

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—COMMITTEE ON
ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, AND ETHICS

FEBRUARY 19, 1999

Declared an Emergency Measure

SUMMARY—Expresses support for development of SPACEPORT NEVADA and other commercial activities at Nevada Test Site and commends Nevada Congressional Delegation for its continued support of Nevada Test Site Development Corporation. (BDR R-1531)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for the development of SPACEPORT NEVADA and other commercial activities at the Nevada Test Site and commending the Nevada Congressional Delegation for its continued support of the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation.

- 1 WHEREAS, For many years the residents of the State of Nevada have
- 2 contributed to the national security of the United States through their
- 3 support of the Nevada Test Site; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Many sacrifices were made by the residents of the State of
- 5 Nevada which contributed to the victory of the United States in the Cold
- 6 War through the technologies which were developed and advanced at the
- 7 Nevada Test Site; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In appreciation of these sacrifices, any new commercial uses
- 9 of the Nevada Test Site authorized by the United States Department of
- 10 Energy must benefit the residents of the State of Nevada through new
- 11 employment opportunities, development of high technology industries and
- 12 jobs, and economic diversification; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The Nevada Test Site Development Corporation, a
- 14 nonprofit, community-based organization representative of business,
- 15 finance, education, government and concerned residents of this state, was
- 16 created as a community reuse organization to support and sponsor new
- 17 economic development projects at the Nevada Test Site; and

1 WHEREAS, The mission of the Nevada Test Site Development
2 Corporation is to promote and encourage economic diversification through
3 the development of science and technology in the State of Nevada; and

4 WHEREAS, The growth of science and technology in this state would be
5 enhanced by the creation of a commercial aerospace industry in the State
6 of Nevada; and

7 WHEREAS, The commercial aerospace industry has indicated to the
8 Nevada Test Site Development Corporation a need for the development of
9 a spaceport that would provide an appropriate environment to test
10 proposed launch vehicles with reusable capabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, On August 18, 1997, former Secretary of Energy Federico
12 Peña signed an Economic Development Use Permit with the Nevada Test
13 Site Development Corporation that allows aerospace activities in certain
14 areas of the Nevada Test Site; and

15 WHEREAS, Kistler Aerospace has signed an agreement with the Nevada
16 Test Site Development Corporation to site their launch and recovery
17 operation in the State of Nevada and other aerospace companies including
18 VentureStar have expressed an interest in using the Nevada Test Site for
19 commercial aerospace operation; and

20 WHEREAS, Because of this interest and requirements for the
21 development of aerospace technologies, the Nevada Test Site Development
22 Corporation created SPACEPORT NEVADA to facilitate aerospace
23 activities at the Nevada Test Site; and

24 WHEREAS, On August 19, 1998, former Governor Bob Miller stated in
25 support of SPACEPORT NEVADA that "This effort will prove a great
26 benefit for all Nevadans"; and

27 WHEREAS, Governor Kenny Guinn recently was quoted as saying
28 "SPACEPORT NEVADA will launch Nevada into the new millennium by
29 creating the types of jobs our school children will need in the future"; and

30 WHEREAS, SPACEPORT NEVADA will work cooperatively with
31 industry leaders to form cooperative ventures that will provide
32 comprehensive support for its aerospace customers including Kistler
33 Aerospace today and VentureStar and others tomorrow; and

34 WHEREAS, SPACEPORT NEVADA will provide various launch
35 services that will encourage and attract other aerospace activities including
36 businesses involved in the manufacturing industry for aerospace
37 technology; and

38 WHEREAS, SPACEPORT NEVADA will advance the State of Nevada
39 to the next plateau in economic development by creating high-value jobs
40 that will strengthen the economy, improve the standard of living, elevate
41 the quality of education and create a new high-tech industry in this state;
42 now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
2 JOINTLY, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature
3 do hereby commend the efforts of the 60-member Board of Directors of
4 the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation for their support and
5 encouragement in the development of SPACEPORT NEVADA; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature further commends the efforts
8 of the Nevada Test Site Development Corporation in obtaining a spaceport
9 operator's license from the Federal Aviation Administration and for its
10 efforts in making SPACEPORT NEVADA the location for commercial
11 aerospace operations; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby commends the Nevada
13 Congressional Delegation, consisting of Senators Harry Reid and Richard
14 Bryan and Congressman Jim Gibbons and Congresswoman Shelly
15 Berkley, for its vision and continued support of the Nevada Test Site
16 Development Corporation's SPACEPORT NEVADA; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
18 a copy of this resolution to Governor Kenny Guinn and each member of
19 the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and
21 approval.