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COMMITTEE BRIEF

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING AND SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES



2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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This committee brief provides background information and summarizes selected issues pertaining to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining. It includes the following:

- Details concerning chapters in the *Nevada Revised Statutes* that fall under the jurisdiction of the committees;
- A review of major legislation considered by the committees during the 2001 Legislative Session;
- A summary of possible issues that may be referred to the committees during the 2003 Legislative Session;
- Calendar of relevant session deadlines; and
- Key contacts of relevant agency personnel and interest groups.

INTRODUCTION

Generally, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining consider similar bills during each legislative session, although some differences exist. Typically, the two committees have jurisdiction over measures regarding agriculture, air and water pollution, animals, environmental regulations, flood control, forestry, hazardous materials, irrigation districts, mining, planning and development of water resources, public lands, recycling, water rights, watercraft, weights and measures, wildlife, and related topics.

In addition, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources hears measures pertaining to the inspection and safety of mines, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, and management of underground water and wells.

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining hears bills regarding historic preservation and archaeology, and state parks and monuments.

Due to the commonality of subjects typically considered by these two committees, for the purposes of this report, they will be referred to as the "Natural Resources Committees."

I. JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEES

The following is a list of the chapters of *Nevada Revised Statutes* under both committees' jurisdiction (revenue measures in these subject areas are referred to the respective Committees on Taxation):

Statutes Referred to Natural Resource Committees

SNR – Senate Natural Resources

ANRAM – Assembly Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

Title	Chapter	SNR	ANRAM
22: Cooperative Agreements by Public Agencies; Planning and Zoning; Development and Redevelopment	As the chapters of this title pertain to the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	*	
26: Public Lands	321 – Administration, Control and Sale of State Lands 322 – Use of State Lands 323 – Exchange of State Lands 324 – Lands Under Carey Act 325 – Municipalities Located on Public Lands 326 – Possessory Actions Concerning Public Lands 327 – Nevada Coordinate System; Geographic Names 328 – Federal Lands 329 – Perpetuation of Corners	* * * * * * * * *	* * * * * * * * *
33: Libraries, Museums; Historic Preservation	383 – Historic Preservation and Archeology		*
35: Highways; Roads; Bridges; Parks	407 – State Parks and Monuments		*
40: Public Health and Safety	444A – Programs for Recycling 445A – Water Controls 445B – Air Pollution 445C – Environmental Requirements 459 – Hazardous Materials	* * * * *	* * * * *
43: Vehicles and Watercraft	488 – Watercraft	*	*
45: Wildlife	501 – Administration and Enforcement 502 – Licenses, Tags, and Permits 503 – Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping 504 – Management and Propagation 505 – Fur Dealers 506 – Wildlife Violator Compact	* * * * * *	* * * * * *

Title	Chapter	SNR	ANRAM
46: Mines and Minerals	512 - Inspection and Safety of Mines	*	
	513 - Commission on Mineral Resources	*	*
	514 - Bureau of Mines and Geology	*	*
	517 - Mining Claims, Mill Sites, and Tunnel Rights	*	*
	519 - Purchase, Assaying, and Recovery of Ores	*	*
	519A - Reclamation of Land	*	*
	520 - Mining Corporations and Partnerships	*	
	522 - Oil and Gas	*	*
	523 - Energy	*	*
47: Forestry, Forest Products and Flora	527 - Protection and Preservation of Timbered Lands, Trees, and Flora	*	*
	528 - Forest Practice and Reforestation	*	*
48: Water	532 - State Engineer	*	
	533 - Adjudication of Vested Water Rights; Appropriation of Public Waters	*	*
	534 - Underground Water and Wells	*	
	534A - Geothermal Resources	*	*
	535 - Dams and Other Obstructions	*	*
	536 - Ditches, Canals, Flumes, and Other Conduits	*	*
	537 - Navigable Waters	*	*
	538 - Interstate Waters, Compacts, and Commissions	*	
	539 - Irrigation Districts	*	*
	540 - Planning and Development of Water Resources	*	*
	540A - Regional Planning and Management	*	
	541 - Water Conservancy Districts	*	
	543 - Control of Floods	*	*
	544 - Modification of Weather	*	*
	* Colorado River Commission	*	
49: Agriculture	547 - Agricultural Districts and Associations	*	*
	548 - Conservation	*	*
	549 - Extension Work in Agriculture, Home Economics, and Rural Welfare	*	*
	550 - State 4-H Camp	*	*
	551 - Fairs and Exhibits	*	*
	552 - Demonstration Farms and Plots	*	*
	554 - Quarantines of Agricultural Commodities	*	*
	555 - Control of Insects, Pests, and Noxious Weeds	*	*
	556 - Garlic and Onions	*	*

Title	Chapter	SNR	ANRAM
50: Animals	561 - State Department of Agriculture	*	*
	562 - State Board of Sheep Commissioners	*	*
	563 - Promotion of Livestock	*	*
	564 - Brands and Marks	*	*
	565 - Inspection of Brands	*	*
	566 - Inspection and Possession of Hides/Carcasses	*	*
	567 - Noxious and Predatory Animals	*	*
	568 - Grazing and Ranging	*	*
	569 - Estrays and Livestock	*	*
	571 - Diseased Animals	*	*
	573 - Public Sales of Livestock	*	*
	574 - Cruelty to Animals; Prevention and Penalties	*	*
	575 - Miscellaneous Provisions; Collection of Taxes	*	*
	576 - Livestock and Farm Products	*	*
51: Food and Other Commodities: Purity; Standards; Weights and Measures; Marketing	581 - Weights and Measures	*	*
	582 - Public Weighmasters	*	*
	586 - Pesticides; Dangerous Caustic or Corrosive Substances	*	*
	587 - Agricultural Products and Seeds	*	*
	588 - Commercial Fertilizers and Agricultural Minerals	*	*
	589 - Woolen Products	*	*
	590 - Petroleum Products and Antifreeze	*	*

II. SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 2001

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources reviewed 42 bills and resolutions during the 2001 Legislative Session, of which 31 were passed and signed into law. The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining heard 54 bills and resolutions, of which 35 were passed and signed into law.

Following is a summary of the measures considered by the Natural Resources Committees and subsequently passed by the 2001 Nevada Legislature. The *Summary of Legislation 2001* describes these and other related measures in greater detail. It is available from the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (775/684-6835).

A. Agriculture

Agriculture was again the topic of several measures considered by the Natural Resources Committees. Among the bills enacted were:

- Assembly Bill 30 (Chapter 53) increased the level of public liability and property damage insurance coverage required of anyone applying pesticides from an aircraft.

- Assembly Bill 631 (Chapter 133) expanded existing state quarantine law to address new, non-native, and invasive plant, animal, and insect species by clarifying the authority of the State Department of Agriculture to adopt and enforce quarantines.
- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4 (File No. 20) encouraged Nevada agencies, institutions, wholesalers, and retailers to purchase local agricultural products as a means of supporting Nevada's agricultural industry and its rural economies.

B. Animals

Several measures pertaining to animals were enacted by the Legislature in 2001. Senate Bill 62 (Chapter 572) increased the penalties for certain crimes against animals. The qualifications of humane society officers were the subject of Assembly Bill 419 (Chapter 396). And finally, Assembly Bill 463 (Chapter 220) exempted peace officers that carry out their duties on horseback from laws that limit the riding of a horse on a public street or highway.

C. Conservation Districts

Assembly Bill 84 (Chapter 12) expanded the powers of a conservation district to include the repair and restoration of wetlands, stream corridors, and other riparian property owned or controlled by a government or municipal corporation. The measure also authorized conservation districts to enter into certain agreements and expanded their ability to administer conservation projects undertaken by any person, municipal corporation, or government.

D. Environmental Regulation

A variety of environmental measures are brought before the Natural Resources Committees each session. In 2001, air quality (particularly in Clark County due to existing compliance issues with federal regulations) was the focus of many of these bills. Considerable debate ensued over creating a new air quality agency in Clark County, and establishing a fee structure to fund increased air quality enforcement programs. Senate Bill 536, and its companion funding measure, Senate Bill 357, would have created a single, regional air pollution control entity through cooperative agreement between Clark County and the cities within it. Funding for the regional entity and its programs was to come from an additional fee on smog certificates. However, while Senate Bill 536 (creating the regional agency) was passed, the Senate and Assembly were unable to reach agreement on the funding measure, and Senate Bill 357 failed. Without it, the Governor vetoed Senate Bill 536. Because it was vetoed after the final adjournment of the 2001 Session, Senate Bill 356 is being returned for the 2003 Legislature to address sustaining or overriding the Governor.

In the end, the following measures were enacted:

- Assembly Bill 198 (Chapter 531) added Clark and Washoe Counties to the list of entities eligible to receive funds from the Pollution Control Account administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles. In addition, Assembly Bill 198 revises provisions relating to vehicle emission inspection programs and expenditures for air quality, and authorizes emission inspection stations to retain a 2 percent commission for handling any new fees that are placed on the emission inspection process.
- Senate Bill 533 (Chapter 283) authorized the control officer of a local air pollution control board to initiate, through the local district attorney, actions to enforce laws and regulations relating to the control of air pollution.
- Senate Bill 535 (Chapter 325) authorized the air pollution control agency in Clark County to create and administer an emission reduction credit program and provides the basic guidelines under which the agency may adopt program regulations. The bill specifically provides that the regulations adopted to create the program must prohibit "interpollutant trading" by no later than January 1, 2002.

E. Mining

Mining is a major industry in Nevada with significant economic impact, particularly in rural counties. Realizing the importance of mining and the need to protect the state's natural resources, Nevada has become a leader in environmental regulation of its mining industry. In reaction to extensive changes of surface mining regulations by the Federal Government, the State of Nevada filed a complaint in Federal District Court challenging these regulations.

In support of this action, the Nevada Legislature adopted Assembly Joint Resolution No. 7, (File No. 97) which contends that the new regulations go beyond the power granted to the Bureau of Land Management by Congress, interferes with Nevada's authority over its mining industry, and impedes the state's authority to regulate water quality and water rights.

F. State and Federal Lands

The management of state and federal land in Nevada is commonly a topic of interest to the Nevada Legislature. (In particular, 87 percent of Nevada, or 61 million acres, is controlled by the Federal Government and plays a critical role in the economic development of many counties.) The following are measures enacted in 2001:

- Senate Bill 16 (Chapter 9) required a seller of property next to open range to disclose information to the purchaser regarding grazing on open range before the purchaser signs the sales agreement.

- Senate Bill 358 (Chapter 186) addressed the leasing of state lands by authorizing the Administrator of the Division of State Lands to lease residential property owned by the state for less than fair market value to an officer or employee of the state who is required as a condition of his employment to reside in the property.
- Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 (File No. 87) expressed support for amending the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, to require the identification, mapping, and recognition of certain roads commonly referred to as "2477 Rights-of-Way."
- Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 (File No. 76) expressed Nevada's opposition to designation of national monuments by the President without obtaining approval from the state and local governments in which the monuments are located.

In addition, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources considered Assembly Bill 391, a controversial bill commonly known as the "Public Lands Bill." While not enacted, this measure proposed to assert Nevada's sovereignty by authorizing each board of county commissioners to adopt ordinances for the management of certain federally owned public lands within its boundaries, and allowing district attorneys to litigate federal ownership.

The measure raised serious legal concerns and eventually failed to be enacted. At issue were the power and authority given the United States in the *United States Constitution* to manage and administer public lands, and the conflict between state and federal laws to which the measure would have contributed. The courts have upheld the Federal Government's control over public lands for more than a century, and numerous congressional acts have underscored that control. In the end, it was believed that passage of Assembly Bill 391 would result in an immediate court challenge, resulting in significant cost to Nevada taxpayers with little hope for success.

G. Tahoe Regional Planning Compact/Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

In 2001, four major legislative actions relating to Lake Tahoe were taken, as follows:

- Assembly Bill 176 (Chapter 25) addressed public money that is used for environmental projects in the Tahoe Basin by specifying that grants may be used for public purposes on public or private property.
- Assembly Bill 177 (Chapter 302) provided for continued bonding to finance projects identified in the environmental improvement program for the basin.
- Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4 (File No. 64) commended the State of California and the California Tahoe Conservancy for their environmental improvement activities.

- Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5 (File No. 124) called for continuation of the legislative committee that oversees the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact and programs within the Tahoe Basin.

H. Water Resources and Public Water Systems

Water is an often complicated and controversial issue in Nevada. The following water-related measures were enacted in 2001:

- Assembly Bill 29 (Chapter 202) revised provisions of the Nevada Water Pollution Control Law by requiring the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct an independent investigation of possible violations prior to issuing an order or taking legal action in certain circumstances.
- Assembly Bill 468 Chapter 402) revised the criteria for inter-county transfers of water by: (1) specifying that the water must be put to beneficial use in the county or state into which it is transferred; and (2) requiring the State Engineer to approve of the tax and quantify the amount of water that is subject to the tax. In addition, the measure specifically exempted from the tax ground water that is diverted and beneficially used in the county of origin but is subsequently discharged or migrates to another county or state.
- Senate Bill 159 (Chapter 85) expanded the applicability of the law relating to protectible interests in domestic water wells by extending to all counties a protectible interest in these wells. The measure also established a "floor" of 50 percent to go along with the existing "cap" of 85 percent of the hookup costs that must be provided to a well owner who is required to connect to a municipal water system.

The state's Safe Drinking Water Program was also addressed by the 2001 Legislature with passage of three measures to modify specific provisions of the program.

- Senate Bill 161 (Chapter 84) ensured that a privately owned public water system has adequate water quantity (not only quality) to provide service to its customers.
- Assembly Bill 200 (Chapter 116) expanded the grounds under which civil penalties and administrative fines may be imposed for violations of the state's standards for public water systems, and was necessary to remain in compliance with federal regulations.
- Assembly Bill 549 (Chapter 131) raised the limit on the amount of general obligation bonds the state may issue to provide grants for capital improvements to publicly owned water systems.

I. Watercraft

Two measures enacted in 2001 were aimed at increasing boater safety on Nevada's waters. First, Assembly Bill 469 (Chapter 365) mandated the successful completion of an approved boating safety course or proficiency exam by boat operators in certain circumstances. In addition, the bill specified that no one under age 16 could operate a rented motorboat unless supervised by an adult, and raised from 12 to 14 the minimum age to operate a personal watercraft.

And second, Assembly Bill 632 (Chapter 405) required that boat occupants under age 12 wear a personal flotation device while the boat is under way. The measure also required that each passenger on a personal watercraft wear a personal flotation device.

J. Wild Horses

The management and protection of wild horses are often the subject of legislation discussed by the Natural Resources Committees. In 2001, Assembly Bill 662 (Chapter 249) was enacted which allowed the Commission for the Preservation of Wild Horses to use Heil Trust Fund money to establish a private foundation to promote the Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Program.

K. Wildlife

Three measures were enacted in 2001 to address wildlife management in Nevada.

- Assembly Bill 199 (Chapter 211) revised provisions governing certain accounts, licenses, and stamps administered by Nevada's Division of Wildlife. Specifically, Assembly Bill 199 increased the fee for a trout stamp from \$5 to \$10 and establishes a special Trout Management Account for administration of the revenue.
- Assembly Bill 291 (Chapter 267) imposed an additional fee of \$3 for each game tag application for the support of programs to control predators and protect wildlife habitat.
- Senate Bill 467 (Chapter 237) modified the method of determining the number of deer and antelope tags that are issued annually as compensation for damage to private property.

III. ANTICIPATED ISSUES FOR THE 2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

From the list of bill draft requests (BDRs), recommendations of interim studies, conversations with state agencies, and knowledge of national issues, it is possible to anticipate some of the subjects for consideration by the Natural Resources Committees in 2003.

A. Agriculture

Agriculture will again be an important subject of several legislative measures in 2003. Among them are proposals to: (1) provide grants for the control of invasive weeds; (2) establish ports of entry to reduce the introduction of harmful pests to Nevada; (3) revise provisions for the regulation of fertilizers and pesticides; (4) make changes regarding livestock and organic products; (5) control pests and plant diseases; and (6) change various administrative aspects of the State Department of Agriculture.

Additionally, proposals are being drafted for technical changes concerning dairy products and the disclosure of governmental actions against dairy licensees, as well as modifications of provisions for weights and measures and Public Weighmasters.

B. Animals

Laws to protect guide dogs and service animals will again be the subjects of several measures that may be considered during this Legislative Session.

C. Environmental Regulations and Hazardous Materials

Various environmental measures will be considered in 2003. Currently, bills are being drafted to: (1) ensure interest on fees for various environmental programs are deposited in the funds for those programs; (2) impose restrictions on the transportation and storage of certain hazardous waste; (3) make various changes concerning the solid waste fees; (4) enhance recycling in Nevada; (5) establish the authority for a Brownfield Revolving Fund to clean-up contaminated property; and (6) provide for the certification of laboratories to analyze hazardous waste.

Legislation pertaining to certain vehicle emissions, smog checks, and related air quality issues may again be referred to the Natural Resources Committees.

D. Mining

Improvements to mine reclamation-bonding programs have been the subject of discussion and evaluation by mining companies and regulatory authorities in Nevada. Among the legislation anticipated in 2003 is a measure that would make changes in surety instruments acceptable for demonstrating financial assurance for mine reclamation.

E. State and Federal Lands

The Natural Resources Committees will likely consider a number of measures pertaining to the management of state and federal lands. Regarding state lands, two bills are being drafted relating to the Division of State Parks. One measure would make changes concerning interlocal agreements between the Division of State Parks and political subdivisions.

The second revises provisions regarding Floyd Lamb State Park in Clark County. Additionally, a measure will address authorization of the Division of State Lands to transfer certain property to other public entities.

Federal land will be the subject of several measures. Among them are proposals to: (1) provide grants for various projects on public lands; (2) revise the date by which matching funds must be available for the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in Elko; (3) commend the Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition for its rangeland restoration efforts in the eastern Great Basin; and (4) conduct an interim study concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas in Nevada.

Several resolutions urge Congress to take the following actions: (1) amend or interpret existing federal law to support land and range improvements on public land; (2) take certain actions concerning wilderness areas and wilderness study areas; and (3) increase funding for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program and make other reparations for detrimental effects of federally managed lands in Nevada.

F. Tahoe Regional Planning Compact/Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

The continued issuance of general obligation bonds for environmental improvement programs at Lake Tahoe and reappointment of the interim legislative committee that oversees activities in the Lake Tahoe Basin are among the measures being addressed in 2003, as is a proposal to renegotiate the bi-state Tahoe Regional Planning Compact.

G. Water Resources and Public Water Systems

As in previous years, water resources and revisions to Nevada Water Law will be the subject of much legislation in 2003. At least five bill draft requests (BDRs) have been identified that generally address various changes to provisions governing water, water rights, and water wells. Additionally, legislation was requested to address the following:

- Licensure of persons who remove water intrusions from real property;
- Extension of the expiration date of the Newlands Project Water Rights Fund and associated program to acquire certain surface water rights;
- Revisions to the assignment of certain water rights upon the replacement of a domestic well with municipal water service;
- Increases of the assessment limitation for water distribution expenses under certain circumstances;
- Flexibility in the financing of flood control projects;

- Revisions governing water resources and future development in certain counties;
- Notices required upon the transfer of water rights;
- Creation of a regional water commission to develop a comprehensive master plan for the use, conservation, and storage of water in the Carson, Truckee, and Walker River Basins;
- Allowance of water rights for the use of snow pack by livestock; and
- Changes to existing law governing water rights to specifically address rural water issues.

Additionally, two measures will address the issuance of water rights to water livestock grazing on public lands. One measure will seek to amend state water law in response to existing federal regulations that require federal agencies to obtain water rights in the name of the Federal Government (if permitted by state law). The other measure will be a resolution urging the Federal Government to revise this regulation so that stockwater rights may also be issued in the name of the rancher or jointly in the name of the rancher and the Federal Government (thus maintaining Nevada's traditional policy).

H. Wildlife

Several wildlife measures are anticipated in 2003. Specifically, legislation has been requested to: (1) amend provisions relating to fishing and hunting licenses, as well as deer and elk depredation; (2) create a board to regulate guides and outfitters; and (3) increase fees for all boat registrations/titles, permits, stamps, tags, and wildlife licenses.

Finally, a bill has been requested that would remove Nevada's Division of Wildlife from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and create a Department of Wildlife with budget approval by the State Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau is available to provide the Natural Resources Committees and individual committee members with additional information and assistance on any topics of interest. Primary staff contacts (Linda Eissmann and Fred Welden) may be reached at 775/684-6825. The division maintains offices in Room 1202 of the Legislative Building and on the first floor of the Sedway Office Building. Please contact any of us for assistance.

V. SESSION DEADLINES

Following is a list of deadlines relevant to the 2003 Legislative Session, including dates by which measures must be passed from one house to the other. The Natural Resources Committees might be interested to note that excluding the first day of session, there are 19 regular (Monday/Wednesday) committee meetings prior to April 11 (the deadline for committee passage of measures from the first house), followed by only 10 regular (Monday/Wednesday) meeting dates prior to May 16 (the deadline for committee passage of measures from the second house).

Other deadlines of interest to committee members are February 10 (the deadline for legislators to request BDRs) and February 24 (the deadline for committees to request BDRs).



STATE OF NEVADA

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120-Day Calendar

<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>	<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>	<i>Date (Day of Session)</i>
Feb. 3 (1)	Mar. 15 (41)	Apr. 24 (81)
Feb. 4 (2)	Mar. 16 (42)	Apr. 25 (82)
Feb. 5 (3)	Mar. 17 (43) Legislators' Bill Introductions Committees' Bill Drafting	Apr. 26 (83)
Feb. 6 (4)	Mar. 18 (44)	Apr. 27 (84)
Feb. 7 (5)	Mar. 19 (45)	Apr. 28 (85)
Feb. 8 (6)	Mar. 20 (46)	Apr. 29 (86)
Feb. 9 (7)	Mar. 21 (47)	Apr. 30 (87)
Feb. 10 (8) Legislators' BDR Requests	Mar. 22 (48)	May 1 (88) <i>Economic Forum Report Due</i>
Feb. 11 (9) Joint Subcommittees Start	Mar. 23 (49)	May 2 (89) <i>Start Resolving Budget Differences</i>
Feb. 12 (10)	Mar. 24 (50) Committees' Bill Introductions	May 3 (90)
Feb. 13 (11)	Mar. 25 (51)	May 4 (91)
Feb. 14 (12)	Mar. 26 (52)	May 5 (92)
Feb. 15 (13)	Mar. 27 (53)	May 6 (93)
Feb. 16 (14)	Mar. 28 (54)	May 7 (94)
Feb. 17 (15)	Mar. 29 (55)	May 8 (95)
Feb. 18 (16)	Mar. 30 (56)	May 9 (96)
Feb. 19 (17)	Mar. 31 (57)	May 10 (97)
Feb. 20 (18)	Apr. 1 (58) <i>Start Closing Budgets</i>	May 11 (98)
Feb. 21 (19)	Apr. 2 (59)	May 12 (99)
Feb. 22 (20)	Apr. 3 (60)	May 13 (100)
Feb. 23 (21)	Apr. 4 (61)	May 14 (101)
Feb. 24 (22) Committees' BDR Requests	Apr. 5 (62)	May 15 (102)
Feb. 25 (23)	Apr. 6 (63)	May 16 (103) Committee Passage (Second House)
Feb. 26 (24)	Apr. 7 (64)	May 17 (104)
Feb. 27 (25)	Apr. 8 (65)	May 18 (105)
Feb. 28 (26)	Apr. 9 (66)	May 19 (106) <i>Finish Budget Differences</i>
Mar. 1 (27)	Apr. 10 (67)	May 20 (107)
Mar. 2 (28)	Apr. 11 (68) Committee Passage (First House)	May 21 (108)
Mar. 3 (29)	Apr. 12 (69)	May 22 (109)
Mar. 4 (30)	Apr. 13 (70)	May 23 (110) Second House Passage
Mar. 5 (31)	Apr. 14 (71)	May 24 (111)
Mar. 6 (32)	Apr. 15 (72)	May 25 (112)
Mar. 7 (33)	Apr. 16 (73)	May 26 (113) <i>Budget Bills Introduced</i>
Mar. 8 (34)	Apr. 17 (74)	May 27 (114)
Mar. 9 (35)	Apr. 18 (75)	May 28 (115) <i>Exempt Bills from Committee</i>
Mar. 10 (36) Legislators' Bill Drafting	Apr. 19 (76)	May 29 (116)
Mar. 11 (37)	Apr. 20 (77)	May 30 (117)
Mar. 12 (38)	Apr. 21 (78)	May 31 (118) Conference Reports to Drafting
Mar. 13 (39)	Apr. 22 (79) First House Passage	June 1 (119)
Mar. 14 (40)	Apr. 23 (80)	June 2 (120)

Shaded days are Mondays.

Bolded and italicized items are budget related deadlines.

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VI. LIST OF KEY CONTACTS

Following is a list of key contacts for use by the Natural Resources Committees during the 2003 Legislative Session. The list includes primary state and federal agencies involved in natural resource matters and some of the organizations that typically provide testimony on these matters before the Legislature.

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**LIST OF KEY CONTACTS
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2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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State Sealer of Weights and Measures

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Division of Plant Industry

Robert Gronowski, Administrator
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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONS

Nevada Beef Council

James Wright, Chairman
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State Dairy Commission

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Predatory Animal and Rodent Committee

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Division of State Parks

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Division of Water Resources

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