

## Amendment No. 370

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Bill No. 469

(BDR 35-717)

**Proposed by:** Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

**Amends:** Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

| ASSEMBLY ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date | SENATE ACTION |                          |      |                          | Initial and Date |
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) **blue bold italics** is new language in the original bill; (2) **green bold italic underlining** is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) **green bold** is newly added transitory language.

JRS/TMC



Date: 4/15/2007

A.B. No. 469—Provides for the creation of a state park for the protection of certain paleontologically sensitive sites. (BDR 35-717)



ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 469—ASSEMBLYMEN MORTENSON, ANDERSON, BUCKLEY,  
KOIVISTO, MCCLAIN, PIERCE AND WOMACK

MARCH 19, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,  
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—~~[Provides for the creation of a state]~~ **Requires the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct a study to consider the feasibility of establishing a park for the protection of certain paleontologically sensitive sites.** (BDR ~~(25)~~ S-717)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to ~~[state parks; creating a state park in the Upper Las Vegas Wash]~~ **parks**; requiring the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to conduct a study of the feasibility of **establishing and developing** ~~[the park]~~ **a park in the Upper Las Vegas Wash**; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 **Section 1** ~~[2 of this bill [creates a state park on approximately 315 acres of land owned~~  
2 ~~by the State in the Upper Las Vegas Wash. Section 2 of this bill]]~~ requires the Division of State  
3 Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to work with the  
4 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to conduct a study of the feasibility of **establishing and**  
5 **developing** ~~[the park created in section 1 to contain]~~ **a park in the Upper Las Vegas Wash.**  
6 **Section 1 further requires the study to include a consideration of the feasibility of**  
7 **developing** a museum and a live dig site that the public may visit. **Section 3** of this bill  
8 contains an appropriation for the costs of the study.

1 WHEREAS, The portion of the Upper Las Vegas Wash known as the Tule  
2 Springs Archaeological Site was the site of significant archaeological and  
3 paleontological digs in the 1960s; and

4 WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash is world-famous for its abundant and  
5 well-preserved fossils of extinct animals dating to the latter part of the ice age; and

6 WHEREAS, The fossils found in the Upper Las Vegas Wash range in age from  
7 more than 40,000 years old to 11,000 years old and include remains of extinct  
8 mammoths, ground sloths, giant lions, camels and llamas, giant bison and large and

small horses, as well as abundant small mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish; and

WHEREAS, Study of these fossils could provide significant educational resources to the people of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash is one of the last remnants of untouched desert immediately adjacent to the City of Las Vegas, and thus is an important natural resource for the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Upper Las Vegas Wash should be preserved to ensure the resource is not lost; and

WHEREAS, A ~~state~~ park created in the Upper Las Vegas Wash could become a major attraction for the people of Nevada, bringing national and international tourists to the State in the same way that the La Brea Tar Pits of Los Angeles attract visitors to California; now, therefore,

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** ~~[Chapter 407 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:~~

~~Lot 7, SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 6; and lot 1, the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 7; all in T. 19 S., R. 61 E., M.D.B. & M., containing 315 acres, more or less, are hereby reserved from sale and are set apart for all time for state park and recreational purposes.] (Deleted by amendment.)~~

**Sec. 2.** 1. The Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, shall conduct or cause to be conducted, a study to consider the feasibility of **establishing and developing** ~~the park created by section 1 of this act to contain~~ **a park in the area of Clark County, Nevada, known as the Upper Las Vegas Wash. The study must include, without limitation, a consideration of the feasibility of developing** a museum and a live dig site that is available for the public to visit.

2. The Division may receive and expend money from any public or private institution or person to carry out the provisions of this act.

3. The Administrator of the Division of State Parks may appoint an advisory board consisting of recognized paleontologists from within or without the State of Nevada to assist him in carrying out the study required by subsection 1.

**Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of \$50,000 to be used for the study required by section 2 of this act.

2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

**Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.