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The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Morse Arberry Jr. at 8:08 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2009, in Room 3137 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 5100 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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/75th2009/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; telephone: 775-684-6835).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair
Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin
Assemblyman Mo Denis
Assemblywoman Heidi S. Gansert
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Joseph (Joe) P. Hardy
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan
Assemblywoman Ellen Koivisto
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain
Assemblyman John Ocegüera
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Steve Abba, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Tracy Raxter, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Carol Thomsen, Committee Secretary
Vickie Kieffer, Committee Assistant

Chair Arberry indicated that the Committee would hear testimony regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 188 (R1).

Assembly Bill 188 (1st Reprint): Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to waive certain fees and tuition for certain persons. (BDR 34-915)

Assemblyman Lynn Stewart, Clark County Assembly District No. 22, stated he was present as the sponsor of A.B. 188 (R1). The bill would authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to waive certain fees and tuition for a child, widow, or widower of a person who was killed while serving in the

Nevada National Guard. The bill also authorized the waiver of certain fees and tuition for the spouse or child of a person who was identified as a prisoner of war or missing in action while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Assemblyman Stewart introduced Daniel Klaich, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) to the Committee. He explained that NSHE was currently waiving the fees referred to in A.B. 188 (R1) under current Board of Regents' policy, and the bill would simply codify that action. Assemblyman Stewart indicated that Committee members were in receipt of a letter dated April 7, 2009, from Mr. Klaich regarding the bill, ([Exhibit C](#)).

Mr. Klaich indicated that Assemblyman Stewart had correctly represented the position of NSHE regarding A.B. 188 (R1), and because his letter of April 7, 2009, ([Exhibit C](#)) would be made a part of the record that would conclude his presentation. Mr. Klaich stated that NSHE fully supported the important and very worthwhile bill.

Chair Arberry asked whether A.B. 188 (R1) would result in a fiscal impact on the budget for NSHE. Mr. Klaich reported that NSHE was currently waiving the fees, and there would be no additional fiscal impact created by passage of the bill. The NSHE believed that passage of the bill was the right action for the Legislature to take to codify the waiver of fees in statute.

Chair Arberry informed the Committee that A.B. 188 (R1) had to be considered for action at today's meeting, or the bill would die in Committee. Mr. Klaich encouraged the Committee to move the bill forward.

Chair Arberry asked whether there was further testimony to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 188 (R1), and there being none, the Chair declared the hearing closed.

Chair Arberry indicated that the next bill for consideration before the Committee was Assembly Bill (A.B.) 135.

Assembly Bill 135: Requires the State Treasurer to review and the State Board of Finance to approve certain state financial obligations before the obligations are issued or incurred. (BDR 30-617)

Assemblywoman Leslie stated that since the bill had first been heard by the Committee, some questions had arisen which she felt should be reviewed. She asked Ms. Marshall to come forward and assist the Committee.

Kate Marshall, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer, introduced herself and Mark Winebarger, Chief Deputy Treasurer, to the Committee. Ms. Marshall indicated that previous questions had arisen regarding the costs for legal, financial, and other professional services outlined in the bill. She referred to [Exhibit D](#), which included two amendment options for the bill and an email from Mark Winebarger regarding the fees associated with A.B. 135. Ms. Marshall said the email depicted a review of debt issuances and the costs for financial advisors. She pointed out that the fees varied, and when financial advisors simply provided an initial analysis, the fees would be much less. The email depicted the cost for the services of financial advisors throughout the process up until the Treasurer's Office arranged the issuance or incurrence of a state financial obligation.

Per Ms. Marshall, the fees were quite small in terms of percentages. The Treasurer's Office had included figures in the exhibit for issuances in increments from \$10 million to \$500 million to ensure that the Committee's questions had been addressed.

Assemblywoman Leslie said she wanted to discuss the options presented in [Exhibit D](#) and how those fees should be paid. Questions had been raised that [A.B. 135](#) should clearly depict how the costs for financial advisors would be paid and that there might be a difference in payment method between an approved project and a project that was not approved. Assemblywoman Leslie stated that when a project was approved, the fees could be added as an expense of the project, but she wanted to know what would occur regarding fees when a project was not approved.

Ms. Marshall said if the Legislature approved a project for an agency, a financial analysis then would be conducted that indicated the best financial tool to use in structuring the project, which would be selected by the State Board of Finance. Ms. Marshall indicated that [Exhibit D](#) contained the email that depicted the average costs charged by financial advisors, depending upon the size of the project.

However, said Ms. Marshall, if the Legislature approved a project and the agency asked for a financial analysis, the project could be disapproved because of changes in the stock market or for other reasons. For example, certain projects could not be securitized in today's market because there would be no buyers in the market. Ms. Marshall explained that if the Board of Finance determined that today's market would not support a particular type of financial structure, the project would be delayed, be disapproved, or be returned to the Legislature for further review. If a project was disapproved, Ms. Marshall noted that the financial advisor would have completed the initial analysis, which would cost less than a complete analysis, but the question then arose regarding how to pay the costs for the advisor.

Ms. Marshall said payment of the financial advisor costs would be a decision of the Legislature and, therefore, [Exhibit D](#) depicted two options for Committee consideration. Option number 1 would amend [A.B. 135](#) by adding language to subsection 3 of section 1 of the bill that indicated the costs for financial advisors would be paid as part of the project, and if the project failed, the expenses would be paid by the agency that proposed the project.

The second option, said Ms. Marshall, proposed the establishment of a reserve fund if a project failed, and those funds would be used to pay the costs for the financial advisor. The estimated costs could be as much as \$60,000, and Ms. Marshall said that either the agency could pay that cost, or the Treasurer's Office could spread the cost throughout all accounts, with the General Fund paying as much as \$20,000 of that cost. Ms. Marshall stated that if the Treasurer's Office maintained a reserve fund, once the balance reached \$60,000, that money would remain in the fund until it was used. The Treasurer's Office would roll those funds forward from year-to-year.

Ms. Marshall stated that the two options were offered for consideration by the Committee. She pointed out that the method of payment for costs of legal, financial, and other professional services would be determined by the Legislature.

Assemblywoman Gansert said the language of [A.B. 135](#) indicated that the Treasurer and the Board of Finance would review the issuance of state financial

obligations. However, she pointed out that subsection 2 of section 1 of the bill indicated that the State Treasurer could at any time authorize a state agency to issue the obligation without the approval of the State Board of Finance, and she asked for clarification.

Ms. Marshall stated that the language in subsection 2 of section 1 of the bill would not change the structure that was currently in place regarding the issuance of state financial obligations. She explained that the Legislature established the general obligation bonds or revenue bonds and the amounts that would be issued. Ms. Marshall explained that agencies would then contact the State Treasurer's Office throughout the biennium to issue those obligations; she noted that the process had been established by the Legislature.

Assemblywoman Gansert commented that the discussion appeared to be going in "circles," and perhaps Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff could assist with the language of the bill. Ms. Marshall assured the Committee that the language of the bill was not an attempt by the Treasurer's Office to increase its authority.

Assemblywoman Leslie did not believe that the Treasurer's Office was attempting to increase its authority, but she believed that the language should be clarified. Ms. Marshall stated that her office would work with LCB staff to clarify the language of the bill. Assemblywoman Leslie said she shared the concerns voiced by Assemblywoman Gansert. Assemblywoman Gansert concurred that there should be a change in the language.

Assemblywoman Leslie advised the Committee that the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) had also submitted an amendment to A.B. 135, and she asked Mr. Klaich to provide an explanation.

Daniel Klaich, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer, NSHE, explained that he would withdraw the amendment at today's hearing. He stated that he had "dropped the ball" regarding A.B. 135 and was not present during the bill's initial review by the Committee. Also, Mr. Klaich had failed to speak to the State Treasurer early in the process, but he did have some concerns. Mr. Klaich said he and the Treasurer would work through his concerns.

Assemblywoman Leslie explained that the amendment from NSHE asked that it be exempted from certain issuances, such as lease-purchase or installment agreements. Mr. Klaich said that was correct.

Mr. Klaich pointed out that the concern for the Treasurer was to have an independent financial review of obligations that might have an impact on the state's bond rating and financial obligations, which was understandable. Mr. Klaich thought that the statute would bring in a number of obligations which would not affect the state's bond rating, and that was the issue addressed in the amendment. His concern was that the language of the bill would dip too deeply into the day-to-day operations of NSHE, which was not necessary.

Assemblywoman Leslie asked whether Mr. Klaich would drop NSHE's objection to the bill proceeding at the present time. Mr. Klaich said that he had no objection to the bill proceeding and would not ask the Committee to act on the amendment from NSHE.

Assemblywoman Gansert said it appeared that some agencies currently conducted independent issuances of financial obligations. Ms. Marshall said

the only agency that issued independent financial obligations outside the Treasurer's Office was the Housing Division within the Department of Business and Industry under separate authority and separate statute.

Ms. Marshall explained that A.B. 135 addressed other creative financial tools that were being presented to agencies as a means for those agencies to receive funding to complete projects. The concern was that those presentations were made by underwriters and financial entities that had a vested interest in the particular financial structure that was being offered to agencies. Ms. Marshall stated that those creative financial tools might or might not be in the best financial interest of the state and the state's credit rating. Also, those tools might or might not take into account the other obligations of the state. Ms. Marshall opined that using an independent financial analyst, one that did not have a vested interest in a particular financial tool or a particular outcome, would be better for the state and the "left hand would know what the right hand was doing." Ms. Marshall pointed out that the authority regarding issuance of bonds was quite well defined in the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS), and the Legislature made the decision regarding the amounts for each biennium.

Chair Arberry asked whether there were further questions or testimony to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 135, and there being none, the Chair declared the hearing closed.

Chair Arberry stated that the next bill for Committee consideration was Assembly Bill (A.B.) 214.

Assembly Bill 214: Revises provisions regarding industrial injuries and occupational diseases. (BDR 53-25)

Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell, Assembly District No. 40, explained that the language included in A.B. 214 had passed both houses of the Legislature during the 2007 Session, but the Senate had passed the bill too late on the final night of session, and there had not been sufficient time for the bill to be reported back to the Assembly Floor.

Assemblywoman Parnell stated that A.B. 214 would create parity for all category I peace officers with regard to heart/lung coverage under workers' compensation. She pointed out that the only remaining peace officers who did not fall under category I heart/lung coverage were state park rangers. Assemblywoman Parnell stated that *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 289.260 granted the designation of category I peace officers to park rangers.

Assemblywoman Parnell advised that she was not present today to debate heart/lung workers' compensation coverage, but rather to address the inequity among the current recipients of that coverage. She stated that it seemed only right that all persons who fell under the same category should be eligible for the same benefits.

According to Assemblywoman Parnell, A.B. 214 also addressed the unintended consequences of the reorganization of the Department of Public Safety (DPS) in 2005. As a result of that reorganization, 11 category I peace officers lost their heart/lung workers' compensation coverage. Assemblywoman Parnell explained that A.B. 214 would restore that coverage for those 11 category I peace officers.

Assemblywoman Parnell stated that there were persons present at today's hearing to provide additional information and discuss the fiscal aspects of the bill.

Testifying next was Ronald Dreher, Government Affairs Director, Peace Officers Research Association of Nevada, who thanked Assemblywoman Parnell for again sponsoring the language of A.B. 214. As previously stated by Assemblywoman Parnell, the bill addressed the issue of equity. Mr. Dreher stated that he would also discuss the fiscal aspect.

Mr. Dreher explained that NRS 617.135 was the chapter that defined persons who were or were not eligible for heart/lung workers' compensation coverage. He noted that 11 category I peace officers within the DPS were no longer eligible for that coverage. Mr. Dreher pointed out that because those 11 persons were not specifically listed within the definition of category I peace officers within the NRS, they were no longer eligible for heart/lung coverage, and A.B. 214 would restore that coverage.

Mr. Dreher stated that there were approximately 8,500 law enforcement officers within the State of Nevada, and the largest percentage were category I peace officers. The only category I peace officers that were not included in the heart/lung coverage under NRS 617.135 were the 32 state park rangers from the Division of State Parks and the aforementioned 11 DPS category I peace officers. Mr. Dreher indicated that A.B. 214 would correct that inequity.

According to Mr. Dreher, testimony provided during the 2007 Session by the state Risk Manager indicated that the appropriate departments could absorb the financial costs of the required testing that would allow the aforementioned persons to once again receive heart/lung workers' compensation coverage. The second part of the fiscal note covered the cost for heart/lung physical examinations each year for state park rangers, which would be absorbed by the Division of State Parks, State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Mr. Dreher submitted [Exhibit E](#) to the Committee, which contained his letter in support of A.B. 214 and a pamphlet that described the duties of state park rangers. Mr. Dreher urged the Committee to take favorable action regarding A.B. 214.

Testifying next before the Committee was Robert Holley, President, Park Ranger Association of Nevada. Mr. Holley stated that the bill was about parity, but it was also about wellness and prevention. A large part of the heart/lung and infectious disease workers' compensation coverage involved annual physical examinations, along with counseling and monitoring to prevent and reduce long-term costs to the state. Mr. Holley said that would allow the category I peace officers, who were predisposed to certain cardiovascular illnesses and infectious disease risks, to live longer and healthier lives. Mr. Holley asked the Committee to consider that fact and take favorable action regarding the bill. Mr. Holley submitted a letter in support of A.B. 214 dated April 19, 2009, ([Exhibit F](#)).

Assemblyman Hardy asked the number of the bill that was heard during the 2007 Session. Mr. Holley stated that it was A.B. No. 89 of the 74th Session.

Testifying next before the Committee was Richard Gilbert, Contracts Manager, Department of Public Safety (DPS). Mr. Gilbert testified that he had previously

been the Loss Control Coordinator for the DPS for ten years. During that time, he was the coordinator of the heart/lung program for the DPS category I peace officers.

Mr. Gilbert said he was present on behalf of the DPS to inform the Committee that the DPS supported A.B. 214 and would like to include the aforementioned 11 officers under the heart/lung workers' compensation coverage. He stated that the DPS would be able to absorb the cost of the examinations for those 11 officers into its current budget. Mr. Gilbert stated that the portion of the fiscal note that addressed the approximately \$10,000 needed for expected medical tests and examinations for the 11 officers would be absorbed by the DPS.

The next person to testify before the Committee was Karen Caterino, Risk Manager, Risk Management Division, who stated she would testify regarding the fiscal impact of A.B. 214. Ms. Caterino noted that the bill could create a potential fiscal impact to the Risk Management Division beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2009-2010 in the event a claim was filed. Ms. Caterino said there were currently 31 state park ranger positions excluded from the heart/lung workers' compensation coverage, and the Division agreed that it was an inequity not to include those positions under that coverage. Additionally, said Ms. Caterino, 6 of the 11 DPS officers who would be included under heart/lung coverage were already eligible for benefits based on prior years of service. Having noted the potential fiscal impact, Ms. Caterino stated that at times a bill needed to be supported simply because it was the right action to take, and she was present to voice support for A.B. 214.

Assemblywoman McClain asked whether Ms. Caterino was referring to the possibility of a fiscal impact of \$250,000 to the Division, as depicted in the fiscal note attached to the bill. Ms. Caterino said that was correct. Ms. Caterino stated that she had met with representatives from the DPS as well as the Division of State Parks on April 9, 2009, to discuss and encourage each agency's wellness and prevention initiatives. At that time, it appeared that everyone was "on the same page" regarding those initiatives. Assemblywoman McClain commented that perhaps the state would not have to worry about a \$250,000 claim. Ms. Caterino replied that she could not guarantee that a claim would not be filed and explained that the figure included in the fiscal note was simply an assumption.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether the persons who had made the assumption regarding the fiscal note were present to advise the Committee. Ms. Caterino said that the fiscal note attached to the bill was prepared prior to her selection as the Risk Manager; however, the amount had been actuarially assumed by members of the Risk Management Division. She believed that the fiscal note was clear that the amount was a conservative estimate regarding the category I peace officer positions that would be added under heart/lung benefits. She pointed out that if 1 percent per year of the added positions were to file a claim, the amount of \$250,000 would be the potential cost.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether the percentage of persons actually suffering heart attacks or strokes was used to determine the actuarial cost. Ms. Caterino explained that the fiscal note indicated that out of the eligible officers who would be added to the heart/lung workers' compensation coverage under A.B. 214, if it was assumed that 1 percent of those added officers would file a claim in any given year, the approximate cost of that claim would average \$58,000 to \$100,000 per year. Ms. Caterino said that the projections were based on the budget for the biennium. She explained that the figures did not

address the complete costs over the course of an average claim. She noted that cost of an average claim tended to be much greater over the course of the actual claim.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether the fiscal note addressed only the first biennium. Ms. Caterino stated that was correct. Assemblyman Hardy pointed out that as persons aged they ran additional health risks, and he wondered whether that aspect had been considered actuarially in going forward. Ms. Caterino said that actuarial costs going forward had not been discussed. She explained that she could not predict future claims. The Risk Management Division conservatively estimated the risk of the added officers if one of those officers was to incur a heart attack or use any of the other presumptive benefits under heart/lung or infectious disease coverage, and it occurred within the upcoming biennium.

Assemblyman Hardy said his concern was with the reality that the state would enter into a contract will all positions hired as a category I peace officers in the future, not only for the upcoming biennium. Assemblyman Hardy was concerned that the figures for the contract going forward were not available for the Committee's review.

Ms. Caterino said the figures were based on professional judgment regarding the actual costs of a claim, and she was not able to speak to the budgeting practices for the state, as she was relatively new to her position as the state's Risk Manager. She reiterated that the assumption made in the fiscal note depicted the impact of the additional officers over the upcoming biennium, which the Division had been asked to provide.

Assemblyman Hardy said that, speaking medically, \$58,000 for one claim for a person who suffered a heart attack and/or stroke appeared to be understated. Ms. Caterino qualified that strokes were not covered under the benefit, and the amount only addressed heart/lung disease. Ms. Caterino said the \$50,000 to \$100,000 was the projected amount of one claim per year. The cost would depend upon whether or not the person was retired, and the estimate was based on the events that might occur while a person was actively employed.

Assemblyman Hardy pointed out that persons could retire after suffering an event, and he asked if an officer became medically retired, whether the expenses would come out of a different pool, such as the Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP). Ms. Caterino stated that if a person had an accepted heart/lung benefit, the expenses would be covered by workers' compensation.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether that was a different pool of money. Ms. Caterino explained that the pool of money for workers' compensation was administered through the Risk Management Division for individuals covered under heart/lung benefits. If a person had a health benefit through the Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) and did not have a heart claim, they would also have coverage under PEBP as a retiree.

Testifying next before the Committee was Patrick Sanderson, who stated that he was testifying as a private citizen in support of A.B. 214. Mr. Sanderson explained that one of his best friends was the first category I peace officer to file a claim under the heart/lung workers' compensation benefit. Mr. Sanderson stated that his friend had been involved in a shooting incident while serving as the undersheriff of Mineral County. According to Mr. Sanderson, within a day of the shooting incident, his friend suffered a heart attack because of the stress and ultimately underwent heart bypass surgery.

Mr. Sanderson emphasized that the same type of incident could happen to any peace officer within any division statewide, and A.B. 214 would address that situation. Mr. Sanderson indicated that his friend passed away about four years ago, but he had been a very productive citizen throughout his lifetime because of the medical benefits he received through heart/lung workers' compensation benefits. Mr. Sanderson said that every peace officer deserved the same benefits that were provided to his friend, and he urged the Committee to take favorable action regarding A.B. 214.

Assemblywoman Parnell said the testimony provided by the state's Risk Manager, Ms. Caterino, indicated that the figures included in the fiscal note were really more of a "guesstimate" because there was no way to predict the number of claims that would be filed.

Assemblywoman Parnell said when she first heard that park rangers had been included in statute as category I peace officers, she wondered why that had been done. Assemblywoman Parnell explained that Lahontan State Park in Lyon County had been the site of murders and numerous shooting incidents through the years and had the reputation of being quite "wild" on certain weekends. The park ranger at Lahontan State Park had responded to many incidents that would normally be handled by law enforcement officers in other locations throughout the state.

Assemblywoman Parnell explained that Lyon County was quite large, and there were remote areas that did not have a local police presence. She stated that the park ranger was often the person who received the phone call from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, because he was the closest officer to respond to incidents such as domestic violence. Therefore, said Assemblywoman Parnell, the park ranger was often the officer dealing with issues that would normally be handled by a police officer or sheriff's deputy.

Assemblywoman Parnell said she wanted to put the issue of park rangers in perspective for the Committee and explain why it was one of her passions that park rangers be included in heart/lung workers' compensation benefits. She reiterated that park rangers often found themselves in the same positions as police and other law enforcement officers, who currently had heart/lung coverage under workers' compensation. Assemblywoman Parnell urged the Committee to support A.B. 214.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether anyone had ever reviewed the benefits under the lung category for category I peace officers. Ronald Dreher advised that peace officers, including park rangers, often did not have access to the proper equipment when responding to situations involving possible smoke inhalation. That was the reason that workers' compensation for category I peace officers included heart/lung benefits. Mr. Dreher said that category I peace officers were often the first responders on the scene and took the necessary action regardless of whether or not they were in possession of the proper equipment.

Mr. Dreher provided an example of a suicide scene where he had been the first responder and where there had been blood spattered everywhere. Officers were often exposed to such scenes even though they were not properly equipped. Currently, said Mr. Dreher, the issue was drug labs, and peace officers often did not have the proper equipment to deal with that type of situation.

Vice Chair Leslie asked whether there was further testimony to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 214, and there being none, declared the hearing closed.

Chair Arberry announced that the Committee would hear testimony regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 510.

Assembly Bill 510: Revises various provisions governing the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. (BDR 58-1140)

Assemblyman Conklin stated that A.B. 510 was a product of the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor. The bill was designed primarily to improve the efficiency of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUC) by adding a buffer between the administrative duties and the Commission, which would be accomplished by adding an executive director position. Assemblyman Conklin said the bill contained other revisions to the *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) pertaining to the PUC, but he did not believe those revisions would fiscally affect the PUC.

Assemblyman Conklin explained that the PUC formerly included five Commissioners, and several years ago, that number was reduced to three. The PUC also formerly included a deputy director position, which was ultimately left out of the budget. Assemblyman Conklin indicated that the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor believed that the proposed executive director position was necessary to provide some insulation between staff and the Commission. Assemblyman Conklin said that currently, the Chair of the Commission not only set the agenda and oversaw the functions of the Commission, but also provided oversight for the administrative functions.

Assemblyman Conklin indicated that the Committee on Commerce and Labor felt the PUC would be better served if Commissioners could focus on their job, with a person who reported to the Commissioners providing the oversight for the administrative functions. Assemblyman Conklin explained that the bill would create the position of executive director, which created the fiscal note attached to the bill.

Chair Arberry stated that the Committee's major concern was the source of funding for the proposed executive director position.

Donna Skau, Assistant Commission Secretary, PUC, referenced [Exhibit G](#), which depicted the fiscal effect of A.B. 510. Ms. Skau indicated that the salary for the proposed executive director position was very conservative for an agency the size of the PUC. The salary for the proposed position would be \$106,875, which was comparable to the salary of the Gaming Control Board's Administrative Division chief position. Ms. Skau stated that the Nevada Transportation Authority also had a division administrator position with a salary of \$114,249. Ms. Skau believed that the salary for the PUC's proposed executive director position was very conservative. The PUC estimated that the cost over the biennium would be approximately \$277,000, and the PUC was prepared to absorb that cost, which would result in no impact to ratepayers.

Assemblywoman Leslie asked why the requested position was not included in the budget for the PUC. Ms. Skau explained that the position had been included in the PUC's budget, but had not been included in The Executive Budget. Assemblywoman Leslie asked whether the PUC had requested the position and the Governor chose not to include the position. Ms. Skau stated that was correct.

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether the PUC had included the source of revenue to fund the position in its budget, without new taxes, fees, or a new rate increase. Ms. Skau stated that was correct. Assemblyman Hardy said the PUC had already identified the revenue source to fund the new position, and he asked how the PUC would use the approximately \$277,000 if it were not used to fund the position and whether it could be used for rate reductions. Ms. Skau said she could not determine whether there would be a rate reduction. It was not a large amount of money and would not require a significant adjustment to the ratepayers. Ms. Skau stated that there have been administrative efficiencies experienced by the PUC over the past several years, and those efficiencies had been passed along to all ratepayers. She reported that the PUC had not adjusted its mill assessment upwards, and in fact, the assessment was currently at the lowest historical rate of 1.95 mills, where it had remained for at least two years.

Assemblyman Hardy said if he understood correctly, the concept was that through economies that had been adopted, the funds would be available to fund the position without any adverse financial effects. Ms. Skau stated that was correct.

Assemblywoman Gansert asked about the reserve based on mill assessments, which had been lowered approximately two years ago. She asked whether the Legislature had removed funding from the reserve to address budget shortfalls during the current fiscal year. Ms. Skau replied that the PUC maintained a reserve account, which it had been reducing over the past several years. She explained that the Legislature had removed \$800,000 from the reserve account during special session to address General Fund budget shortfalls. Assemblywoman Gansert asked about the current balance of the PUC reserve fund. Ms. Skau said there was approximately \$3.1 million in the reserve.

Assemblyman Denis disclosed, pursuant to Assembly Rule 23, that he was an employee of the PUC and he would abstain from voting on any matters that pertained to the specific budget of the PUC.

Assemblyman Goicoechea commented that he recognized the need for a buffer between the Commission and the administrative duties. He stated that he had been involved with the PUC over the last two years pertaining to a rate case. He pointed out that it was very difficult for Commissioners to meet with persons who had filed a case and then be required to make a decision regarding that case.

Chair Arberry asked whether the person in Las Vegas wanted to make comments regarding A.B. 510.

Jan Cohen, Commission General Counsel, PUC, said she was present to answer questions from the Committee. For the record, Ms. Cohen stated that the Commissioners supported the concept of the proposed position and believed it would be a very good idea.

Chair Arberry asked whether there was any further testimony to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 510, and there being none, the Chair declared the hearing closed.

The Chair opened discussion regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 193 (R1).

Assembly Bill 193 (1st Reprint): Provides for reporting by certain governmental entities concerning the collection of fees and taxes. (BDR S-243)

Assemblywoman Smith explained that she would address A.B. 193 (R1) on behalf of Assemblywoman Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County Assembly District No. 1, who was unable to be present at today's hearing.

Assemblywoman Smith stated that A.B. 193 (R1) had been heard by the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs and was very straightforward. Section 1 of the bill listed the various Departments that would be required to report information regarding taxes and fees that were owed, but had not been collected, to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC).

Assemblywoman Smith indicated that section 2 of the bill required the Commission on Economic Development to provide similar reports regarding abatements that had been granted and the impact on the state created by those abatements.

Assemblywoman Smith said she had worked with Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) staff over the interim to collect information regarding taxes and abatements. She found the process of collecting information very difficult because agencies used various methods of collecting data, and an overall report did not exist. Assemblywoman Smith said A.B. 193 (R1) would simply require that the various departments collect and report that information back to the Legislature. She believed that would provide better accountability and transparency of the process and would provide the Legislature with necessary information for future legislative sessions and budget development. Assemblywoman Smith urged the Committee to act favorably regarding A.B. 193 (R1).

Assemblyman Hardy asked whether there was a similar obligation that counties also provide the information. Assemblywoman Smith said that the bill did not require additional information from counties, other than the information counties were already required to provide to the Department of Taxation. She stated that as she worked with LCB staff over the interim, securing information from local governments was very difficult because as staff requested the information, some local governments responded and some did not.

Assemblywoman Gansert said that she had also looked for tax information, and she believed that A.B. 193 (R1) would make the process much easier, and she appreciated the bill.

Assemblyman Goicoechea commented that the Department of Taxation was already required to report to the Legislature, and the Department should capture most of the local government information.

Assemblywoman Smith agreed that the Department captured local government numbers, but there was a great deal of information regarding abatements that was not included. Attempting to determine what abatements had been issued and the impact on the state was very difficult. Assemblyman Goicoechea agreed, but he stated if a local government was abating a tax, particularly property tax, that should be accounted for.

Chair Arberry asked whether there was further testimony to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 193 (R1), and there being none, the Chair declared the hearing closed.

The Chair opened discussion of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 534.

Assembly Bill 534: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Office for Consumer Health Assistance in the Office of the Governor for unanticipated shortfalls in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 for the Bureau for Hospital Patients. (BDR S-1249)

Andrew Clinger, Director, Department of Administration and Budget Division, explained that A.B. 534 would provide a supplemental appropriation for the Office for Consumer Health Assistance. The need for the supplemental was identified in a Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) audit that found that Bureau for Hospital Patients funds had covered General Fund expenses in fiscal year (FY) 2005. Mr. Clinger explained that the supplemental appropriation would correct the funding in the amount of \$181,169.

Chair Arberry asked whether there were comments from Las Vegas. Valerie Rosalin, Director, Office for Consumer Health Assistance, stated that Mr. Clinger had properly addressed the issue.

Assemblywoman Buckley stated that she had no concerns with the bill. She said that she read a newspaper article earlier in the week that quoted Mr. Clinger as stating that legislators were "making up numbers" regarding the deficit. Assemblywoman Buckley commented that the numbers provided by LCB staff included those within The Executive Budget, which accounted for the difference. She stated that the Legislature did not make up numbers to skew the issues one way or another.

Assemblywoman Buckley remarked that times were extremely difficult and both the Legislature and the Budget Division were aware of the situation. She stated that all entities needed to work together to determine the true numbers so that people in Nevada would understand the decisions facing the Legislature. Assemblywoman Buckley recognized that at times the press misconstrued comments, and perhaps the article was not true. However, she felt it was a good opportunity to clear the air, because she had been completely "blindsided" when she received a call, and the person advised her that Mr. Clinger had stated that the Legislature was "playing with the numbers."

Mr. Clinger emphasized that he would never say the Legislature or LCB staff were making up numbers. That certainly was not his intent, and if his comments appeared that way in the article, Mr. Clinger extended his apologies to the Committee and the Legislature. Mr. Clinger stated that was not his intent when the press called and asked about the differences in the numbers. He explained that it was simply the way the numbers were displayed in The Executive Budget versus how the numbers were displayed by the Legislature, and he attempted to explain that when numbers were moved around, it appeared quite different. Mr. Clinger reiterated that he had not, at any time, stated that he felt the numbers were "made up" or that there was some sort of manipulation on the part of the Legislature or its staff.

Assemblywoman Buckley appreciated Mr. Clinger's explanation. She stated that LCB staff prepared information for the Legislature in the same fashion each session. She pointed out that when the Legislature was contemplating budget shortfalls, it started with numbers in The Executive Budget, including the room tax revenue, to calculate the budget shortfalls.

Assemblywoman Buckley indicated that there were several sets of legitimately produced numbers that were used in advising the public about the budget

shortfalls. She believed it was very important to realize how dire the situation had become. Assemblywoman Buckley commented that disagreeing over numbers distracted from the message about what the Legislature was attempting to do to save the state. She felt all entities should be very clear with the public about the crisis facing the state and the action contemplated by the Legislature in trying to address the situation.

Chair Arberry asked whether there were further comments to come before the Committee regarding A.B. 534, and there being none, the Chair closed the hearing.

Chair Arberry declared the Committee in recess at 9:10 a.m., and called the Committee back to order at 9:32 a.m., at which time he advised that the Committee would review bills for possible action.

The Chair opened the hearing regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 13.

Assembly Bill 13: Revises provisions governing expenditures by school districts for textbooks, instructional supplies and instructional hardware. (BDR 34-295)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), called the Committee's attention to [Exhibit H](#), a proposed amendment to A.B. 13. Mr. Stevens advised that the Committee had originally reviewed the bill in March 2009. The bill would allow school districts to obtain a waiver of the textbook requirement when certain conditions were met. Mr. Stevens explained that the waiver would not be permanent, but rather would remain in effect for one fiscal year.

Currently, said Mr. Stevens, there was no waiver provision for the textbook requirement. He stated that the Committee would hear two bills related to textbook instruction supply requirements within the Distributive School Account (DSA).

Basically, said Mr. Stevens, funding for textbooks, instructional supplies, and instructional hardware were "fenced-off" within the DSA, and school districts were required to spend a specific amount of money to receive that funding. If the school districts failed to spend the required amount of money, their allocation from the DSA would be reduced.

Mr. Stevens explained that A.B. 13 would provide a waiver from that requirement under certain circumstances. An amendment was proposed when the bill was initially considered by the Committee, and that amendment was depicted in [Exhibit H](#). Mr. Stevens asked the Committee to also consider amending paragraph (a) of subsection 8 of Section 1, by removing the word "actual," so that the language would read, "Projections of revenue....," rather than, "Projections of *actual* revenue...." Mr. Stevens suggested that Assemblywoman Smith address the amendments included in [Exhibit H](#).

Assemblywoman Smith stated that the 25th Special Session generated concerns regarding emergency situations and situations of economic hardships facing school districts, which was the basis for the original bill. She indicated that the proposed amendment, ([Exhibit H](#)), addressed her concern regarding language within the original bill that designated the State Board of Examiners as the prevailing decision-maker regarding those waivers. Assemblywoman Smith believed that the waivers from school districts should also be reviewed by the Interim Finance Committee (IFC). Assemblywoman Smith believed that, as

policy makers, the Legislature should weigh in on decisions regarding the economic hardships facing school districts.

Assemblywoman Smith asked Mr. Stevens whether the provision regarding review of waivers by the State Board of Examiners should remain as part of the bill when language requiring review by the IFC was added. She said she did not feel that would be problematic, and her only concern was that the IFC be involved in the decision-making process regarding school district waivers based on economic hardships.

Mr. Stevens believed that should be a decision of the Committee. He explained that waiver requests would be submitted to the Department of Education and the current language of the bill would then submit the waivers for final review by the State Board of Examiners. The amendment as depicted in [Exhibit H](#) would instruct the Superintendent of Public Instruction to approach the IFC for approval of the waivers.

Mr. Stevens said the concern was that if the waivers had to be approved by both the State Board of Examiners and the IFC, it would significantly delay the process. One possibility was that the request for waivers be forwarded from the Department of Education to both the State Board of Examiners and the IFC at the same time. Mr. Stevens explained that LCB staff could then place the waivers on the next scheduled meeting of the IFC. Mr. Stevens stated that the State Board of Examiners met once per month, and he did not feel the process would cause a significant delay in review of the waivers; he noted that IFC met approximately once every two months, which could delay the process somewhat. However, said Mr. Stevens, the Committee would undoubtedly be more comfortable if IFC was involved in the waiver decision process.

Assemblywoman Smith commented that the Committee should be aware that waivers should not occur frequently, and it was hoped that economic hardships would not be a common occurrence for school districts. She said the current economic downturn made it clear that there should be a process in place whereby school districts could submit waivers. Assemblywoman Smith did not believe the process would be too onerous if the Department of Education submitted the waivers simultaneously to the State Board of Examiners and the IFC. Assemblywoman Smith said that personally, she did not want to omit the Legislature from the decision-making process.

Assemblyman Hardy also liked the concept of submitting waivers to both the State Board of Examiners and the IFC. He felt that concurrent referrals, which required both entities to sign off on the waivers, irrespective of the action taken by the other entity, would be the proper process.

Mr. Stevens suggested that the Superintendent of Public Instruction send the waivers to both the State Board of Examiners and the IFC at the same time. That would allow LCB staff to place the waivers on the agenda for the IFC; he also noted that the State Board of Examiners could call a special meeting to approve Contingency Fund allocations or other items that required approval by the IFC. Mr. Stevens believed that sending the waivers to both entities would save time, rather than waiting for approval by the State Board of Examiners and then scheduling the waiver for review by the IFC.

Chair Arberry called for a motion regarding A.B. 13.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS A. B. 13 WITH THE AMENDMENT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT HARDSHIP WAIVERS FROM SCHOOL DISTRICTS SIMULTANEOUSLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS AND THE INTERIM FINANCE COMMITTEE (IFC). THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO REMOVE THE WORD "ACTUAL" FROM PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBSECTION 8 OF SECTION 1 OF THE BILL TO READ, "PROJECTIONS OF REVENUE," RATHER THAN, "PROJECTIONS OF *ACTUAL* REVENUE."

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Arberry stated that the Committee would consider possible action regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 14.

Assembly Bill 14: Revises provisions governing testing and reporting of results of pupils. (BDR 34-294)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), explained that Assemblywoman Parnell testified before the Committee on behalf of A.B. 14 on April 6, 2009. The bill was a K-12 education bill that involved measuring the achievement of pupils. He noted that there had not been significant discussion regarding the bill by the Committee.

Assemblywoman Smith stated that A.B. 14 would allow the Department of Education to develop a model for measuring student growth in test data. The Committee heard testimony from Keith Rheault, Ph.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education, that the current System of Accountability Information in Nevada (SAIN) would allow the Department to develop the model. Assemblywoman Smith indicated that it was an important idea to measure student growth when student outcome and achievement was reviewed. Testimony before the Committee indicated that the bill would not create a need for additional staff or funding and would only require the authorization for the Department to begin development of the necessary model. Assemblywoman Smith believed that A.B. 14 would allow the Department to measure accountability through the growth of its students.

Chair Arberry called for a motion regarding A.B. 14.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 14.

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Arberry opened discussion regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 135.

Assembly Bill 135: Requires the State Treasurer to review and the State Board of Finance to approve certain state financial obligations before the obligations are issued or incurred. (BDR 30-617)

Assemblywoman Leslie stated that the bill was heard by the Committee on Monday, April 6, 2009, and again today. The bill would require independent financial analysis of public/private partnerships to protect the interests of the state in such partnerships. Assemblywoman Leslie explained that amendments to the bill were submitted during the meeting on April 6, 2009, and the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) had withdrawn its amendment today. Other issues included clarification of the language as requested by Assemblywoman Gansert, and the options offered for consideration by the Treasurer's Office, ([Exhibit D](#)).

Assemblywoman Leslie indicated that the options included in the exhibit addressed the payment of professional costs when projects were not approved. Assemblywoman Leslie suggested that the Committee select option number 1, which stated that if a project was approved, the costs for independent financial analysis would be paid as an expense of the project. However, if the project failed, the amendment would add paragraph (c) to subsection 3 of section 1 of the bill that indicated that costs incurred for the financial analyst would be paid by the agency that proposed the project.

Assemblywoman Leslie believed Committee members would prefer that option because the state would not be required to pay the costs for failed projects. Assemblywoman Leslie stated that Assemblywoman Gansert would discuss her issue with the language of the bill.

Assemblywoman Gansert stated that the language in subsection 2 of section 1, of the bill was somewhat circuitous and provided an opportunity for an agency to contact the Treasurer's Office for authorization to issue the obligation without the approval of the State Board of Finance. She believed that agencies should go through both the Treasurer's Office and the State Board of Finance, as a check on the system.

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), said as he understood Assemblywoman Gansert's request, subsection 2 of section 1 of the bill would include the State Board of Finance approval as well as approval by the Treasurer. Assemblywoman Gansert stated that was correct.

Chair Arberry called for a motion regarding A.B. 135.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS A.B. 135, INCLUDING THE THREE AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 6, 2009, AND THE ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT REQUESTED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN GANSERT TO ADDRESS THE LANGUAGE INCLUDED IN SUBSECTION 2 OF SECTION 1 OF THE BILL. THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE OPTION 1 AS PRESENTED BY THE STATE TREASURER, [EXHIBIT D](#), WHICH STATED THAT THE PROPOSER OF THE PROJECT WOULD PAY THE COSTS INCURRED SHOULD THE PROJECT FAIL, AND THE COSTS INCURRED FOR AN APPROVED PROJECT WOULD BE PAID AS AN EXPENSE OF THE PROJECT.

ASSEMBLYMAN GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Arberry opened discussion regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 188 (R1).

Assembly Bill 188 (1st Reprint): Authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to waive certain fees and tuition for certain persons. (BDR 34-915)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated that the bill had been presented today by Assemblyman Lynn Stewart, and Daniel Klaich, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer, Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE), and would waive university fees for certain persons.

Chair Arberry called for a motion regarding A.B. 188 (R1).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 188 (R1).

ASSEMBLYMAN DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Chair opened discussion of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 193 (R1).

Assembly Bill 193 (1st Reprint): Provides for reporting by certain governmental entities concerning the collection of fees and taxes. (BDR S-243)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated that the bill was presented to the Committee today by Assemblywoman Smith, and provided for reporting requirements to the Interim Finance Committee (IFC), involving tax abatements.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SMITH MOVED TO DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 193 (R1).

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Arberry advised the Committee that he would accept a motion regarding Assembly Bill (A.B.) 414.

Assembly Bill 414: Makes various changes to the requirements for emissions inspections of certain vehicles. (BDR 40-821)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 414.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The Chair opened discussion of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 429.

Assembly Bill 429: Revises provisions governing the required minimum expenditures for textbooks, instructional supplies and instructional hardware. (BDR 34-855)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), stated that A.B. 429 also addressed the minimum expenditures for textbooks, instructional supplies, and hardware in the funding "fenced off" for textbooks. Mr. Stevens explained that school districts were currently required to expend the minimum amount of money for those items to receive the funds from the Department of Education. However, said Mr. Stevens, if school districts expended more than the required amount, they were then required to pay the increased amount throughout both fiscal years of the biennium. The bill would index the amount that each school district was required to expend for textbooks and instructional supplies, and if the school district exceeded that amount within a particular year, it would not be required to expend the same amount in the subsequent fiscal year. The amount would be indexed by enrollment and the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Chair Arberry called for a motion regarding A.B. 429.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 429.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Assembly Bill 510: Revises various provisions governing the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada. (BDR 58-1140)

Chair Arberry asked Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), to exempt Assembly Bill (A.B.) 510. Mr. Stevens reported that A.B. 510 could be exempted because of the request for an executive director position.

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The Chair opened discussion of Assembly Bill (A.B.) 533.

Assembly Bill 533: Makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for unanticipated shortfalls in Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in certain tax revenue. (BDR S-1251)

Mark Stevens, Assembly Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), explained that A.B. 533 contained the supplemental appropriation for the Distributive School Account (DSA). Mr. Stevens recommended that the Committee pass the bill today; he explained that the Department of Education needed the funding by the end of April 2009, so it could distribute DSA funds to the school districts. Mr. Stevens stated that A.B. 533 included a supplemental appropriation of \$329.3 million, which had

been reviewed by staff, and the numbers differed depending on which sales tax numbers were used. Mr. Stevens recommended that the amount included in the bill be amended to \$323,802,183.

The Chair called for a motion regarding A.B. 533.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
A.B. 533 AMENDING THE AMOUNT TO \$323,802,183.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN LESLIE SECONDED THE MOTION.

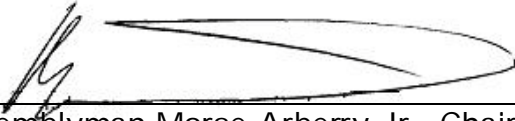
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Arberry declared the meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carol Thomsen
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:



Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., Chair

DATE: _____

<u>EXHIBITS</u>			
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AB 188	C	Daniel Klaich, NSHE	Letter of 4/7/09
AB 135	D	Kate Marshall, St. Treasurer	Amendment options
AB 214	E	Ronald Dreher, Peace Officers Research Assoc.	Testimony & Brochure
AB 214	F	Rob Holley, President, Park Ranger Assoc.	Testimony
AB 510	G	Donna Skau, PUC	Fiscal Effect of AB 510
AB 13	H	Mark Stevens, LCB	Amendment to AB 13