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Statement of Ron Knecht, Assembly District 40, on Collective Bargaining Bill (AB65)

Today, the *Nevada Appeal* carried a statement in its coverage of yesterday's meeting of the Assembly Government Affairs Committee claiming that, "During an earlier hearing, Knecht argued the measure [AB65] runs counter to efforts to restrain budgetary growth in state government."

This morning I reviewed the audio-video-tape of the earlier meeting, and it confirms my clear recall that I did not make any such argument. The *Appeal's* statement is factually in error – the latest in a series of inaccurate and unfair reports, and I have requested that the paper correct it.

In any event, I ask that this statement be entered into the minutes of this Committee so that the public record is clear on this matter, and I thank the Chairman for the opportunity to make it.

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