

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
NEVADA LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEE ON  
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE  
(Nevada Revised Statutes 459.0085)  
January 29, 2002  
Las Vegas, Nevada**

The second meeting of the Nevada Legislature's Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee (*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 459.0085) was held on January 29, 2002, commencing at 10 a.m. in Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Pages 3 and 4 contain the "Meeting Notice and Agenda." The meeting was video conferenced to the Legislative Building, Room 3138, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT IN LAS VEGAS:**

Assemblyman Harry Mortenson, Chairman  
Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen  
Senator Joseph (Joe) M. Neal, Jr.  
Senator Raymond C. Shaffer  
Assemblyman John J. Lee  
Assemblyman Robert E. (Bob) Price  
Assemblywoman Sandra J. Tiffany

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING IN CARSON CITY:**

Senator Mike McGinness, Vice Chairman

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU STAFF PRESENT:**

John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst  
M. Scott McKenna, Principal Deputy Legislative Counsel  
Nenita Wasserman, Senior Research Secretary

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Name of Organization: Nevada Legislature's Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* 459.0085)

Date and Time of Meeting: Tuesday, January 29, 2002  
10 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building  
Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony, through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

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Carson City, Nevada

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**A G E N D A**

- I. Opening Remarks and Introductions by the Chairman.  
Assemblyman Harry Mortenson
- \*II. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2001.
- \*III. Reports to Committee.
  - A. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham's notice to the Nevada Legislature announcing his intent to make a site recommendation on Yucca Mountain Repository Project to President Bush.  
Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff
  - B. Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Process as prescribed by the *Nuclear Waste Policy Act*.  
Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff
  - C. Role of Legislature and possible Committee Recommendation.  
Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff
- IV. Public Testimony.
- V. Comments and Discussion by Committee Members.
- VI. Adjournment.

\*Denotes items on which the Committee may take action.

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## **OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

In Chairman Mortenson's absence, Vice Chairman McGinness called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged members and public attending through videoconference and noted the meeting would be audio telecast and reminded everyone that any comments that are made in the room before or after the meeting adjourns may be heard live. In the future, if the public would like to listen to meetings on the Internet, the Legislative web site is <http://www.leg.state.nv.us.com>.

The vice chairman noted that any statements made during testimony must be truthful and accurate; if not, that person may be guilty of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor. The secretary called the roll and announced a quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2001, MEETING**

**ASSEMBLYMAN LEE MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE LAS VEGAS MEETING MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 29, 2000, MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR NEAL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **REPORTS TO COMMITTEE**

**United States Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham's Notice to the Nevada Legislature Announcing His Intent to Make a Site Recommendation on Yucca Mountain Repository Project to President George W. Bush.**

Vice Chairman McGinness stated that the United States Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham is of the opinion that Nevada's repository site meets the qualifications indicated for a nuclear waste repository and that he would notify Governor Kenny C. Guinn and the Nevada Legislature. A copy of the Secretary of Energy's letter is included as Exhibit A of these minutes.

**Yucca Mountain Site Suitability Process as Prescribed by the *Nuclear Waste Policy Act***

## Legislative Counsel Bureau Staff

### John L. Meder

John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, utilizing a chart, reviewed the federal statutory process concerning the designation of the Yucca Mountain Site as a nuclear waste repository. Please refer to Exhibit B for a copy of the chart. He stated the Governor and the Legislature have been notified of the Secretary of Energy's intent to notify President Bush that Nevada's site has met qualifications for a high-level radioactive waste repository. The President has the opportunity to review the information provided to him and the next step in the process would be for the President to submit a recommendation to the United States Congress. If the President recommends to Congress that the site is suitable, the Governor or the Legislature has 60 days to submit a Notice of Disapproval. If the Notice of Disapproval is issued (Governor Kenny C. Guinn has indicated that he will submit a Notice of Disapproval) Congress has 90 days after the date the notification is received to either override the "state veto" or sustain it. Mr. Meder made the following points:

- Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 was passed by the 2001 Legislative Session (Exhibit E), which constitutes Notice of Disapproval from the Nevada Legislature pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act (NWPA) of 1982, 42 U.S.C. § 10136. In order to trigger an override vote by Congress, (it must be done) during the 60-day period from the time the President notifies Congress. Since this procedure did not take place, the Legal staff of the LCB stated it did not comply with the requirement of the federal law.
- *Nevada Revised Statutes* 459.0085(5) provides that the Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste "may recommend any appropriate legislation to the Legislature and the Legislative Commission."

### Role of Legislature and Possible Committee Recommendation.

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Mr. Meder (identified on page 2 of these minutes) stated that in response to Secretary of Energy Abraham's notice to the Nevada Legislature announcing his intent to make a site recommendation on Yucca Mountain Repository Project to President George W. Bush, possible actions by the Committee might be to:

- Recommend the Legislative Commission forward Senate Joint Resolution (Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 (File No. 17, *Statutes of Nevada 2002*) Governor Kenny C. Guinn and request he include it to support the Notice of Disapproval.
- Recommend the Legislative Commission adopt a Commission Resolution reaffirming the Legislature's position on the Yucca Mountain Project, which was established by the 2001 Session with the adoption of S.J.R. 6, and request the Governor include the Nevada Legislature's official position to support his Notice of Disapproval.
- Request that Governor Kenny C. Guinn call a special session to allow the Legislature to adopt a Notice of Disapproval during the 60-day period for action, which is authorized by the NWPA.
- The Committee could send a letter to President Bush and appropriate members of Congress.
- Committee members could send individual letters to members of Congress.
- The Committee could take no action.

After some discussion among the Committee members, the option to request that Governor Kenny C. Guinn request a special session was ruled out.

In response to Ms. Tiffany's question, Marta Adams, Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office, representing Nevada's Agency for Nuclear Projects explained that:

- The Agency recently filed a petition for judicial review in the Washington D.C. Court of Appeals. Additionally, the City of Las Vegas and the County of Clark County filed a similar lawsuit to the state's challenge of the site

suitability guidelines issued by the Department of Energy (DOE).

- In terms of the actual effect of the project and the suitability of the guidelines, it was noted that the guidelines might adversely impact the city and county of Las Vegas in terms of property values and local services.

Chairman Mortenson resumed chairmanship duties upon his arrival.

Addressing Chairman Mortenson's question regarding the ramifications of the lawsuit, Ms. Adams, stated that the NWPA provides only for final actions to be challenged. Jurisdiction falls under the Circuit Courts of Appeal in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. She noted that:

- The Office of the Attorney General is confident in the action filed by the City of Las Vegas and Clark County regarding the state's challenge to the site suitability guidelines. The DOE has erred in its rules and has deviated from the idea of geologic isolation. She stated that Yucca Mountain is the primary means for isolating the waste; however, if Yucca Mountain is not a suitable location, it is the state's position that the President should deny or not proceed forward with the site recommendation.
- The process contains various decision points. Every time there has been a decision point, the state has filed a challenge.

Responding to Senator Shaffer's question as to whether Attorney General's office can process a lawsuit of this magnitude, Ms. Adams stated that the Governor did secure the Nevada Protection Fund from the 2001 Legislative Session, which has recently been augmented. She explained the initial funding through Nevada's Agency for Nuclear Projects has hired a highly regarded legal team. If a case goes before the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), it will be a very costly issue.

Regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standards, Senator Neal asked if the Attorney General's Office appeared before the EPA. Ms. Adams responded that the state appeared numerous times before the EPA.

Chairman Mortenson stated if the State of Nevada were to negotiate for benefits, it is an implied consent for the site. Ms. Adams stated that despite some statements by public figures that Nevada should be practical and negotiate for benefits for schools, et cetera, in her estimation the state was not prepared to negotiate as there are some key points that have not been addressed. The state does not want to negotiate for benefits or indicate a willingness until there is no other recourse.

Mr. Meder added that Harry Swainston, former deputy counsel Attorney General's office, prepared a legal opinion, which states that if the state enters into any negotiation it could be considered implied consent.

Assemblyman Lee discussed a letter that was received from the United State Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson and made the following points:

- The letter addresses national security; however, the safety of the citizens of Clark County should also be considered;
- The United States Federal Aviation Administration is imposing numerous travel restrictions, but the Secretary of Energy's letter does not provide adequate safety precautions for handling nuclear waste; and
- The Committee's recommendation should be based upon the letter; Assemblyman Lee's position is that the Committee disputes the findings and responds within the 60-day period.
- The Committee as well as all the leadership of Nevada need to look at the entire policy and the sound science perspective.

Ms. Adams explained that the notice the Secretary of Energy gave, will be followed by his actual recommendation to the President, which will be on February 10 or 11, 2002. She also noted that:

- The actual window of time for the state to respond occurs after the President acts;
- The President is not restricted by the law as to how quickly he must act;
- Mr. Lee was correct and the key issue is the mantra “sound science.” She commented if the science is so sound, the DOE should be able to answer the 293 issues and questions that have been raised by the General Accounting Office; and
- The Committee as well as all the leadership of Nevada needs to look at the entire policy and the sound science perspective.

Mr. McKenna (identified on page 2 of these minutes) stated that the specific procedure within the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, specifies the steps to be taken for the decision making process to declare and challenge a repository. The process is set forth in the Act itself. It was his opinion that what Ms. Adams was discussing are separate lawsuits, which have nothing to do with the challenge procedures set forth in the Act itself. Rather, it would be a challenge based on the federal Administrative Procedure Act which mandates that governmental rulemakings be carried out in a specific way. If they are not, they are susceptible to challenge.

Mr. Meder (identified on page 2 of these minutes) commented that Legislature has an opportunity, if the President makes a declaration that the site is suitable to submit something to Congress, to take some kind of action. He stated that:

- In reviewing the legislation that established the Committee (please refer to Exhibit F of these minutes), the Committee may recommend any appropriate legislation to the Legislature or the Legislative Commission. However, the Legislature is not in session, so the Legislative Commission would be the body the Committee would submit a recommendation to.
- If the Secretary of Energy makes his recommendation to the President, in turn, the President could make his recommendation to Congress the next day or it could be six years depending on what his preference would be.
- If the Committee deems it appropriate to make a recommendation to the Legislative Commission for legislative action, they Committee should address that option expeditiously.
- An option for the Committee would be to recommend to the Legislative Commission that S.J.R.6 be forwarded to the Governor and request it be included with his Notice of Disapproval to Congress.

Ms. Tiffany asked if the Nevada Legislature could request that the legislative bodies of other states that have transportation routes through them, ask their Legislatures to propose a resolution that would address their concerns about the safety issues of transporting nuclear waste.

Mr. Meder indicated that Speaker Richard D. Perkins has submitted a letter along those lines.

M. Scott McKenna (identified on page 2 of these minutes) said that he saw no reason one states could not be approached regarding the transportation of nuclear waste; however, he cautioned it is not known where the exact transportation routes will be situated within the states.

Senator Neal asked if the Committee had taken a position as to whether they oppose bringing nuclear waste into the state. Meder replied the Committee could establish a position by the action it takes today.

In response to a question posed by Senator Neal, Mr. McKenna stated it was his understanding that by forwarding S.J.R. 6 to the Governor, the Committee would be reaffirming its stand since the document encapsulates the essential principals that should be taken under consideration.

After discussion among the Committee members, the following motion was taken.

**ASSEMBLYMAN LEE MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THAT THE**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION FORWARD SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE 2001 SESSION TO GOVERNOR KENNY C. GUINN AND REQUEST THAT HE INCLUDE WITH IT THE NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR SHAFFER AND PASSED WITH SENATOR JACOBSEN VOTING NAY.**

Mr. Meder stated a letter would be prepared and distributed to the Committee members before sending it to the Legislative Commission.

Ms. Tiffany proposed that a letter be sent to other state Legislatures requesting they propose a joint resolution for their respective state. The intent of the resolution should affirm that the state does not want nuclear waste transported through their state and should voice their response or prepared to preparedness.

Chairman Mortenson commented there are only nine states of the 50 that do not have nuclear reactors.

Vice Chairman McGinness stated that Ms. Tiffany's idea has some merit and suggested a vote be taken at the next meeting. It was his opinion that more information was needed and requested staff to provide maps that depict proposed transportation units for the nuclear waste.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D.**

Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation, Carson City, representing Caliente, provided a handout to the Committee is titled "In Search of Equity: A Preliminary Assessment of the Impacts of Developing and Operating the Yucca Mountain Repository on Lincoln County and the City of Caliente, Nevada," which is contained in Exhibit G of these minutes.

Dr. Baughman's testimony covered the following:

- In 1981, Lincoln County received a status of Affected Units of Local Government (AULG). Additionally, in 1988, the County's Joint City/County/Impact Alleviation Committee commissioned a series of independent studies from respected researchers at technical consulting firms and academic institutions. The studies were designed to inform the residents of Lincoln County about the range of impacts that might be expected should a heavy-haul or legal weight truck route be designated through Lincoln County.
- The AULG are provided funding by the DOE from the nuclear waste fund to conduct oversight activities. Among the authorized activities by Congress of the use of those is to make recommendations to the DOE about the program as well as assess impacts and provide information to the public regarding consumer related matters.
- The impact report (Exhibit G) state that the DOE has not done an adequate job in understanding what the implications of the projects may be. The two counties have taken a pragmatic approach to the repository, and are aware they must prepare themselves for the likelihood the state will not be successful in preventing the project.
- One of the primary focuses of the Committee is to study and evaluate any potentially adverse impacts from the construction and operation of the project and determine ways of mitigating the effects.
- Chapter 6 of the report addresses equity considerations. It has been the position of Lincoln County and the City of Caliente, that if the Secretary of Energy were to recommend Yucca Mountain as the nation's nuclear waste repository and it ultimately is constructed and goes into operation, the project would provide national benefits. The question is how does Nevada benefit in that equation. It is a risk shift and he suggested that if the project goes forward, there should be consideration that Nevada share in benefits from the project.
- Lincoln County and the City of Caliente are concerned with regard to the final Environmental Impact Statement and would liked to see a Record of Decision. The legislation of the NWPA does say the Secretary of Energy shall include that with the site recommendation. It is their understanding that the final EIS may not be ready when the

Secretary of Energy makes the recommendation in early February. It is important since this Committee just voted a recommendation to give to the Legislative Commission to give the Governor some supporting information to help with his letter of disapproval.

- A letter from the DOE states the Department is of the opinion the Secretary of Energy will issue a Record of Decision, which constitutes the final action by an agency under the NHPA when a final EIS is issued. The Record of Decision is important because it does embody and address mitigation.
- In the event the Governor issues a Notice of Disapproval and Congress fails to adopt a resolution approving the repository, the Yucca Mountain Project dies. That would remove the prospects of Lincoln County dealing with transportation of nuclear waste through the county. However, if Congress overrides the veto, nuclear waste shipments would be transported through Lincoln County.

Continuing his presentation, Mr. Baughman stated the Committee may want to consider reopening Agenda Item III. C, "Role of the Legislature and Possible Committee Recommendation" and consider sending a letter to the DOE encouraging the Department not to release the final recommendation until the Final EIS is received and to issue a Record of Decision as required by the NHPA.

**SENATOR NEAL MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION THAT A LETTER BE SENT TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF ENERGY REQUESTING THAT IF THE SITE RECOMMENDATION IS MADE, IT BE MADE CONCURRENTLY WITH THE RELEASE OF THE FINAL EIS; AND THAT A RECORD OF DECISION BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THE NHPA AS A COMPONENT OF THE FINAL EIS PROCESS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SENATOR SHAFFER, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Addressing Chairman Mortenson's concerns whether the action of the Committee was in violation of the open meeting law, Mr. McKenna (identified on page 2 of these minutes), stated it was his interpretation there was no violation of the open meeting law. He explained the Committee took action under Item III, which is starred for possible action by the Committee.

### **Alan Mandell**

Alan Mandell, Tribal Chairman, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon, Nevada, introduced himself and spoke on the following points:

- The I-80 corridor runs through approximately 2.8 miles of Indian reservation and 65 miles parallel to the Truckee River. The Truckee River is the lifeline of the tribe, so any impacts that could potentially occur along the corridor impact on tribal cultural, economical, social, and traditional aspects.
- The tribe in 1998 passed a resolution strongly opposing the transportation of nuclear waste through the reservation.
- The tribe would like to offer some support regarding the transportation of nuclear waste, the tribe will be discussing and passing a resolution that strongly opposes the establishment of Yucca Mountain as a permanent repository.
- The tribe will consider passing a resolution supporting the Governor in his recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Energy and President Bush.
- There are 26 tribes in Nevada that will be impacted by transportation issues directly and indirectly. Information gathered today will be brought before the Intertribal Council of Nevada seek support from other tribes.
- On behalf of the Paiute Pyramid Tribe, the tribe is strongly committed in supporting the Legislature in opposing Yucca Mountain.

## Irene Navis

Irene Navis, Planning Manager for Clark County's Nuclear Waste Program, Las Vegas, presented a brief overview of the draft assessment report that was submitted to the Board of County Commissioners in Las Vegas on February 5, 2002. After approval by the board, the report in its entirety goes to the State of Nevada for inclusion with the full report to the U.S. Secretary of Energy and President Bush. Points were made during her testimony include:

- Other activities the office has been involved in include Commissioner Dario Herrera and Mayor Goodman who wrote a joint letter to President Bush in response to the U.S. Secretary of Energy's intentions to make a recommendation on Yucca Mountain. That letter was received from the President and they are awaiting comment.
- Joint legal action between city and county has occurred regarding the Motion to Consolidate city and county action. The city action was filed and not opposed by the DOE. It is very likely this case will be combined.
- Similar to the actions of the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas County Commissioners will attend the National Association of Counties (NACO) legislative conference in July 2002. The NACO has a conference in July 2002 to help the counties within the corridor states to better understand the transportation risks and other impacts that might apply to them with respect to emergency response, property values, and public safety.
- Local government leaders will be building coalitions to disseminate that information, which is essential because so many states have nuclear reactors. There are potentially 43 states affected by the transportation routes which affects approximately 52 million people along those proposed corridors. The default routes are identified in the EIS, however, no routes have been finalized because the DOE claims this is a state-by-state issue.
- Clark County is continuing its public outreach efforts and to keep informed on any changes made by the DOE as repository plans are finalized. As plans are put forward, changes to assessments may have to be made.

## Shirley Swafford

Shirley Swafford, Carson City resident, testified the top ten states that have the majority of nuclear waste include Alabama, California, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington. She read into record her letter to the editor, which appeared in the *Nevada Appeal* on January 22, 2002.

“During the entire year 2001, the DOE held formal hearings of record across Nevada, asking the people to present their comments on Yucca Mountain. As though they were truly interested in what we had to say, when at the same time, they were discreetly discussing a 1997 request for proposal (RFP) with a contractor. On February 12, 2001, this RFP became an official contract signed by Bechtel Sake. I have been following this document since 1997. Interestingly, from 1959 through 1966, I worked on a huge contract from its inception as a bidder to the official contract to its near completion out the door. Believe me, I know the procedures that are followed by the DOE. Transportation now becomes the issue and terrorism becomes a big problem. It all began long before September 11, 2001. In 1969, Moammar Khadafi came to power as Colonel and Commander and Chief of the Libyan armed forces. This egotistical and ambitious man gave military and funding to revolutionaries and terrorists all over the world. He supported training camps, giving instructions on terrorism. How can Congress, the utilities, and DOE, especially in these highly emotional times, even remotely consider the possibilities of endangering the lives of so many individuals as these trucks and trains loaded with high-level nuclear waste travels across the United States. I do not believe, satellites and sophisticated computer systems will do it. For a number of years as a concerned citizen, I have been stressing the importance of proper security, to the DOE and I wonder if they have been listening.”

## Bill Vasconi

Bill Vasconi, ex-test site worker and Nevada resident since 1964, Las Vegas, stated that he has been involved with the test site for 20 years. He testified regarding the actions taken by the Committee and expressed his disappointment that the Committee did not choose to take “no action.”

### **COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**

After some discussion among Committee members, the Committee planned a trip to Washington, D.C. on May 6, 7, and 8, 2002, which coincides with the meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairman Mortenson adjourned the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nenita Wasserman  
Senior Research Secretary

John L. Meder  
Senior Research Analyst

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Harry Mortenson, Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A was provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which is a copy of the letter from United States Secretary of Energy, Washington, D.C., addressed to the Honorable Richard D. Perkins and the Honorable Dean A. Rhoads regarding his intention to recommend to the President George W. Bush approval of the Yucca Mountain site.

Exhibit B is a chart provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which is titled “Federal Statutory Process Concerning the Designation of the Yucca Mountain Site as a Nuclear Waste Repository” and is dated January 24, 2002.

Exhibit C was provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which is a copy of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Exhibit D is a timeline chart provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which is titled “Timeline/Milestones.”

Exhibit E was provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, which is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 (Fiule No. 17, *Statutes of Nevada* 2001), - “Provides notice of disapproval to Congress if Yucca Mountain is recommend as site for repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.”

Exhibit F was provided by John L. Meder, Senior Research Analyst, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau which is a copy of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* 459.0085, which created the High-Level Radioactive Waste Committee.

Exhibit G, a handout submitted by Mike L. Baughman, Ph.D., President, Intertech Services Corporation, Carson City, Nevada, titled, “In Search of Equity: A Preliminary Assessment of the Impacts of Developing and Operating the Yucca Mountain Repository on Lincoln County and the City of Caliente, Nevada.”

Exhibit H is the attendance roster for this Committee meeting.

Copies of the materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Carson City, Nevada. You may contact the library at (775) 684-6827.

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