

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—ASSEMBLYMEN PARNELL,
MARVEL, ANDERSON, GANSERT, GRADY, BOBZIEN,
CARPENTER, COBB, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, LESLIE,
SETTELMAYER AND SMITH

MARCH 9, 2007

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR AMODEI

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges the Secretary of the Interior to fully fund the
interagency airtanker base programs for wildland fire
suppression in Battle Mountain, Minden and Stead.
(BDR R-290)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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—Urging the Secretary of the
Interior to fully fund the interagency airtanker base
programs for wildland fire suppression in Battle
Mountain, Minden and Stead.

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States Department of the Interior,
- 2 through the Bureau of Land Management, has provided vital fire
- 3 suppression services to the State of Nevada; and
- 4 WHEREAS, These services include air support for wildland fire
- 5 suppression in northern Nevada through interagency airtanker base
- 6 operations at the Battle Mountain, Minden-Tahoe and Reno Stead
- 7 Airports; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The areas of service include the forests and
- 9 watershed surrounding Lake Tahoe, one of the nation's premiere
- 10 natural treasures, and the wildland urban interface along the Sierra
- 11 Front in both Nevada and California; and



1 WHEREAS, In July 2006, Nevada ranked first in the nation in the
2 amount of wildland acreage burned by wildfire in the United States;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Federal Government owns and manages 87
5 percent of the land in Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management has provided
7 exemplary air support for fighting the wildland fires which have
8 threatened Nevada's residents, private property, public lands and
9 other valuable natural resources; and

10 WHEREAS, The Sierra Front has complex and challenging
11 conditions that generate volatile and high-intensity wildland fires
12 which are fought over rugged terrain, and airtankers are a critical
13 component of the fight, being used primarily for initial attack and
14 support; and

15 WHEREAS, Continued funding for the full operation of the
16 interagency airtanker base programs in Battle Mountain, Minden
17 and Stead with single-engine airtankers that can provide the quick
18 response needed for early suppression of a wildland fire is critical;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior has the authority to
21 authorize the expenditure of money to provide full funding for the
22 interagency airtanker base programs; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
24 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 74th Session of the
25 Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Secretary of the Interior to fully
26 fund the interagency airtanker base programs for wildland fire
27 suppression in Battle Mountain, Minden and Stead; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
29 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
30 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
31 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the
32 Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation;
33 and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
35 passage.

