

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-fourth Session  
May 31, 2007**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Warren B. Hardy II at 12:38 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, 2007, on the Senate Floor of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. There was no Agenda. There was no Attendance Roster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Warren B. Hardy II, Chair  
Senator Bob Beers, Vice Chair  
Senator William J. Raggio  
Senator Randolph J. Townsend  
Senator Dina Titus  
Senator Terry Care  
Senator John J. Lee

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eileen O'Grady, Committee Counsel  
Michael J. Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst  
Olivia Lodato, Committee Secretary

Chair Hardy called a meeting on the Senate Floor for the purpose of discussing Amendment No. 927 to Senate Bill (S.B.) 196.

**SENATE BILL 196 (1st Reprint)**: Revises provisions relating to organizations for the promotion of culture. (BDR 18-548)

Chair Hardy said the amendment added the Boulder City Museum and Historical Association to the list of organizations that were exempt from taxation ([Exhibit A](#)).

SENATOR TOWNSEND MOVED TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 927 TO S.B. 196.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Hardy opened the discussion on Amendment No. 852 to S.B. 222.

**SENATE BILL 222 (2nd Reprint)**: Creates the Nye County Water District.  
(BDR S-317)

Chair Hardy said Amendment No. 852 changed from first degree to third degree of consanguinity or affinity the distance of affiliation a member of the Governing Board of the Nye County Water District must be from a private utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ([Exhibit B](#)).

SENATOR TOWNSEND MOVED TO CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT  
NO. 852 TO S.B. 222.

SENATOR LEE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Hardy opened the discussion on Amendment No. 854 to S.B. 498.

**SENATE BILL 498 (1st Reprint)**: Revises the authority of certain water and improvement districts to borrow money and incur indebtedness.  
(BDR 25-964)

Chair Hardy said Amendment No. 854 to S.B. 498 provided local improvement districts subject to chapter 309 of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) the ability to borrow and incur indebtedness in the same manner as proposed for the Virgin Valley Water District ([Exhibit C](#)).

Senator Beers asked which improvement districts were subject to NRS 309.

Michael J. Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, said Douglas County Sewer Improvement District No. 1 was the only improvement district affected by NRS 309.

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Chair Hardy said he would hold S.B. 498 for further discussion by the Committee.

Chair Hardy opened the discussion on Amendment No. 853 to S.B. 509 ([Exhibit D](#)).

**SENATE BILL 509 (2nd Reprint)**: Makes various changes to provisions relating to state financial administration, the acquisition of property and the construction of public works. (BDR 31-424)

Amendment No. 853 to S.B. 509 clarified which projects required the payment of prevailing wage. Chair Hardy asked the Committee for a motion to do not concur with Amendment No. 853.

SENATOR TOWNSEND MOVED TO NOT CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 853 TO S.B. 509.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS CARE, LEE AND TITUS VOTED NO.)

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Chair Hardy said the next amendment was Amendment No. 1053 to S.B. 517.

**SENATE BILL 517 (2nd Reprint)**: Requires that certain payments to the State of Nevada be made electronically. (BDR 31-633)

Chair Hardy said the amendment allowed electronic payments to the state over \$10,000 by credit or debit card if the fees for the card use were passed along to the payer ([Exhibit E](#)).

SENATOR BEERS MOVED TO NOT CONCUR WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1053 TO S.B. 517.

SENATOR TOWNSEND SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Hardy said the Committee had heard Assembly Bill (A.B.) 445 at an earlier date ([Exhibit F](#)).

ASSEMBLY BILL 445 (2nd Reprint): Revises provisions regarding state personnel. (BDR 23-1048)

SENATOR RAGGIO MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 445.

SENATOR CARE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Hardy adjourned the floor meeting at 12:52 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Olivia Lodato,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Warren B. Hardy II, Chair

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