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OF THE SIXTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
1989

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# ATTACHÉS OF THE NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY

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OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE
OF NEVADA

SIXTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION

THE FIRST DAY

Carson City (Tuesday), November 21, 1989

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes, the Assembly was called to order by Speaker of the Assembly Joseph E. Dini, Jr. at 10 a.m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Assemblyman Val Garner.

Father in Heaven, we humbly bow our heads before Thee at the beginning of this special session. We are grateful for life itself, and the opportunity we have to serve. We are grateful for the constitutional form of government we have that allows a forum for both public and private input from our citizenry and we appreciate the input we have had. Bless us that while we are convened here today that we will be able to handle the affairs before us in an efficient and effective manner. We pray Father in Heaven also, that Thou will bless this area and the western part of the United States with the moisture that we need. We pray too, Father in Heaven, that Thou will bless and protect those who have traveled on this day and who will be departing from here to their various places of abode, that Thou will protect and watch over all of us. We ask this prayer humbly, thanking Thee for all the blessings that Thou has given us, and we say this in the name of the Messiah. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Speaker requested Mrs. Mouryne B. Landing to serve as temporary Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Roll called.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Myrna Williams, Dini, Nevin, Sader, DuBois, Brookman, Jeffrey, Price, Bergevin, Humke and Kerns as a temporary Committee on Legislative Functions to examine credentials.

Mr. Speaker announced that if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess for 5 minutes while the credentials are examined by the temporary Committee on Legislative Functions.

Assembly in recess at 10:04 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 10:13 a.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your temporary Committee on Legislative Functions has had the credentials of Assemblyman-appointee Fon J. Warburton under consideration, and begs leave to report that he has been and is a duly appointed and qualified member of the Assembly of the Sixteenth Special Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Myrna Williams, Chairman

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Myrna Williams moved the adoption of the report.
Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Triggs and Evans as a committee to escort Chief Justice C. Clifton Young of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada to the rostrum to administer the oath of office to the Assemblyman.

The appointed committee escorted Chief Justice Young to the rostrum.

Chief Justice Young administered the oath of office to the Assemblyman.

Assemblyman Diamond moved that Chief Justice Young be given a unanimous vote of thanks for administering the oath.
Motion carried unanimously.

The appointed committee escorted the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the bar of the Assembly.

Roll called.


Mr. Speaker declared that nominations were in order for Chief Clerk.
Assemblyman Nevin nominated Mrs. Mouryne B. Landing for Chief Clerk.
Assemblyman Bergevin moved that nominations be closed.
Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Speaker declared Mrs. Mouyrne B. Landing to be Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Assemblyman Myrna Williams moved that the Standing Rules of the Assembly of the Sixty-fifth Session, as amended, be adopted by the Assembly of the Sixteenth Special Session.
Motion carried unanimously.

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly of the Sixty-fifth Session, as amended, be adopted by the Assembly of the Sixteenth Special Session.
Motion carried unanimously.

A committee from the Senate composed of Senators Wagner, Beyer and Coffin appeared before the bar of the Assembly and announced that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Brookman, Fay and McGinness as a committee to inform the Senate that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Sader, Price and DuBois as a committee to inform the Acting Governor that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker announced the following standing committees, the first-named member of each committee being the chairman, and the second-named member of each committee being the vice chairman:

COMMERCE—

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND TOURISM—
Wendell Williams, Kissam, Arberry, Garner, Sheerin, Swain, Triggs, Bogaert, Humke, McGaughey, Spriggs.

EDUCATION—
Spinello, Wendell Williams, Adler, Brookman, Chowning, Garner, Gaston, Kissam, Swain, Carpenter, Gibbons, Lambert, McGinness.

ELECTIONS—
Swain, Wisdom, Diamond, Evans, Porter, Sheerin, Bergevin, DuBois, Lambert.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

HEALTH AND WELFARE—
Arberry, Freeman, Brookman, Diamond, Kissam, Porter, Sedway, Wisdom, Gibbons, McGaughey, McGinness.

JUDICIARY—
Sader, Porter, Chowning, Diamond, Gaston, Kissam, Regan, Triggs, Wendell Williams, Wisdom, Carpenter, Gibbons, McGinness, Spriggs.

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT—
Thompson, Fay, Jeffrey, Price, Warburton, Wendell Williams, Bogaert, Carpenter, Gibbons.
LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS—
Myrna Williams, Brookman, Dini, Jeffrey, Nevin, Price, Sader, Bergevin, DuBois, Humke, Kerns.

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE AND MINING—
Adler, Triggs, Diamond, Freeman, Regan, Sader, Schofield, Spinello, McGinness, Marvel, Spriggs.

TAXATION—
Price, Gaston, Callister, Regan, Sheerin, Triggs, Myrna Williams, Bergevin, Lambert, Marvel, Spriggs.

TRANSPORTATION—

WAYS AND MEANS—
Sedway, Spinello, Arberry, Callister, Dini, Evans, Jeffrey, Price, Swain, Myrna Williams, DuBois, Humke, Kerns, Marvel.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE—
Myrna T. Williams.

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—
John E. (Jack) Jeffrey.

ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—
Leonard V. Nevin.

MAJORITY WHIP—
Robert M. Sader.

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—
Louis W. Bergevin.

ASSISTANT MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—
John DuBois.

Assemblyman Myrna Williams moved that the following persons be accepted as accredited press representatives, and that they be assigned space at the press table and allowed the use of appropriate broadcasting facilities: Bill Harbour, BOULDER CITY NEWS; Gary Elam, Andrea Graham, Julie Hofeld, COMSTOCK CHRONICLE; Ed Vogel, Sean Whaley, Laura Wingard, DONREY NEWS BUREAU; Dan Steninger, Mel Steninger, Rex Steninger, ELKO DAILY FREE PRESS; Laura Tennant, Debbie Brook, Julie Vogel, FERNLEY LEADER-DAYTON COURIER; Melanie Martin, Chris Tumbusch, GARDENVILLE RECORD-COURIER; Robert Lowes, Helaine Lowes, GATEWAY GAZETTE; David Copelan, Harry Copelan, Howard Copelan, HIGH DESERT ADVOCATE; Robert Grove Fisher, HENDERSON HOME NEWS; Susan Brockus, HUMBOLDT SUN; Anne Pershing, LAHONTAN VALLEY NEWS; Dave Ellison, LAS VEGAS BUSINESS PRESS; Jon Ralston, Jeff Scheid, LAS VEGAS REVIEW JOURNAL; Mike Campbell, Jeff German, Neal Lawson, LAS VEGAS SUN; Carol Marshall, LOVELOCK REVIEW-MINER TRIBUNE; David Sanford, Keith Trout, MASON VALLEY NEWS; Jack McCloskey, MINERAL COUNTY INDEPENDENT NEWS; Becky Lemon, NATIVE NEVADAN; Lee Ann Fleming, Don Ham, Sue Morrow, Julie Olmstead-Lennon, Hannah Philips, Pat Quinn-David, Lisa Tolda, Sandi Wright, Richard Cornett, NEVADA APPEAL; Courtney Brenn, Joe Gosen, John Miller, Russ Yip, Marilyn Newton, Mike Norris, David Palmer, Brad Shirakawa, RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL; Guy Shipler, SACRAMENTO
BEE and KUNR, RENO; Paul Alee, Bruce Bennett, Steve Timko, SPARKS DAILY TRIBUNE; Patty Maxwell, Susan Romeo, TRI-COUNTY EXPRESS; Adrienne Abbott, KBUL, RENO; Jim O’Neal, KCBN/KNNO-FM, RENO; Paul Gardner, Lori Gilbert, KELK, ELKO; Pennie Nichols, KHI/KIIO-FM-KSRN, RENO; Fred Gale, Dick Patterson, KNEV/ KROW-AM, RENO; Pam Everett; KOH, RENO; Kahala Carter, KOLO, RENO; Rick David, KPLY, SPARKS; Travis T. Hipp, Craig Swope, KPTL, CARSON CITY; Terri Laird, KRLT, STATELINE; Howard Cadot, David Ross, Mike Taylor, KTHO, S. LAKE TAHOE; Lynn Pearce, KVLV, FALLON; Bonnie Hackel, Torrey Sheen, KWNA, WINNEMUCCA; Christy Carlson, Mark Granick, Eric Hulnick, Hank Tester, Dan Tofoya, KCRL, RENO; Gordon Absure, Mark Fortierre, Kevin Ross, Eric Stillman, KLAS, LAS VEGAS; Rosemary Peacock, Darrell Menning, KNPB, RENO; Tom Ainsworth, Karl Baker, Bruce Bolf, Larry Blitzstein, Tad Dunbar, Rolf Lindストロフ, Ed Pearce, KOLO, RENO; Shelly Wintermark, Bill French, Ron White, Clay Downey, KTNV, LAS VEGAS; Jack Antonio, Steve Aritz, Steve Bell, Dave Briscoe, Denise Clodjeauz, Bob Devereaux, Jeannette George, Pat Herman, Jeff Humphrey, D. B. Hudson, Ken Humphrey, John Kilbran, Tony Kovaleski, Elliot Lewis, Dennis Myers, Dave Ratto, R. Richards, Mark Sexton, Karen Shomo, Steve Sonnenberg, Sharon Spangler, Renee Syler, Denise Yoxsimer, KTVN, RENO; Rob Bloom, David Riggleman, KVBC, LAS VEGAS; Tom Gardner, Laura Myers, Brendan Riley, ASSOCIATED PRESS; Lee Adler, REUTERS NEWS SERVICE; Geoff Dornan, Cy Ryan, UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Brookman reported that her committee had informed the Senate that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

Assemblyman Sader reported that his committee had informed the Acting Governor that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEVADA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS, Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Nevada provides that "The Governor may on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature by Proclamation and shall state to both houses when organized, the purpose for which they have been convened, and the Legislature shall transact no legislative business, except that for which they were specially convened, or such other legislative business as the Governor may call to the attention of the Legislature while in Session" and

WHEREAS, believing that an extraordinary occasion now exists which requires immediate action by the Legislature;

Now, Therefore, I, BOB MILLER, Governor of the State of Nevada, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, do hereby convene the Legislature into a Special Session to begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 1989, to consider only an appropriation for the expense of the Session and a repeal of the provisions of Assembly Bill No. 820 of the 65th Session of the Nevada
Legislature that relate to the Legislator’s Retirement Law, including the reduction of any benefits paid pursuant to those provisions and the refund of monies received by the public employees’ retirement fund pursuant to those provisions for the purchase of additional service credit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 8th day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred eighty-nine.

BOB MILLER
Governor

FRANKIE SUE DEL PAPA
Secretary of State

STATE OF NEVADA
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89710, November 21, 1989

THE HONORABLE JOSEPH E. DINI, JR., Speaker, Nevada State Assembly, Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada 89710

To the Members of the Nevada State Assembly:

Article 5, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada requires the Governor, upon calling a Special Session of the legislature, to “. . . state to both houses when organized, the purpose for which they have been convened . . .” I have chosen to exercise my constitutional responsibility in this written form rather than through remarks to a joint session in order to help reduce the time necessary to complete the business at hand.

The purpose of this special session is to consider only an appropriation for the expense of the session and a repeal of the provisions of Assembly Bill No. 820 of the 65th Session of the Nevada Legislature that relate to the Legislators’ Retirement Law, including the reduction of any benefits paid pursuant to those provisions and the refund of monies received by the Public Employees’ Retirement Fund pursuant to those provisions for the purchase of additional service credit.

I now call upon each of you to join me in helping to make this the shortest and least expensive Special Session in history.

Sincerely,

BOB MILLER
Governor

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By the Committee on Legislative Functions:

Assembly Resolution No. 1—Providing for the appointment of attachés.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the following persons are elected as attachés of the Assembly for the 16th Special Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada: Carol L. Moore, Joan E. Anderson, Amy L. Phelps, Yhvona Martin, Roger Drum, Charles Van Geel, Jr. and Pat Hatch.

Assemblyman Myrna Williams moved the adoption of the resolution. Resolution adopted.

By the Committee on Legislative Functions:

Assembly Resolution No. 2—Providing that no allowances will be paid for the 16th Special Session of the Legislature for periodicals, stamps, stationery or communications.
RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That for the 16th Special Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, no allowances will be paid for members of the assembly for periodicals, stamps, stationery or the use of telephones, and that no allowances will be paid for the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader or chairman of a standing committee of the Assembly for postage, telephone tolls or other charges for communications.

Assemblyman Myrna Williams moved the adoption of the resolution.
Resolution adopted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE


Assembly Bill No. 1—An Act relating to legislators’ retirement; repealing the provisions of Assembly Bill No. 820 of the 65th session of the Nevada Legislature that relate to the Legislators’ Retirement Law; directing the public employees’ retirement system to cease payment of the higher benefits calculated pursuant to the repealed provisions; requiring the public employees’ retirement system to refund money paid to purchase additional service credit during the period the repealed provisions were in effect and to revoke the purchased credit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that the bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:
Assembly Bill No. 2—An Act making an appropriation to the legislative fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Sedway moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered first reading, rules further suspended, bill considered engrossed, declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.
Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 2.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Assemblyman Sedway.
Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 2:
YEAS—42.
NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 2 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.
Assemblyman Sedway moved that all rules be suspended and that Assembly Bill No. 2 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.
Motion carried unanimously.
MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Assembly Bill No. 1, with Assemblyman Sedway as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Assemblyman Sedway presiding.
Assembly Bill No. 1 considered.
The Committee of the Whole was addressed by Ms. Brenda Erdoes, Assemblymen Price and Triggs.

On motion of Assemblyman Jeffrey, the committee did rise, and report back to the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 10:51 a.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Jeffrey requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal:

BRENDA ERDOES:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly, for the record my name is Brenda Erdoes. I am the Chief Deputy Legislative Counsel. I have been asked to explain briefly the provisions of Assembly Bill Number 1 of this Special Session.

Section 1 repeals Sections 11 through 15 of Assembly Bill 820 of the 65th Session of the Legislature. This provision effectively returns the five sections of Chapter 218 of NRS to the way they read just prior to enactment of A.B. 820. A.B. 1 of this Special Session does not affect the changes made by A.B. 820 to Chapter 286 of NRS—that's the non-legislators' Public Retirement System.

Section 2 directs the Public Employees' Retirement System to discontinue payment of the higher benefits provided by A.B. 820 as of the effective date of this act. This reduction of benefits applies across the board to all persons receiving retirement benefits under the legislative retirement system.

Section 3 requires PERS to reverse the purchase of any service credit by a legislator or former legislator during the period that A.B. 820 was in effect. PERS is directed to accomplish this by refunding the money paid for the credit with interest for the period that PERS held the money and by not including the purchase service credit in computing benefits after the effective date of this act.

Section 4 simply provides that the bill will become effective upon passage and approval. The remainder of the bill consists of the text of the repealed sections. When you look at these sections, you can tell how NRS will read after the effect date of this bill by taking away the brackets but leaving the material that they surround and by striking through the italicized words. I think that's about it. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

ASSEMBLYMAN PRICE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The one question that I had for the record is what is the anticipated effect on our repeal for those widows and those members who have long since left who are already on retirement, does this pull them back to what they were before and do they have to repay any money?
BRENDA ERDOES:
They will not have to repay any money. What will happen is their benefit check, their next check, will be reduced, and from then on they will be receiving the same rate they were before A.B. 820 became effective. But they will not be repaying any amount that has been paid to them while A.B. 820 was in effect.

ASSEMBLYMAN TRIGGS:
Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Erdoes, A.B. 820 included pensions of public employees other than legislators. Will the repeal of Sections 11 through 15 have an effect on those other members of PERS who are affected by A.B. 820, other than legislators?

BRENDA ERDOES:
No. There will be no effect on Chapter 286 which is the regular public employees' retirement system, and the changes made by A.B. 820 stand.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:
Your Committee of the Whole, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 1, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARVIN M. SEDWAY, Chairman

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered second reading, rules further suspended, Assembly Bill No. 1 considered engrossed, declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 1.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Assemblymen Jeffrey, Arberry and Myrna Williams.
Assemblyman Jeffrey requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal:

ASSEMBLYMAN JEFFREY:
First of all, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Governor Miller for calling this Special Session. As you know, had the session not been called, the pension increase would have been effective the day following the 1990 General Election for those that were in office during the last session. There is a constitutional provision that says the legislators may not benefit from any increase in compensation they voted during their term of office. Constitutional law provides pension benefit increases which become property rights which cannot be taken away. If the two provisions are combined, the effective date for the increase is the day following the elections. The petition to remove the benefit would not be effective for vested legislators that voted on the pension issue. In fact, whether they voted for it or not, they would be covered. If the public's concern has been great enough to circulate the petition, how upset will they be if: 1. The petition is invalid because of drafting problems with the petition itself; and 2. Those legislators voting on the issues last session are vested and it is too late for the public to take action. It is time to end the confusion, clear the air and take action to repeal those sections that effect the legislature today.

The question asked most often by the press and the public is "Why did you vote for the pension increase to begin with?" The persons who I have personally had contact with understand the legislature has not been overly generous to itself for salary and benefits.
As you are aware, it is hard to recruit qualified persons to run for office. I won’t go into
great detail regarding the personal and financial sacrifices made by members of the
legislature. I will attempt, however, to explain why I voted the way I did and believe I
speak for the majority.

Most legislators were told during the consideration of A.B. 820 that it was recom-
mended by the Public Employees’ Retirement Board. Legislators were told that $25 per
month per year served equates to approximately $78 in 1989. The Public Employees’
Retirement System (PERS) did not anticipate further increases in compensation for at
least a decade, so it felt $100 was not out of line. I believe most legislators voted for A.B.
820 because they felt it was important to provide an incentive for bright persons to stay in
the legislature. Pension benefits will not entice candidates to run initially. Most legislators
don’t plan to serve long enough to vest in the retirement system. Pension benefits may
encourage those that have a few years of service to remain the 10 years required to vest.

The average legislative retirement benefits around the nation is approximately $1,200
per month after 20 years of service. And I would like to say to you that the research that
the Research Division did for me, pension benefits were all over the board and about the
only place we could find any kind of equality was in the 20-year range so it runs the gamut
in years before that period of time. At a $500 per month legislative retirement benefit after
20 years, prior to the 1989 session, Nevada ranked 32nd among 42 states responding to a
national survey. With the changes approved in 1989, we moved up to sixth among the 42
states. These rankings would indicate that Nevada’s legislative retirement was probably
lower than it should have been prior to 1989 but in all honesty, they also show that we
raised the benefit more than was prudent when looking at other states.

I would tell you, however, that I look at a pension plan as deferred income. The
legislators did not vote a raise for themselves because of the pension bill. The deferred
income issue, I believe, is the reason we are not in compliance with the Internal Revenue
Code. In private pension plans, there is a limit to the amount of money that may be
sheltered from income tax. We exceed that limit. PERS and their attorney, the
Legislature and its attorney overlooked that fact. The only reason I have found is “the IRS
tends to ignore public employees’ retirement systems.” We will need to review the entire
system to ensure compliance in the future. The legislative counsel and PERS are presently
working in that direction so other problems may be resolved during the next legislative
session in 1991.

Some persons say the increase should have been incremental either from 1975 to the
present or from now to the future. I cannot argue with that suggestion. Hindsight is 20/20.
We knew what the increase was when we voted on the issue. We did not anticipate the
public’s reaction. I do not recall a time when we had support from the media for
increases in compensation. I did not see this issue as much different from the past. The
basic problem is one of compensation along with the fact that the Legislature votes on its
own salary increases. Had the Legislature been as greedy as it is portrayed, it would not
have an annual salary of $3,900, or $7,600 per session. In fact, 13 measures have been
introduced in the last 22 years raising legislative pay. Only four have passed into law.

Legislative salaries are all over the board across the country. The average is approxi-
mately $21,000 per year across the United States. At this rate, our Nevada salary ranks
40th among 41 states surveyed for legislative salaries. We are bound by the Constitution
of the State of Nevada, to a $60 postage allowance and 60 days pay per session. We have
not been able to “muster” the support in the past to increase either category.

After a legislator is elected, he gives up 25 percent of his income for a two-year period
and in exchange we receive $3,900 per year. Other elected officials’ pension is based on
salary. The Clark County Commission, for example, earns $45,000 per year. Commis-
ioners’ retirement income is 2.5 percent per year of service; $11,250 for 10 years and
$22,500 for 20 years service, compared to $3,000 for 10 years of service and $6,000 for
20 years of service for legislators under the old provisions. It is not difficult to reach the
conclusion that if compensation is not dealt with, only those persons who can afford to
serve will run for the legislature.
If only the wealthy and retired run for office, Nevada will not have a citizen legislature that represents people from all walks of life on the state level. Hindsight, once again, being as it is, the legislators should have dealt with salary increases rather than retirement during the 1989 legislative session.

Mr. Speaker, this has not been a partisan issue. Thirty Democrats and 12 Republicans voted for the bill in the Assembly while nine Republicans and seven Democrats supported the measure in the Senate. Regardless of the bipartisan support, I am not so naive to believe repealing this pension is going to make a great difference in the campaigns next year. I do believe it’s time to set the issue aside and concentrate on the important issues the legislators have before them during the interim.

As you know, we have 18 interim committees and 27 statutory committees working at the present time dealing with problems of the State of Nevada. It is important to focus on these issues in order to properly manage the explosive growth in Nevada, especially in Clark County and the problems of the State of Nevada generally. Each session of the Nevada Legislature benefits Nevadans and mistakes are inevitable. I hope that we learn from our past mistakes and work now to prepare for the future. Thank you.

**Assemblyman Arberry:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Same order of business. The governor, under the Constitution has limited this Special Session to one issue and that one issue is to repeal this pension but I would be remiss if I did not mention about the Aid to Dependent Children, housing allowances and medical payments for the elderly. It is desperate and getting worse. The Constitution stops us from including anything regarding these areas at this special session. However, I will be asking the governor, the governor’s division heads and also my fellow legislators to watch this situation very carefully. We cannot let little children go hungry or let people go without shelter or medical attention. If I am convinced that we need another special session to prevent hunger, homelessness and illness, then I will ask the governor to call another special session. Thank you.

**Assemblywoman Myrna Williams:**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a brief remark. I rise in support of A.B. 1. Clearly, we made an honest mistake. The fact is that most of us, if not all of us are here at our own expense to rectify this error and I urge support.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 1:

**YEAS—42.**

**NAYS—None.**

Assembly Bill No. 1 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

**Senate Chamber, Carson City, November 21, 1989**

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 2.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bill No. 1.

Mary Jo Mongelli
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Senate Bill No. 1.

Assemblyman Sedway moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered first reading, rules further suspended, bill declared an
emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that all rules be suspended and that Assembly Bill No. 1 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1.
Bill read third time.
Roll call on Senate Bill No. 1:
Yeas—42.
Nays—None.

Senate Bill No. 1 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that all rules be suspended and that Senate Bill No. 1 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

Motion carried unanimously.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Jeffrey requested that the following written statements be entered in the Journal:

COMMON CAUSE, NEVADA
206 South Division Street, Carson City, Nevada 89703

1114 South Third Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89104, November 21, 1989

To the Members of the Nevada State Assembly:

On behalf of the Board of Governors and members of Common Cause/Nevada, please allow us to commend the members of the Legislature for their prompt and efficient work in repealing those portions of Assembly Bill No. 820 that relate to legislative pensions. The fact that Acting Governor Miller called the Special Session and that the members of the Legislature responded so responsibly, is gratifying, not only because of the savings in taxpayers’ money, but also because it indicates that the voice of the people can still be effective.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES HULSE, Acting Chair
LEOLA ARMSTRONG, Executive Director

Carson City, Nevada, November 21, 1989

The United States has suffered from a high rate of inflation since 1965 and the passage of the Coinage Act of 1965 authorizing the minting of copper dollars, copper half dollars, copper quarter dollars and copper dimes. Inflation since 1965 was a very significant factor in the decision of the legislature to increase their compensation for their services as legislators. Assemblyman Arberry, during the Special Session, pointed out the severity of the economic problems of parts of the general public with regard to food, housing, etc. Since the general public has also been suffering from the same inflation, the general public and the Governor of the State of Nevada convinced the legislature to repeal their increase in compensation.

The general economic stability from the passage of the Silver State resolutions (see the Good News about US Gold and Silver Coins in Novembers’ Golden Age News), AJR 33
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and 34 will result in a direct economic benefit to the State of Nevada and the general public in large measure removing the need for increase in compensation for services generally and providing significant relief with regard to the price of food, housing, etc.

Dave Solomon Merlin II, Lobbyist

Unfinished Business
Signing of Bills and Resolutions

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Bill No. 2; Senate Bill No. 1; Assembly Resolutions Nos. 1, 2.

Guests Extended Privilege of Assembly Floor

On request of Assemblyman Marvel, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Messrs. Ron Beck, Keith Odle, Mrs. Gibbs and eighth grade students from Pershing County Junior High School: Marsela Acosta, Jerry Aller, Lalena Calvin, George Cholico, Robert Cooney, Jamie Danner, Bobby Denshire, Gloria Dominguez, Billy Drake, Nathan Draper, Brandee Garcia, Basilia Gonzales, Laura Hyde, Zack Maita, Nadine Maldonado, April McKiernan, Amy Moura, Zayin Newman, Robby Renfroe, Brad Rossow, James Russell, Kari Santos, Lori Shambach, Jennifer Schmid, Sandy Ambrosini, Taylon Austin, Vicky Blackhawk, Jeremy Burke, Jennifer Carr, Becky Cheney, Fernando Gorbay, Angela Gibbs, Liza Guerrero, Shannon Greenman, Olivia Henrie, Kim Hester, Brock Kelly, Jennifer Logan, Stephanie Mello, Matt Morris, Tim Rhodes, Steve Scholl, Alma Soto and Mandy Strohl.

On request of Assemblyman Sheerin, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to former assemblyman, Mr. Bob Thomas.

Motions, Resolutions and Notices

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Callister, Schofield and Kerns as a committee to wait upon His Excellency, Robert Miller, Acting Governor of the State of Nevada, and to inform him that the Assembly is ready to adjourn sine die.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Kissam, Porter and Lambert as a committee to wait upon the Senate and to inform that honorable body that the Assembly is ready to adjourn sine die.

Mr. Speaker announced that if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 11:19 a.m.

Assembly in Session

At 11:27 a.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.
Assemblyman Kissam reported that his committee had informed the Senate that the Assembly is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Assemblyman Callister reported that his committee had informed the Acting Governor that the Assembly is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

**MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES**

Mr. Speaker announced that the Members of the Assembly and Senate have waived all fees for the Special Session.

Mr. Speaker announced that if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 11:28 a.m.

**ASSEMBLY IN SESSION**

At 12 noon.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

**MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES**

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Senators O'Donnell, Beyer and Vergiels, appeared before the bar of the Assembly and announced that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Assemblyman Jeffrey moved that the Sixteenth Special Session of the Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada adjourn *sine die*.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Approved:  

JOSEPH E. DINI, JR.  
*Speaker of the Assembly*

Attest:  

MOURYNE B. LANDING  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*
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