

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, BUCKLEY, DINI, HETTRICK, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

JUNE 2, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO, TITUS, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends staff of Legislative Counsel Bureau. (BDR R-1538)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

- 1 WHEREAS, As early as 1945, when the Legislative Counsel Bureau was
2 created, the Nevada Legislature recognized the need for additional
3 information, advice and assistance in securing sufficient details to act
4 advisedly on legislative matters and accommodate increasingly complex
5 legislative tasks that were impossible to complete without support; and
6 WHEREAS, The functions assigned to the Legislative Counsel Bureau,
7 which was composed of only three members in 1945, were restricted
8 mainly to the appointment of a Legislative Counsel whose principal duties
9 were to assist the Legislature by conducting a survey relating to the needs
10 and functions of the existing entities of the state government and by
11 providing advice for proposed legislation concerning those matters; and
12 WHEREAS, Since those early days, the Legislative Counsel Bureau has
13 evolved into an organization of more than 200 professional employees, and
14 during legislative sessions, almost 300 public servants, who provide a full
15 range of services for the “people’s branch” of government; and



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1 WHEREAS, The goal of the Legislative Counsel Bureau in the modern
2 era is to continue to meet the ever-increasing challenges of providing
3 nonpartisan, centralized services to members of both houses of the
4 Legislature and their constituents in the most efficient, professional manner
5 possible; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2001 legislative session, like the historic session of
7 1999, was limited to 120 calendar days, placing extra time constraints upon
8 the staff; and

9 WHEREAS, The ability to meet this time limitation is dependent upon the
10 coordination of staff assignments and, ultimately, the participation of each
11 staff member to accomplish in 120 days what had been completed in the
12 longer sessions of the past; and

13 WHEREAS, The staff of each division and unit of the Legislative
14 Counsel Bureau contributed to the success of the 2001 session and met the
15 various challenges with unparalleled skill, resourcefulness, diligence and,
16 when necessary, humor; and

17 WHEREAS, In the Administrative Division of the Legislative Counsel
18 Bureau, the staff of the Information Systems Unit and the Media Services
19 Unit continued to improve technology for the legislative process, the staff
20 of the Buildings Unit, the Grounds Unit and the Janitorial Unit prepared
21 and meticulously maintained the building and its grounds as a showplace in
22 Carson City, and the staff of the Accounting Unit, the General Services
23 Unit, the Legislative Police, the Las Vegas office and the Director's office,
24 and the session staff in the message center, the public bill room, the bill
25 mail room, lobbyist registration and the lobbyist center kept the Legislature
26 functioning smoothly; and

27 WHEREAS, The staff of the Audit Division continued to provide the
28 Legislature with independent and reliable information about the operations
29 of state agencies, programs, activities and functions by presenting audit
30 reports and by testifying on legislation to promote accountability in state
31 government, and continued to produce their high-quality audits while
32 reviewing all legislation within the time limitations in a quick and efficient
33 manner; and

34 WHEREAS, The staff of the Fiscal Analysis Division reviewed the ever-
35 increasing budget, bills relating to the budget and budget amendments
36 within the condensed period, maintaining their usual accuracy and
37 efficiency, reviewed fiscal notes in half the time available in sessions
38 before 1999, provided staff support for the Committees on Taxation and
39 responded to Legislators' requests for information concerning budgets and
40 taxation promptly and efficiently; and

41 WHEREAS, The staff of the Legal Division exceeded their high
42 standards by meeting all deadlines for the drafting of bills and
43 amendments, preparing an increasing quantity of work without sacrificing
44 quality or their meticulous attention to detail, while providing legal advice
45 on the usual wide range of issues to the Legislature and its staff, fully
46 aware that their dedication and long hours were essential to the success of
47 the 120-day session; and

48 WHEREAS, The staff of the Research Division, assisted by its Research
49 Library, provided research and analysis of current and proposed public



1 programs and policies, furnished thorough and prompt background
2 information for use in committees and on the floor of each legislative
3 house, aided committee chairmen by providing administrative and
4 technical assistance in the hearing and processing of bills to meet the
5 rigorous scheduling demands established as a result of the condensed
6 session, and responded to an increased number of Legislator and
7 constituent requests in a timely, efficient and thorough manner despite
8 strict time constraints; and

9 WHEREAS, Although the demands on legislative staff were even greater
10 this session because of the reapportionment and redistricting of both
11 legislative houses, the congressional districts and the districts of the State
12 Board of Education and the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada,
13 the duties pertaining thereto were provided in an efficient, impartial,
14 professional and coordinated manner by several different divisions and
15 units of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
17 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada
18 Legislature do hereby express their sincere appreciation to the outstanding
19 staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and commend the dedication,
20 cooperation and exceptional work of each person on the staff; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
23 a copy of this resolution to Lorne Malkiewich, Director of the Legislative
24 Counsel Bureau.

