

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Fourth Session  
May 23, 2007**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Morse Arberry Jr. at 8:08 a.m., on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (email: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775-684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair  
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chair  
Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley  
Assemblyman Mo Denis  
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert  
Assemblyman Tom Grady  
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy  
Assemblyman Joseph Hogan  
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto  
Assemblyman John W. Marvel  
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain  
Assemblyman David R. Parks  
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith  
Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber

**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

Senator Dean A. Rhoads, Rural Nevada Senatorial District  
Senator Dennis Nolan, Clark Senatorial District No. 9  
Senator Bob Beers, Clark Senatorial District No. 6  
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea, Assembly District No. 35

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark W. Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Linda Blevins, Committee Secretary  
Patti Adams, Committee Assistant

Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Senate Bill 55 (R1) and recognized Mr. Jim Lawrence, Deputy Administrator, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.



**Senate Bill 55 (1st Reprint): Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to carry out the Environmental Improvement Program in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR S-250)**

Mr. Jim Lawrence presented the Committee with a copy of his prepared testimony ([Exhibit C](#)) and an update information sheet for the Lake Tahoe Environmental Program ([Exhibit D](#)). As stated by Mr. Lawrence, S.B. 55 (R1) requested authority for sale of approximately \$9 million in bonds to carry out Nevada's share of the Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (EIP). The EIP had been extremely successful in preserving and restoring the environment at Lake Tahoe.

In response to a question from Assemblyman Marvel, Mr. Lawrence noted that the \$9 million requested in the bill was the final installment of the \$82 million previously authorized by the Legislature.

Mr. Steve Teshara, Executive Director, North Lake Tahoe Resort Association, spoke in support of S.B. 55 (R1). Mr. Teshara stated that California was a partner in the EIP. Mr. Teshara commended Nevada citizens and the Legislature for continued support for the program through the years.

Mr. Doug Martin, District Manager, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, expressed support for S.B. 55 (R1) and thanked the Legislature for supporting the EIP.

Mr. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), pointed out that Section 3, subsection 2(a) provided "Division of State Lands may, without the prior approval of the Interim Finance Committee (IFC), allocate the contingency money authorized pursuant to subsection 4 of Section 2 of this act. . ."

It appeared to staff that if the cost of the project came in higher than the authorized amount of the bill, subsection 2(b) stated the Division of State Lands must come before the IFC to request additional authorization for the project and "offset the increase by reducing the amount authorized for another environmental improvement project or projects that are paid for with money from the Fund to Protect the Lake Tahoe Basin by the amount of the increase." In the opinion of Mr. Stevens, there appeared to be a conflict between the two subsections.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the language had been carried forward from existing bills presented to the Legislature. The thought behind the language was that in the event of small overrides for projects, the use of contingency funds would be left to the discretion of the Division of State Lands. Subsection 2(b) was to allow the Division of State Lands to move money from one project to another or to reprioritize projects.

Assemblywoman Leslie confirmed her understanding that the Division would not be required to return to the IFC for approval to use the contingency money of \$307,908.

Mr. Lawrence noted that the Division would appear before the IFC if a project was being removed from the list or if money was to be reallocated, but he said that Ms. Leslie's perception was correct.

Chairman Arberry invited additional comments either for or against S.B. 55 (R1). There being none, the Chairman closed the hearing on S.B. 55 (R1) and opened the hearing on Senate Bill 125 (R1).

**Senate Bill 125 (1st Reprint): Authorizes the Lander County School District to transfer certain property to the Austin Historical Society. (BDR S-987)**

Chairman Arberry recognized Senator Dean Rhoads, Rural Nevada Senatorial District, who provided an overview of S.B. 125 (R1) to the Committee and submitted [Exhibit E](#). Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea had requested Senator Rhoads present the bill on his behalf.

Senator Rhoads noted the bill authorized the Lander County School District to transfer the Austin Elementary School, built in 1926, to the Austin Historical Society without complying with Chapter 393 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS). The historic school had been replaced with a new school, and the school district no longer had a need for the historic building. The Austin Historical Society was willing to accept ownership and maintain the historic school.

According to Senator Rhoads, if the transfer was subject to NRS Chapter 393, the school district would have to pay for two appraisals and other miscellaneous expenses. To avoid unnecessary costs, the Lander County School District, the Lander County Commission, and the Historical Society had endorsed S.B. 125 (R1). There was no fiscal impact on the bill.

Assemblywoman Leslie was interested in knowing whether there were other areas of NRS Chapter 393 which would be sidestepped if S.B. 125 (R1) was passed.

Senator Rhoads deferred to Ms. Susan Scholley, Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). Ms. Scholley noted that NRS Chapter 393 set forth the requirements for school district property and included the usual provisions of real estate transactions. The bill bypassed these usual provisions as the Austin Elementary School was being treated as a direct transfer from the school district to the Austin Historical Society.

Assemblyman Grady asked whether the transfer of the building had gone through a school district board meeting and was a part of the official minutes.

Senator Rhoads responded that the transfer had been discussed at a school board meeting.

Assemblywoman Koivisto was not certain of the meaning of Section 1, subsection 2(a)(2), which stated "May transfer the building and real property to another person with the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Lander County School District. Such a transfer may be made without a restriction on the use of the building and real property by the successor . . ."

Ms. Scholley explained the terminology was put into the bill in the unlikely event that the Austin Historical Society was unable to maintain the building or no longer had a use for the building. If that occurred, the building could be transferred with the consent of the school district. The school district was adamant they did not want the building back should the Historical Society no longer want the building.

Ms. Koivisto was concerned the building would be demolished and replaced with a retail establishment such as McDonald's.

Senator Rhoads admitted that was a possibility; however, the only other possibility for the building at this time was to tear it down.

Ms. Joan Williams, Treasurer, Austin Historical Society, pointed out that the Historical Society was interested in preserving the building and not allowing the building to fall into decay. The Society intended to restore the building and its historical significance to the community. If, in the future, the building was not wanted or needed, the school district and the Historical Society would transfer the property and provide guidelines for remodel of the building, preserving the historical appearance of the facility.

Assemblywoman Gansert pointed out that the McKinley School in Reno was a similar project. The school was beautifully maintained and had been turned into the McKinley Arts and Cultural Center. The building was now used for class functions and theatrical events.

Assemblywoman Smith commented that the building could be sold by the school district at any time.

Ms. Williams wanted the Committee to be aware that the community had expressed interest in the building, and the goal of the Arts Council was to make the building self-sustaining.

Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea, Assembly District No. 35, thanked Senator Rhoads for presenting the bill to the Committee. According to Mr. Goicoechea, the bill originally carried a fiscal note of \$25,000 to cover the appraisal of the building. The bill was amended to remove the appropriation.

Mr. Goicoechea continued his testimony, explaining that the building was on the historic register, and the community was interested in the preservation of the building. The preservation was supported by the Lander County Commissioners, the Lander County School District Board of Trustees, and the Austin Historical Society.

Chairman Arberry asked whether there was further testimony either in support or opposition of S.B. 125 (R1). There being no further questions or comments, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on S.B. 125 (R1) and opened the hearing on Senate Bill 365 (R1).

**Senate Bill 365 (1st Reprint): Requires the continuation of the VHF Highband Radio Project. (BDR S-1323)**

Chairman Arberry recognized Senator Bob Beers, Clark County Senatorial District No. 6, for presentation of an overview of S.B. 365 (R1). The Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) operated two radio systems, an urban system on the UHF 800 MHz band and an older VHF 150 MHz band. There was legislation in process to continue the work on the 800 MHz system over the next biennium.

Senator Beers noted the original intent of the State was to give the older VHF system to a consortium of local governments when the newer UHF system was in place. However, the State had determined that to dismantle the system was expensive because of the number of mountaintop sites. After meeting with the NHP, it was determined the VHF system was still in use by the NHP. Because the VHF system was still in use, S.B. 365 (R1) was written to prevent the VHF

radio system from being dismantled, abandoned, sold, or moved without prior approval from the Legislature.

Assemblyman Marvel inquired whether the local governments were able to use the VHF system during fire season.

Senator Beers stated the VHF system was the primary radio communication backbone for a wide section of the State not only during fire season, but throughout the year. The goal was for all systems to be able to interconnect.

Assemblyman Parks asked whether the VHF frequency was often used by federal agencies.

Senator Beers responded that from a technical perspective, the difference between the two bands was that the 800 MHz band penetrated buildings better and was more useful in an urban environment. The 150 MHz system was able to travel longer distances on the same amount of power and was, therefore, more useful in rural settings.

Responding to Mr. Parks' inquiry regarding NHP licensing, Senator Beers noted the licensing issue was merely a distraction, and the Federal Communication Commission would defer to public safety; however, if that was a legitimate issue, it was only in the urban centers.

Assemblyman Denis questioned whether there was an issue of obsolescence between the two systems.

Senator Beers replied that the 800 MHz band accepted more data faster than the 150 MHz. According to Senator Beers, the Department of Transportation had money in the budget for maintenance of the mountaintop site leases for the VHF system. Both systems were useful to the State.

After requesting additional questions or comments, either supporting or in opposition to the bill, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on S.B. 365 (R1). Chairman Arberry opened the hearing on Senate Bill 346 (R1).

**Senate Bill 346 (1st Reprint): Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to fund a working group to study the methamphetamine problem in Nevada for the current fiscal year. (BDR S-1201)**

Mr. Mike Torvinen, Deputy Director, Finance, Department of Health and Human Services, testified in support of S.B. 346 (R1). The bill appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services the sum of \$9,900 to fund a working group to study the methamphetamine problem in Nevada for the months of May and June 2007.

Assemblywoman Leslie commented that \$9,900 seemed to be more than the group needed for two months of travel.

Mr. Torvinen responded that there were 16 members in the working group. It was estimated that \$7,300 was necessary for travel and the balance was for court reporting and administrative costs.

Ms. Leslie noted the meetings were teleconferenced; therefore, the travel costs seemed too high.

Mr. Torvinen stated that the unused funds were reverted.

Mr. Ronald Dreher, Director of Government Affairs, Peace Officers Research Association of Nevada, expressed support for S.B. 346 (R1).

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on S.B. 346 (R1) and opened the hearing on Senate Bill 458 (R1).

**Senate Bill 458 (1st Reprint): Makes appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for computer replacement. (BDR S-1216)**

Ms. Janelle Mulvenon, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Early Intervention Services, Department of Health and Human Services, urged the Committee to support S.B. 458 (R1). The bill requested appropriations from the General Fund for replacement of desktop computers, software, printers, servers, switches, and firewalls. The computers were replaced on a five-year schedule as recommended by Department of Information Technology (DoIT).

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on S.B. 458 (R1) and opened the hearing on Assembly Bill 584.

**Assembly Bill 584: Makes various changes to provisions governing motor vehicles. (BDR 43-618)**

Ms. Ginny Lewis, Director, Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), submitted prepared testimony Exhibit F and provided the Committee with an overview of A.B. 584. According to Ms. Lewis, the bill was a DMV cleanup bill that addressed two issues:

1. Compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Audit of the Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) program in regard to convictions for a blood alcohol content between 0.04 and 0.08 percent in a commercial motor vehicle.
2. Compliance with the Federal Real ID Act.

Ms. Lewis advised the Committee there was no fiscal impact on DMV to carry out the proposed legislation. The DMV needed the flexibility to adopt requirements of the Real ID Act through regulation because of the timing of the publication of the final rules.

Referencing an earlier discussion with Ms. Lewis regarding A.B. 582, Assemblywoman Leslie expressed concerns regarding the fees in Sections 6, 12, and 17 of A.B. 584. Ms. Leslie was interested to know whether citizens would be charged more or whether the Highway Fund would be paying the fees.

Ms. Lewis explained the two bills addressed two separate issues. The DMV had identified the fees section of statute because it was uncertain whether the DMV would be moving to an eight-year drivers' license and whether fees would have to be changed. The fee referenced by Ms. Leslie was specific to the cost to produce the license. If A.B. 582 was not passed by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, the fee would have to be passed on to the customer.

Ms. Lewis clarified that the fees addressed in A.B. 584 were not specific to the fee for the card, only to the fees charged for drivers' license identification cards that go to the Highway Fund.



When asked by Ms. Leslie whether DMV set the fee, Ms. Lewis stated that DMV was authorized by law to adopt regulations to cover the cost for the production of the card.

Ms. Leslie requested staff review the process and confirm that the people who used the service paid the fee, not the Highway Fund.

Ms. Leslie next addressed Sections 46 and 47 of A.B. 584 which stated "concentration of alcohol of 0.04 or more but less than ~~{0.08}~~ 0.10 in his blood or breath." Ms. Leslie requested Ms. Lewis explain what prompted the change from 0.08 to 0.10 percent.

According to Ms. Lewis the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration performed an audit on the Nevada CDL program. The DMV was issued a finding on the handling of individuals arrested with a blood alcohol content between 0.04 and 0.08 percent while driving a commercial motor vehicle. This bill (A.B. 584) was only directed at CDL.

Ms. Leslie did not believe the referenced sections clearly denoted that the law only applied to CDL.

Ms. Lewis pointed out that Section 46 referenced Section 21, which was the commercial drivers' license portion of the bill. The problem was, as Ms. Lewis saw it, that the courts did not have the authority to impose a conviction for an individual who was arrested for a 0.04 to 0.08 blood alcohol level if the individual was driving a commercial motor vehicle.

Ms. Lewis further explained that under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, those drivers who held a commercial license and who violated the driving under intoxicated (DUI) laws were held to a higher standard and the penalties were more severe. Nevada did not have the authority for a conviction. Therefore, when someone was arrested and the blood alcohol level was between 0.04 and 0.08, only an administrative penalty consisting of a 90-day license revocation was imposed. The federal government findings indicated that the courts needed the authority to place a conviction on the record of the offender. Assembly Bill 584 was created to give courts that authority.

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on A.B. 584 and opened the hearing on Senate Bill 316.

**Senate Bill 316: Requires compensation for Legislators who serve on the Commission on Special License Plates. (BDR 43-861)**

Senator Dennis Nolan presented an overview of S.B. 316 to the Committee. According to Senator Nolan, S.B. 316 was recommended by the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) because the Commission on Special License Plates was the only legislatively mandated committee that did not provide for the compensation of the legislative members. The purpose of the Commission was to review issues regarding special license plates to avoid bringing those issues forward to each legislative session. There were approximately three meetings of the Commission held during the interim, each lasting between three and four hours.

Assemblyman Denis pointed out that when commissions of this type were created, it was normal to provide the necessary compensation. Mr. Denis inquired whether the omission of the compensation was an oversight.

Senator Nolan believed that to be the case.

There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Arberry closed the hearing on S.B. 316.

Chairman Arberry asked the Committee to consider introduction of the following bill draft requests:

- BDR S-1507— Makes an appropriation to Nevada Child Seekers for services on behalf of missing, abducted and runaway children. (A.B. 623)

ASSEMBLYMAN MARVEL MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL DRAFT REQUEST.

ASSEMBLYMAN HOGAN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

- BDR S-1442— Makes an appropriation to the Department of Wildlife for the conservation and restoration of fish and wildlife and their habitat. (A.B. 622)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED FOR COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL DRAFT REQUEST.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

Chairman Arberry requested the Committee consider Assembly Bill 271 for passage.

**Assembly Bill 271: Makes appropriations to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for relocation expenses and replacement vehicles, phone system and other equipment. (BDR S-1213)**

Mr. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) reviewed A.B. 271. Mr. Stevens indicated the bill was a one-shot appropriation included in The Executive Budget. The bill provided relocation expenses and equipment for the Medicaid Division. Staff had reviewed the bill with the agency and recommended an amendment to Section 1 to reduce the \$200,302 to \$157,112.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 271.

ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

Chairman Arberry requested the Committee consider Senate Bill 517 (R1).



**Senate Bill 517 (1st Reprint): Requires that certain payments to the State of Nevada be made electronically. (BDR 31-633)**

Mr. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) reviewed S.B. 517 (R1) for the Committee. The amendment to the bill ([Exhibit G](#)) was distributed to the Committee and included a copy of the original requested amendment from Mr. Chris MacKenzie, a representative of American Express Corporation.

Mr. Stevens described the major portion of the amendment, Section 1, subsection 4, which stated "Any fee charged for a payment of money by a method of electronic transfer of money pursuant to this section must be paid by the person who owed the money to the state agency." There were three questions posed by the Committee when the amended bill was heard previously.

The first question was regarding whether the amendment included credit cards and debit cards. Mr. Stevens advised the Committee that the amendment did not include credit cards or debit cards, only electronic or wire transfers.

The second question addressed whether the amendment only applied to transfers of \$10,000 or more. Mr. Stevens noted that it did. Section 1, subsection 4, stated that "Any fee charged for a payment of money by a method of electronic transfer of money pursuant to this section must be paid by the person who owed the money to the state agency." This related to the entire Section 1.

The third question posed by the Committee was whether it was legal or permissible for the cardholder to pay the fee. Mr. Stevens did not have a definitive answer, but the Legal Division indicated that because of agreements made between the credit card companies and merchants, legislation could not be passed that would infringe on that contractual relationship.

Mr. Stevens advised the Committee that a decision must be made on the bill immediately because of deadlines. Mr. Stevens believed the bill should move forward if the Committee was agreeable.

Chairman Arberry requested Committee comments.

Assemblyman Hardy requested clarification on the procedures behind wire transfers and whether it was possible to exclude debit cards and credit cards, thereby removing the question of who would pay the fee.

Assemblywoman McClain was unclear about the original intent of the bill.

Mr. Stevens explained that the amendment requested by the representative of American Express stated "Payments made to a state agency by credit card or debit card, provided the state agency requires the cardholder to pay the fee authorized by *Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS)* 353.1465(3)." Mr. Stevens stated that perhaps he misinterpreted the full intent of the bill and had not communicated the purpose of the amendment clearly to the Legal Division.

Assemblyman Grady explained that financial institutions used wire transfers to move money. The debit card and credit card issue was a separate action unrelated to a wire transfer.

Mr. Stevens noted that the Legal Division had indicated the provision in the amendment also covered the use of electronic checks or electronic payments from checking accounts.

It was Assemblyman Denis' understanding that some customers preferred to pay with a credit card and that was why the provision was written into the bill.

Chairman Arberry suggested that the bill was not clear and was interested to know who sponsored the bill.

Mr. Stevens responded that the bill was an Administration bill and the amendment ([Exhibit G](#)) was originally proposed by Mr. Chris MacKenzie, a representative of American Express.

Ms. Elizabeth Barber, Deputy Budget Director, Department of Administration, testified that the intent of the bill was to provide the capability of electronic wire transfers between institutions. In most instances, customers were not required by the banking institution to pay a fee for wire transfers. Use of credit cards and debit cards were handled differently and merchant fees were involved. The merchant fees could not be eliminated. If a person made a wire transfer over \$10,000 that person would be responsible to the banking institution for the fee.

In response to Chairman Arberry's request, Mr. Stevens stated that there was currently an Amend and Do Pass motion from the Committee. If the Committee was pleased with the amendment as presented, the bill could be reported to the Floor. If there was an alternative to the amendment, Mr. Stevens would meet with the Legal Division and draft a new amendment.

Mr. Hardy preferred to exclude the use of credit cards or debit cards for wire transfers.

Mr. Stevens noted the amendment did not include credit cards or debit cards.

Assemblywoman Gansert pointed out that credit cards and debit cards were not the same as wire transfers. Electronic transfers typically have low or no cost.

Chairman Arberry questioned whether the Committee wanted to accept the amendment as written.

Mr. Hardy approved of the amendment, but pointed out that if there was going to be a fee, the State should not be required to pay. If an electronic check was used and a fee was charged, either the individual or the financial institution should be subject to the fee.

Mr. Stevens advised the Committee that with the approval of the amendment, the bill would be sent to the Floor as Amend and Do Pass.

Assemblyman Parks did not believe the Committee had the authority to approve the amendment.

Mr. Stevens replied that, according to the Legal Division, on wire transfers or electronic payments of checks, it was permissible to charge a fee, but not on credit card or debit card transactions.

Ms. McClain inquired whether the Committee was only reviewing the amendment language.

According to Mr. Stevens, the amendment was drafted from language in an amendment proposed by the American Express representative and from Committee recommendations. After a meeting with the Legal Division the amendment was drafted and presented to the Committee. The Committee had passed the bill with the amendment but had additional questions which Mr. Stevens had taken to the Legal Division. If the Committee approved the amendment, the bill would be taken to the Assembly Floor immediately.

The Committee approved and requested that Mr. Stevens move the bill to the Assembly Floor for consideration.

Chairman Arberry requested the Committee consider Senate Bill 453 (R1).

**Senate Bill 453 (1st Reprint): Revises the provisions relating to problem gambling. (BDR 40-1410)**

Mr. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), reviewed S.B. 453 (R1) for the Committee. The bill, according to Mr. Stevens, contained language to allow for technical adjustments. The Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling would be allowed to expend up to 10 percent (previously 5 percent) of the money received from receipt of funds for administration. Sections 5 and 6 of this bill repealed the prospective expiration of the provision which currently required the Nevada Gaming Commission to deposit in the Account \$2 for each slot machine subject to licensing fees and required the Commission to deposit that amount indefinitely. The action would make the program permanent.

Assemblywoman Leslie stated that, in her opinion, the program appeared valuable and the bill should be passed.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 453 (R1).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

Chairman Arberry requested the Committee consider Senate Bill 557.

**Senate Bill 557: Extends the reversion date of an appropriation made in the 22nd Special Session to the Advisory Council on the State Program for Fitness and Wellness. (BDR S-1466)**

Mr. Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), reviewed S.B. 557 for the Committee. Senator Valerie Wiener had testified before the Committee on the bill which extended the reversion date for the appropriation for the Advisory Council on the State Program for Fitness and Wellness until June 30, 2009.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 557.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblywoman Buckley was not present for the vote.)

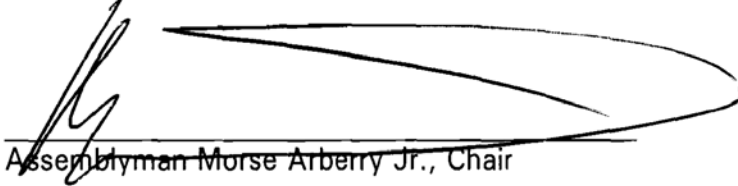
There being no further comments or questions, Chairman Arberry adjourned the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Linda Blevins  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

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<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
Committee Name: <u>Committee on Ways and Means</u>			
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SB 55	C	Jim Lawrence, Division of State Lands	Prepared testimony
SB 55	D	Jim Lawrence, Division of State Lands	Informational Sheet Lake Tahoe Environmental Program Update
SB 125	E	Senator Dean Rhoads	Prepared testimony
AB 584	F	Ginny Lewis, Department of Motor Vehicles	Prepared testimony
SB 517	G	Mark Stevens, Fiscal Division, LCB	Amendment