

Senate

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL, STATE and LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

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Minutes of Meeting - - - January 28, 1969

Minutes of Joint Hearing - January 28, 1969

The second meeting of the Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments was held on January 28, 1969, at 2:30 P.M.

Committee Members present:

Chairman James Gibson
Warren L. Monroe
Vernon E. Bunker
Marvin L. White
Francis W. Farr
Chic Hecht
Carl F. Dodge

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gibson at 2:30 P.M. He then asked the Committee to consider the following bills.

SB-40 Modifies procedure for adoption of ordinance by unincorporated town governed by a town board.

Chairman Gibson pointed out that the last session a law had been passed on town boards, setting them up in more detail than had previously been provided for. This bill under consideration had evolved because of a problem in ordinances.

Senator Monroe moved that the bill be reported out of Committee with a "Do Pass". Senator Farr seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

SB-41 Makes nomination prerequisite to election of general improvement district trustees.

This was a bill requested by Mr. Russ McDonald and clarifies confusing language in the bill.

Senator White moved "Do Pass". Senator Bunker seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB-43 Modernizes language of provision dealing with road districts.

The present law still allows the use of animals. This would bring the law up to date.

Senator Bunker moved "Do Pass". Senator Monroe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB-44 Deletes obsolete provisions concerning salary of State Highway Engineer.

This was picked up in the Highway Department audit and deletes excess language.

Senator Monroe moved "Do Pass" and Senator Bunker seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Senator Dodge arrived at 2:37 P.M.

SB-45 Corrects designation of North Las Vegas city registry agent.

Under the old law, the County Clerk was the registrar of voters, and in Clark County we now have a registrar of voters.

Senator White moved "Do Pass". Senator Bunker seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

SB-46 Authorizes conveyance to city of Reno of interest of state in Evans Park.

When we appropriated the money for the new building for the Historical Society, at the time the project was developed, the site was not decided upon. The Evans Park site was selected some time later and the City conveyed the land to the State for that purpose. Later on, a further decision was made to locate the Historical Society on the University campus where it is now. The purpose of this bill is to convey this land back to the city of Reno.

Senator Monroe voted "Do Pass". Senator Farr seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB-49 Authorizes town boards to enact vagrancy laws.

Senator Dodge moved "Do Pass", and Senator Monroe seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

SB-50 Repeals obsolete provision for franchises granted for packinghouses and similar businesses.

Repeals NRS 268.080 of 1915.

Senator Farr voted "Do Pass". Senator Monroe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB-51 Repeals statutes superseded by federal law concerning time.

Refers to daylight-saving time. Repeals obsolete statutes relating to standards of time.

Senator Bunker voted "Do Pass". Senator Monroe seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SB-54 Deletes statutory references to abolished position of executive assistant to governor.

Senator Monroe moved "Do Pass". Senator White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

AB-50 Vests power of eminent domain in state planning board to acquire parcels for capitol complex. Executive estimate of cost: None.

The Planning Board requires this authority in order to proceed to acquire the last pieces of real estate in the capitol complex.

Senator Bunker moved "Do Pass". Senator White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 3:00 P.M., the Committee held a joint meeting with the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs, and other interested persons, to consider SB-32 and the establishment of an interim regional planning agency for the Nevada portion of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Minutes of this joint meeting follow in a separate section.

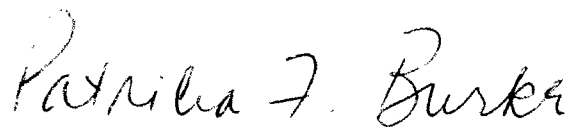
Following the Joint meeting, Chairman Gibson reconvened the Senate Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments to consider:

SJR-4 Memorializes Congress to ratify Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

Senator Monroe moved "Do Pass". Senator Hecht seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Chairman Gibson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia F. Burke
Committee Secretary

S. B. 40

SENATE BILL NO. 40—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Modifies procedure for adoption of ordinance by unincorporated town governed by a town board. (BDR 21-485)

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

AN ACT relating to unincorporated towns; modifying the procedure for adoption of ordinances by such towns governed by town boards; 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. NRS 269.155 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 269.155 1. In addition to the powers and jurisdiction conferred by
- 3 other laws, the town board or board of county commissioners shall have
- 4 the power and duty to pass and adopt all ordinances, rules and regulations
- 5 for any unincorporated town, and do and perform all other acts and things
- 6 necessary for the execution of the powers and jurisdiction conferred by
- 7 this chapter.
- 8 2. All ordinances shall be signed by the chairman of the *town board*
- 9 *and attested by the town clerk, or signed by the chairman of the* board of
- 10 county commissioners **[.]** and attested by the county clerk, and, except
- 11 as provided in subsection 3, shall be published in full in a newspaper pub-
- 12 lished in and having a general circulation in the county at least once a
- 13 week for a period of 2 weeks before the same are effective.
- 14 3. Ordinances relating to the issuance of municipal securities (as that
- 15 term is defined in the Local Government Securities Law) and ordinances
- 16 adopting any specialized or uniform codes, including but not limited to
- 17 building, electrical and plumbing codes, printed in book or pamphlet
- 18 form, may be published by title only, together with the names of the
- 19 *members of the town board or the* county commissioners voting for or
- 20 against their passage, in a newspaper published in and having a general
- 21 circulation in the county, at least once a week for a period of 2 weeks
- 22 before the same are effective. Publication by title shall also contain a state-
- 23 ment to the effect that typewritten copies of the ordinance are available

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1 for inspection at the office of the *town clerk or the county clerk* by all
2 interested persons.

3 4. All ordinances of the town or city in force at the date of the
4 assumption of the town board or board of county commissioners of the
5 powers and duties conferred or imposed by this chapter, and not incon-
6 sistent therewith, shall remain in full force and be enforced until changed
7 or repealed by the board.

8 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 41

SENATE BILL NO. 41—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Makes nomination prerequisite to election of
general improvement district trustees. (BDR 25-166)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend NRS 318.095, relating to election of trustees for general improvement districts, by providing that nomination is a prerequisite to election; 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. NRS 318.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 318.095 1. There shall be held in conjunction with the first general
3 election in the county after the creation of the district and in conjunction
4 with every general election thereafter an election to be known as the biennial
5 election of the district.
6 2. At the first biennial election in any district organized or reorga-
7 nized and operating under this chapter, and each fourth year thereafter,
8 there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the district two taxpaying
9 electors as members of the board to serve for terms of 4 years; at the second
10 biennial election and each fourth year thereafter, there shall be so
11 elected three taxpaying electors as members of the board to serve for
12 terms of 4 years.
13 3. No later than 60 days before any such election, nominations may
14 be filed with the secretary of the board, who shall, not later than 30 days
15 before any such election, certify such nominations to the county clerk of
16 each county in which the district is located. If a nominee does not withdraw
17 his name before the secretary certifies the nominations to the county
18 clerk, his name shall be placed on the ballot. Nomination [shall not be]
19 is a prerequisite to election. The secretary of the district shall give notice
20 of election by publication, and shall arrange such other details in connection
21 therewith as the board may direct. The returns of the election shall be
22 certified to and shall be canvassed as provided by the general law concerning
23 elections. The candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.
24 4. Any new member of the board shall qualify in the same manner as
25 members of the first board qualify.
26 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 43**SENATE BILL NO. 43—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Modernizes language of provision dealing with road
districts. (BDR 35-233)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.AN ACT to amend NRS 404.020, relating to road districts, by substituting
reference to vehicles for animals.*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 404.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 2 404.020 1. When the board of county commissioners deems it
 3 expedient, the board may levy a property tax not to exceed one-fourth of
 4 1 percent on all the property in the county, annually, to be levied,
 5 assessed and collected as other taxes, and assigned by the board of county
 6 commissioners to the road funds of the several road districts, as the board
 7 may deem for the best interest of the county.
 8 2. When a majority of the property owners of any road district shall
 9 petition the board of county commissioners for an additional special tax
 10 for the benefit of the road district, the board of county commissioners
 11 shall levy a tax on all property within the district, at a rate not to exceed
 12 \$3 on each \$1,000 valuation, which shall be paid into the county treas-
 13 ury for the road fund of the district. Any person owing the additional
 14 special tax may pay a part or all of the same by labor on the roads of the
 15 district, at the rate of \$3 for each full day's work and implements of
 16 labor, **[\$4 per day for each team of two animals, and \$1 per day for each**
 17 **additional animal.]** *and \$4 per day for each vehicle used.*
 18 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 44**SENATE BILL NO. 44—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Deletes obsolete provisions concerning salary of state
highway engineer. (BDR 35-234)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.AN ACT to amend NRS 408.165, relating to the salary of the state highway
engineer, by deleting obsolete language.*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. NRS 408.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 408.165 The engineer shall receive an annual salary in the amount
- 3 specified in NRS 281.115, which shall be payable out of the state high-
- 4 way fund. [in equal semimonthly or biweekly installments, upon the
- 5 authority of a certificate from the board, approved by the state board
- 6 of examiners, evidencing the amount so fixed.]
- 7 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Corrects designation of North Las Vegas city registry
agent. (BDR S-47)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of North Las Vegas in Clark county, and defining the boundaries thereof, and to authorize the establishment of a city government therefor, and other matters relating thereto," approved March 27, 1953, as amended.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter II of the above-entitled act, being
- 2 chapter 283, Statutes of Nevada 1953, as amended by chapter 447,
- 3 Statutes of Nevada 1963, at page 1210, is hereby amended to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 Section 7. City Registry Agent; Compensation. The [county clerk]
- 6 registrar of voters of the county of Clark shall be ex officio registry
- 7 agent for the city of North Las Vegas, and for such services performed as
- 8 such agent shall be allowed by the city council and should be paid out
- 9 of the funds of the city the prevailing rate per name for every elector
- 10 registered.
- 11 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 46

SENATE BILL NO. 46—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Authorizes conveyance to city of Reno of interest of
state in Evans Park. (BDR S-36)EXPLANATION—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT directing the state land register to transfer by quitclaim deed to the city of Reno those certain premises known as Evans Park, situated in the city of Reno, Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, On December 19, 1966, the city of Reno, a municipal
2 corporation, situated in Washoe County, State of Nevada, acting through
3 its duly authorized agent, the mayor, conveyed to the State of Nevada
4 for the use and benefit of the Nevada historical society those certain
5 premises known as Evans Park; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nevada historical society does not desire further to
7 utilize such premises; now, therefore,

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9 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*
10 *do enact as follows:*

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12 SECTION 1. The state land register, on behalf of the State of Nevada
13 and the Nevada historical society, is hereby directed to transfer by quit-
14 claim deed to the city of Reno, those certain premises known as Evans
15 Park, situate in the city of Reno, county of Washoe, State of Nevada,
16 and bounded generally on the west by Lake Street, on the north by East
17 Ninth Street, on the east by Evans Avenue and on the south by East
18 Eighth Street, and which are more particularly described in the deed,
19 dated December 19, 1966, and recorded on the same date in the records
20 of the county recorder of Washoe County, by which such premises were
21 conveyed by the city of Reno to the State of Nevada.

22 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 49**SENATE BILL NO. 49—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Authorizes town boards to enact vagrancy laws. (BDR 21-224)

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

AN ACT to amend NRS 269.217, relating to unincorporated towns, by authorizing town boards to enact vagrancy ordinances; 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. NRS 269.217 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 269.217 In addition to the powers and jurisdiction conferred by other
3 laws, the *town boards or* boards of county commissioners of the counties
4 of this state are empowered to enact and enforce a vagrancy ordinance
5 which conforms to the provisions of NRS 207.030.
6 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 50

**SENATE BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS****JANUARY 23, 1969**

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Repeals obsolete provision for franchises granted for packinghouses and similar businesses. (BDR 21-223)**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT to repeal NRS 268.080, relating to franchises granted for packinghouses and similar businesses.*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 **SECTION 1.** NRS 268.080 is hereby repealed.
2 **SEC. 2.** This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 51**SENATE BILL NO. 51—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Repeals statutes superseded by federal law concerning
time. (BDR 20-221)**EXPLANATION**—Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [] is
material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to standards of time; repealing obsolete statutes.

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,
do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 237 of NRS and NRS 244.193 are hereby
2 repealed.
3 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

S. B. 54

**SENATE BILL NO. 54—COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL,
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

JANUARY 23, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Deletes statutory references to abolished position of executive assistant to governor. (BDR 18-201)

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

AN ACT relating to the office of the governor; deleting statutory references to the abolished position of executive assistant to the governor.

The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** NRS 218.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 218.380 The enrolled bill or resolution shall be delivered by the legis-
3 lative counsel, or such person as he shall in writing designate, to the gov-
4 ernor for his action, who may authorize [his executive assistant or legal
5 counsel] *a member of his staff* to receive and receipt for the same in his
6 name.

7 **SEC. 2.** NRS 218.400 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 218.400 1. As soon as an enrolled bill or joint resolution is delivered
9 to the governor, [the governor's executive assistant or other] *any* person
10 duly authorized shall endorse by stamp, on the back of the enrolled copy
11 of such bill or joint resolution, over his signature, from whom and which
12 house received, the date and hour of receipt, the number of pages com-
13 prising the same, and shall compute and note thereon the time limit for
14 action by the governor, excluding the day of receipt and Sundays, which
15 shall not exceed the constitutional limit for such action.

16 2. Within such time limit the bill or joint resolution shall, if approved,
17 be signed by the governor immediately after the signatures of the officials
18 of both houses as follows:

19 **STATE OF NEVADA**

20 Executive Department

21 Approved

22 a.m.....p.m.

23 (month).....(day).....(year)

24 (Governor)

25 3. Immediately following such approval, without alteration or correc-
26 tion, the bill or joint resolution shall be deposited with the secretary of

1 state, who shall endorse on the back thereof, following the endorsement
 2 of [the governor's executive assistant or other person] such duly author-
 3 ized [:] person:

4 Received and filed.

5(hour)

6(month).....(day).....(year)

7(Secretary of State)

8 SEC. 3. NRS 231.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

9 231.130 The director shall not interfere with the functions of any
 10 other state agencies but shall be furnished from time to time, on request,
 11 with data and other information from such agencies' records bearing on
 12 all matters relative to the objectives of the department. It is expected that
 13 the director shall avail himself of the records and assistance of the state
 14 planning board, the employment security department, the advisory mining
 15 board and the bureau of mines, the state forester firewarden, the state
 16 department of agriculture, the department of highways, the state board of
 17 fish and game commissioners, the state engineer, the director of the budget
 18 and the state board of finance, [the executive assistant to the governor,]
 19 and the heads of such other state agencies as in the opinion of the gov-
 20 ernor might make a contribution to the work of the department.

21 SEC. 4. NRS 281.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22 281.090 Whenever [the executive assistant to the governor or] any
 23 deputy or clerk in any state office is appointed as clerk or secretary of any
 24 state board or commission by the board, commission or the legislature,
 25 he shall serve as such clerk or secretary without compensation unless
 26 compensation is specifically fixed by law.

27 SEC. 5. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

A. B. 50**ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 50—COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

JANUARY 22, 1969

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Vests power of eminent domain in state planning board to acquire parcels for capitol complex. Executive estimate of cost: None. (BDR S-61)

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

AN ACT vesting the state planning board with the power of eminent domain to acquire real property for the capitol complex at Carson City, Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, The legislature of the State of Nevada has appropriated
2 moneys for the acquisition of real property to constitute the capitol com-
3 plex at Carson City, Nevada; now, therefore,

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5 *The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly,*
6 *do enact as follows:*

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8 SECTION 1. The state planning board may acquire by the exercise
9 of the power of eminent domain, in the manner provided by law for the
10 condemnation by the state of private property for public use, any part
11 of the real property comprising the capitol complex, Carson City, Ormsby
12 County, Nevada, as described in section 1 of chapter 425, Statutes of
13 Nevada 1965, at page 1146.

14 SEC. 2. This act shall become effective upon passage and approval.

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Original bill is on file at
the Research Library.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—SENATOR SWOBE

JANUARY 27, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Memorializes Congress to ratify Tahoe Regional
Planning Compact. (BDR 785)

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the Congress promptly to
ratify the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

- 1 WHEREAS, The legislatures of the states of California and Nevada have
2 each found and declared that:
3 1. The waters of Lake Tahoe and other resources of the Lake Tahoe
4 region are threatened with deterioration or degeneration, which may
5 endanger the natural beauty and economic productivity of the region;
6 2. By virtue of the special conditions and circumstances of the nat-
7 ural ecology, developmental pattern, population distribution and human
8 needs in the Lake Tahoe region, the region is experiencing problems of
9 resource use and deficiencies of environmental control;
10 3. There is a need to maintain an equilibrium between the region's
11 natural endowment and its manmade environment, to preserve the scenic
12 beauty and recreational opportunities of the region, and it is recognized
13 that for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency and governmental effec-
14 tiveness of the region, it is imperative that there be established an area-
15 wide planning agency with power to adopt and enforce a regional plan
16 of resource conservation and orderly development to exercise effective
17 environmental controls and to perform other essential functions; and
18 WHEREAS, The states of California and Nevada have provided for the
19 establishment of such an agency by interstate compact; and
20 WHEREAS, Now as in the past, local and single state measures are
21 proving ineffective to preserve the irreplaceable natural resource which
22 is Lake Tahoe, and the pressures upon it grow with every passing month;
23 now, therefore, be it
24 *Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of Nevada, jointly,*
25 That this legislature respectfully but urgently memorializes the Congress
26 of the United States to ratify as soon as possible the Tahoe Regional
27 Planning Compact, and to this end earnestly requests every federal

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1 agency which by law or request of Congress is required to report con-
2 cerning the Compact prior to its ratification to expedite such report to
3 the utmost; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the legislative counsel forthwith transmit a copy of this
5 resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the
6 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the
7 Nevada congressional delegation, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior and the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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S. B. 32

SENATE BILL NO. 32—SENATOR SWOBE

JANUARY 22, 1969

Referred to Committee on Federal, State and Local Governments

SUMMARY—Establishes interim regional planning agency for Nevada portion of Lake Tahoe basin and extends deadline for condemnation of property for state park. (BDR 22-786)

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

AN ACT relating to the Lake Tahoe basin; establishing an interim regional planning agency; extending the authority of the state department of conservation and natural resources to acquire property by condemnation; making an appropriation; providing penalties; 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 278 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 37, inclusive, of this act.

3 SEC. 2. *The legislature finds and declares that:*

4 1. *The waters of Lake Tahoe and other resources of the Lake Tahoe*
5 *region are threatened with deterioration or degeneration, which may*
6 *endanger the natural beauty and economic productivity of the region.*

7 2. *By virtue of the special conditions and circumstances of the*
8 *natural ecology, developmental pattern, population distribution and*
9 *human needs in the Lake Tahoe region, the region is experiencing prob-*
10 *lems of resource use and deficiencies of environmental control.*

11 3. *There is a need to maintain an equilibrium between the region's*
12 *natural endowment and its manmade environment, and to preserve the*
13 *scenic beauty and recreational opportunities of the region.*

14 4. *For the purpose of enhancing the efficiency and governmental*
15 *effectiveness of the region, it is imperative that there be established an*
16 *areawide planning agency with power to adopt and enforce a regional*
17 *plan of resource conservation and orderly development, to exercise*
18 *effective environmental controls and to perform other essential functions.*

19 SEC. 3. *As used in sections 2 to 36, inclusive, of this act, unless the*
20 *context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in sections 4 to 9,*
21 *inclusive, of this act have the meanings ascribed to them in sections 4 to*
22 *9, inclusive, of this act.*

23 SEC. 4. *"Agency" means the Nevada Tahoe regional planning agency.*