

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Seventy-Third Session  
May 12, 2005**

The Committee on Growth and Infrastructure was called to order at 1:37 p.m., on Thursday, May 12, 2005. Chairman Richard Perkins presided in Room 4100 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. All exhibits are available and on file at the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard Perkins, Chairman  
Ms. Chris Giunchigliani, Vice Chairwoman  
Ms. Francis Allen  
Mr. Bernie Anderson  
Mr. Tom Grady  
Mr. Lynn Hettrick  
Mrs. Marilyn Kirkpatrick  
Ms. Sheila Leslie  
Mr. Harry Mortenson  
Mr. David Parks  
Ms. Peggy Pierce  
Mr. Scott Sibley  
Ms. Valerie Weber

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst  
Russell Guindon, Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Keith Norberg, Deputy Fiscal Analyst

Gregory Sharry, Committee Attaché

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chairman Perkins:**

[Meeting called to order. Roll called.] We are going to hold off on S.B. 170. There has been a late amendment request, and we would like to accommodate that. I would like to turn the Committee's attention to the information we received from Pat Zamora [Clark County School District] ([Exhibit B](#)). This information is in regard to a bill we heard last meeting on the difference between the additional 2 percent commission that the assessors would receive. It addresses what that would mean to the Clark County School District.

Let us move to our Work Session Document ([Exhibit C](#)) and S.B. 45.

**Senate Bill 45:** Eliminates requirement that State Controller receive copy of written protest filed by property owner concerning property taxes. (BDR 32-166)

**Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Senate Bill 45 was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Taxation on behalf of the State Controller. This bill was heard in this Committee on April 28, 2005. The bill eliminates the requirement that the county treasurer send copies of tax protest letters to the State Controller. The only testimony on the bill was from the State Controller's Office.

However, at the hearing Speaker Perkins asked staff to contact the Attorney General's Office regarding their desire to not be on the receiving end of tax protest letters. I talked to Greg Zunino [Senior Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office], and he said that they would support such an amendment. The measure passed unanimously in the Senate. There is no identified fiscal impact. There would then be a proposed amendment to delete both the Attorney General and the State Controller from the requirements to receive tax protest letters.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 45.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblyman Anderson was not present for the vote.)

**Chairman Perkins:**

Assemblywoman Allen will handle this on the Floor. The next bill in the Work Session Document ([Exhibit C](#)) is S.B. 169.

**Senate Bill 169: Authorizes boards of county commissioners of smaller counties to use money in infrastructure fund for certain projects, facilities and activities. (BDR 32-147)**

**Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Senate Bill 169 was sponsored by Senator Amodei and heard in the Committee on May 3, 2005. The bill expands the allowed uses of the sales taxes collected for the infrastructure fund, as authorized by NRS [*Nevada Revised Statutes*] Chapter 377B, in counties with a population of less than 100,000, which would exclude Clark County and Washoe County. The bill would expand the uses to include the operation and maintenance of solid waste disposal and floodplain management and flood prevention facilities. It would also expand the use of the funds to include the construction and renovation of facilities with cultural and historic value. Testimony in support of the measure came from Carson City, Douglas County, Elko County, Lyon County, the City of Elko, and the Nevada Association of Counties. Testimony in opposition came from the Burke Consortium and the Nevada Committee for Full Statehood. No amendments were proposed. The measure passed unanimously in the Senate, and there is no fiscal impact identified.

**Chairman Perkins:**

There was an addition of operation and maintenance of the management of floodplains, prevention of flood, and disposable solid waste, because there was a lack of ability for the smaller counties to have the operating revenue to do such things. The construction and renovation of facilities having cultural and historical value was addressed by Mayor Teixeira. He discussed the V&T [Virginia and Truckee] Railroad efforts and getting support from the Carson City residents.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY MOVED TO DO PASS SENATE BILL 169.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GIUNCHIGLIANI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairman Perkins:**

Mr. Grady will handle S.B. 169 on the Floor. We will skip S.B. 170 for the time being ([Exhibit C](#)), because there is a forthcoming amendment. We will move to S.B. 180.

**Senate Bill 180:** Increases maximum amount of compensation board of county commissioners is authorized to provide for certain members of county board of equalization. (BDR 32-453)

**Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:**

Senate Bill 180 was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Taxation on behalf of Washoe County. This bill would increase the maximum salary for members of the County Board of Equalization who are not elected public officers. It would increase the maximum salary from \$40 to \$120 per day. The county commissions are not required to pay these salaries, but the bill would authorize such salaries not to exceed the new daily maximum. Testimony in support of the bill came from John Slaughter representing Washoe County. There was no other testimony. No amendments were proposed. The measure passed unanimously in the Senate. There was a potential fiscal impact identified at the local government level but none at the State.

ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK MOVED TO DO PASS  
SENATE BILL 180.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Senate Bill 170 was not heard.

**Senate Bill 170 (1st Reprint):** Authorizes certain smaller counties to impose additional local sales and use tax under certain circumstances. (BDR 32-853)

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**Chairman Perkins:**

Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick will handle this bill on the Floor. [Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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James S. Cassimus  
Committee Attaché

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblyman Richard Perkins, Chairman

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBITS**

**Committee Name:** Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

**Date:** May 12, 2005

**Time of Meeting:** 1:37 p.m.

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Witness / Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>
	<b>A</b>		Agenda
S.B. 394	<b>B</b>	Pat Zamora / Clark County School District	Monetary Impact of Senate Bill 394
S.B. 45, S.B. 169, S.B. 170, S.B. 180	<b>C</b>	Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Packet.