James W. Schofield
Mr. Louis W. Bergevin
Mr. Bruce R. Bogaert
Mr. Charles E. Bourne
Mr. Robert G. Craddock
Mr. Jack E. Jeffrey
Mr. Bob L. Kerns
Mr. Paul W. May
Mr. David D. Nicholas
Mr. Bob Thomas

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUESTS PRESENT:

See attached guest list.

Chairman Dini called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.
Marvin Sedway, Assemblyman - District 15, testified on ACR 51
which was the first order of business.

ACR 51 Recommends that public service commission of Nevada
review maximum rates of return allowed to certain
utilities.

Assemblyman Sedway stated: ACR 51, which is one of the bills
which was an outgrowth of the public utilities subcommittee
report which was given to all of you. This is a fairly simple
bill which I think should meet with your approval without too
much trouble. It requires no real direct action on the parts
of the public service company to change utility rates or man-
date anything which would effect the public. Essentially what
it does is that it asks that the Public Service Commission of
the State of Nevada review the maximum rates which they set
with utilities to determine whether these rates are really
feasible. As you know, the utility companies have their rates
of return set for them by the Public Service Commission. These
are the rates at which the utilities use as a target for their
maximum return on their investment. We have been told, in the
past, that these rates of return are set at these levels are
necessary for them to go out and sell bonds in the markets
throughout the country. Also, they need it to attract invest-

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EXHIBITS B & C which are attached to these minutes were not discussed during the meeting.

A. B. 666 Designates state colors as silver and blue.

Mr. Bruce Bogaert, Assemblyman - District 27, testified on A. B. 666. Mr. Bogaert referred the committee's attention to the last page of the Nevada State Legislature booklet. He stated: You will notice all of the things that are official in the State of Nevada. It wasn't too long ago that the bird wasn't official. Finally the bird was made official. For some reason or another we still do not have the colors silver and blue as the official State colors of Nevada even though we know those are the official State colors. You might also notice that on the State map, they list various things and again I find they don't have the colors. I would like you to take the view of a tourist. You have entered the State of Nevada and you have picked up a map or gone through a Visitor's Center and you find out that after 118 years the State of Nevada can not decide that silver and blue are their official colors.

Mr. Bergevin moved DO PASS, A. B. 666, seconded by Mr. Jeffrey. Mr. Bourne, Mr. Dini, and Mr. Schofield were absent at the time of the vote. The motion carried.

S. B. 451 Directs issuance of state bonds for projects to conserve water associated with Truckee River and federal Newlands Project.

EXHIBIT D which is attached to these minutes was passed out.

S. B. 441 Confers additional powers on Tahoe transportation district.

Del Lane, Chair of the Tahoe Transportation District testified on S. B. 441. She stated: To explain why this is before you today, when the bi-state compact was renegotiated, two years ago, there was language inserted which created the Tahoe Transportation district. In the creation of that, there were many of the formalities of making that district work were not in that language. We have asked that this language be put in. The language which you see before you, which is in Article 9, has the support of the Tahoe Transportation District and the support of the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. We would urge your DO PASS.

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The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Judiciary:

Amendment No. 1143.

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 3, after "be", by inserting "possessed and".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 6, by deleting "physician," and inserting "prescribing practitioner".

Amend sec. 2, page 2, line 33, by deleting "administer" and inserting "prescribe".

Amend sec. 5, page 3, line 23, by deleting "Section" and inserting "Sections 2 and".

Assemblyman Stone moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Assemblyman Stone.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, re-engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 341.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Chaney.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 341:

YEAS—42.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 341 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.

Resolution read third time.

Roll call on Senate Joint Resolution No. 13:

YEAS—38.

NAYS—Berkley, Fay, Stone, Swain—4.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 666.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblymen Bogaert and Bourne.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 666:

YEAS—42.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 666 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 358.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman DuBois.

MINUTES OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

Sixty-Second Session

Senate Committee on Government Affairs

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 1983

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The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairman Keith Ashworth, at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, May 18, 1983, in room 243 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. Exhibit A is the Meeting Agenda. Exhibit B is the Attendance Roster. Exhibit C is the Voting Register.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Keith Ashworth, Chairman
Senator James I. Gibson, Vice Chairman
Senator Thomas R. C. Wilson
Senator Robert E. Robinson
Senator Sue Wagner
Senator William H. Hernstadt
Senator Thomas J. Hickey

ALSO PRESENT:

Assemblyman Lonie Chaney
Assemblyman Robert E. Price
Assemblyman Courtenay C. Swain
Assemblyman Bob Thomas
Senator Donald R. Mello
Mr. William Swackhamer, Secretary of State

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Fred Welden, Research Analyst
Shirley Hill, Committee Secretary
Karel Ryan, Committee Secretary

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 508 (See Exhibit D)

Assemblyman Courtenay Swain, District 28, stated the bill essentially enables legislation which gives the state the ability to put into place enterprise zones. Enterprise zones have been proposed as a way to stimulate new economical activity in extremely depressed areas by relieving taxes and regulations, "privatising" some city services and involving private and neighborhood organizations. An enterprise zone is a specifically designated area which outlines its own program to pull itself up. The bill is a long and complicated piece of legislation which defines the qualifications that are required to

the second amendments were offered by Assemblyman Coffin and they concured with everything he suggested; these are all on page 2, basically he wanted to bring the language up to date.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 666 (See Exhibit G)

Assemblyman Bogart stated that it was a complex bill. This was the only thing left that would be considered important to every state in the union, their colors that we have listed are unofficial.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 (See Exhibit H)

Senator Donald Mello, district 2 Washoe County, stated that the resolution came up from a conversation between Assemblyman Thomas and himself about a month ago, in what it would cost to run for office today in the state of Nevada. They talked about increasing the terms for Assemblyman for four years and the Senate for four years. He told Mr. Thomas that this had been proposed before and had passed through both houses, but when it came up the following session was killed in the Senate. He was concerned with the cost of running for elections, and would like to lengthen the term of Senators to 6 years and the term of Assemblymen to 4 years.

Assemblyman Bob Thomas, district 37, stated there was some interesting things in the state having to do with this particular problem, there are 11 states who have two year Senatorial terms and there are four states that have four year Assembly terms. There are no states that have four year Assembly terms and six year Senate terms.

Mr. William Swackhamer, Secretary of State, stated the reason he was here was because a number of years ago when he was in the legislature they tried exactly the same thing for exactly the same reason. Because of the cost of campaigning they felt that if the people did not have to go to the well so often for campaign contrubutions, they could probably be more relaxed and the other side of the coin was that if you leave it the way it is it gives the people the chance to kick them out sooner if they do not like them. If you reflect on this, people do not get kicked out of the legislature all that often; they either just do not run or they run for another office. As far as he is concerned he feels it would be a very profitable thing for this state to at least explore this situation.

Senator Mello said it is becoming tougher because more people are more concerned, particularly this session, to one particular industry seeming to have quite a strangle-hold in the legislature. If the terms were longer, their memories would grow shorter as far as protecting the interest of just one or two industries.

and it certainly would not make for conducting of negotiations with employees in the small counties.

Mr. Joe Denny, Clark County, stated he had no problem in terms of finding a methodology to deal with abuse of appointment of confidential employees. He thought it had already been testified that the problem does not exist in Clark County. They are opposed to the bill because they think the language is sufficient now and if there is a specific problem in some location there, that should be dealt with as opposed to dealing with it throughout the state.

Chairman Ashworth closed the hearing on all bills on the agenda.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 517 (See Exhibit E)

Senator Wagner moved for a do pass.

Senator Hernstadt seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 18 (See Exhibit F)

Senator Robinson moved for a do pass.

Senator Gibson seconded the motion.

Senator Wagner was not voting.

The motion carried.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 666 (See Exhibit G)

Senator Gibson moved for a do pass.

Senator Hernstadt seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 321 (See Exhibit I)

Senator Gibson moved for a do pass.

Senator Wagner seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

A. B. 666

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 666—ASSEMBLYMAN BOGAERT

MAY 13, 1983

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Designates state colors as silver and blue. (BDR 19-1387)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.AN ACT relating to state symbols; designating the state colors as silver and blue;
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 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
- 2 thereto a new section which shall read as follows:
- 3 *The colors silver and blue are hereby designated as the official state*
- 4 *colors of the State of Nevada.*

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Senator Wagner moved that Assembly Bill No. 534 be taken from the General File and be placed on the Secretary's desk.

Remarks by Senators Ryan, Wagner, Gibson, Jacobsen and Glaser.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 541.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 541:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 541 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 577.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 577:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 577 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 612.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Neal, Wagner and Blakemore.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 612:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 612 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 666.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Ryan, Ashworth, Glover, Neal, Bilbray, Hernstadt and Glaser.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 666:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 666 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 668.

Bill read third time.

Assembly Bill No. 666—Assemblyman Bogaert

CHAPTER 499

AN ACT relating to state symbols; designating the state colors as silver and blue; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

[Approved May 25, 1983]

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

Section 1. Chapter 235 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section which shall read as follows:

The colors silver and blue are hereby designated as the official state colors of the State of Nevada.

Assembly Bill No. 668—Committee on Ways and Means

CHAPTER 500

AN ACT relating to department of general services; placing the chief of the motor pool division in the unclassified service of the state; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

[Approved May 25, 1983]

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

Section 1. NRS 232.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

232.200 1. The chief of each of the divisions of the department **[shall serve]** serves at the pleasure of the director, but , *except as provided in subsection 2*, for all purposes except removal **[shall be]** is in the classified service of the state pursuant to the provisions of chapter 284 of NRS.

2. *The chief of the motor pool division if separately established is in the unclassified service of the state.*