

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

**Seventy-fourth Session
February 7, 2007**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Warren B. Hardy II at 1:36 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian O'Callaghan, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
Sabra Smith-Newby, Clark County
Ted J. Olivas, City of Las Vegas

Chair Hardy opened the first meeting of the Senate Government Affairs Committee. The first order of business was adoption of Senate Committee on Government Affairs Rules for the 2007 Session ([Exhibit C](#)).

Chair Hardy said Committee rules were the same as last session and asked if there were questions or comments.

SENATOR TOWNSEND MOVED TO ADOPT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS RULES FOR THE 2007 SESSION.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Hardy introduced the Committee staff; Erin Miller, Candice Nye, Olivia Lodato and Maudie Long. He introduced Eileen O'Grady, committee counsel and Michael Stewart, committee policy analyst.

Chair Hardy asked Michael Stewart to present an overview of the Committee.

Michael J. Stewart, Committee Policy Analyst, disclosed as nonpartisan staff he neither advocated passage nor defeat of any legislation. He said the Committee considered numerous bills on topics related to state and local governments. He said the Committee Brief ([Exhibit D](#), original is on file in the Research Library) explained the jurisdictions of the Committee and set forth a schedule for the session. The Committee had jurisdiction over 97 chapters of the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS). Mr. Stewart stated there were 150 bill draft requests (BDR) for the 2007 Legislative Session.

Mr. Stewart referred to a listing of city and county tables in [Exhibit D](#) which highlighted demographic features. He said the information was useful in discussions of areas based on population. Key contact information and the 120-day calendar were also listed in [Exhibit D](#).

Chair Hardy said the key contact list was important information Committee members needed to retain for their use. He noted changes in some of the NRS chapters over which the Committee had jurisdiction.

Chair Hardy opened the discussion on Senate Bill (S.B.) 28.

SENATE BILL 28: Changes the date by which certain metropolitan police departments must annually submit a budget for the operation of a 911 emergency telephone system. (BDR 20-350)

Chair Hardy asked testifiers to come forward and present the bill.

Brian O'Callaghan, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, said S.B. 28 changed the date when the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) submitted a budget for operation of the 911 system to the fiscal affairs committees. He said the date was changed from April 1 to May 1 of each year. The change coincided with the annual deadline for submission of operating budgets by Metro.

Chair Hardy said the dates for submission were changed last session and the budget for operating the 911 system was overlooked. Mr. O'Callaghan said Metro was responsible for the oversight.

Chair Hardy said the Committee appreciated being walked through the bill and given an opportunity to ask questions. He said the main interest of the Committee was having the problem fixed by the bill.

Sabra Smith-Newby, Clark County, spoke in support of the bill.

Ted J. Olivas, City of Las Vegas, said his group also supported the bill.

Chair Hardy closed the hearing on S.B. 28.

SENATOR TOWNSEND MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 28.

SENATOR BEERS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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There being no further business, Chair Hardy adjourned the meeting of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs at 2:04 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Olivia Lodato,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Warren B. Hardy II, Chair

DATE: _____