

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-Sixth Session
May 20, 2011**

The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick at 9:44 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2011, in Room 3143 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4406 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/76th2011/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:

Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick, Chair
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblyman John Ellison
Assemblywoman Lucy Flores
Assemblyman Ed A. Goedhart
Assemblyman Pete Livermore
Assemblyman Harvey J. Munford
Assemblywoman Dina Neal
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst
Cynthia Carter, Committee Manager
Jenny McMenomy, Committee Secretary
Olivia Lloyd, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Kirkpatrick:

[Roll called. Quorum was present.] We are going to take up our work session. We will start with Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint): Makes various changes relating to job creation within the Nevada construction industry. (BDR 18-935)

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 192 (1st Reprint) was sponsored by Senators Horsford and Kihuen and Assemblymen Ocegüera and Smith and was heard in this Committee on April 28, 2011. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit C](#)).]

Chair Kirkpatrick:

I have a lot of concerns with the policy that is put on this. Senator Horsford asked if he could have more time to work on it. There is a fiscal note. The appropriate motion would be to send it to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means without recommendation.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART MOVED TO REREFER TO
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
SENATE BILL 192 (1st REPRINT) AMEND, BUT WITHOUT
RECOMMENDATION.

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will move on to Senate Bill 233 (1st Reprint).

Senate Bill 233 (1st Reprint): Establishes the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination and Management in the Department of Administration. (BDR 18-1058)

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 233 (1st Reprint) was sponsored by Senators Parks and Horsford and Assemblymen Ocegüera, Conklin, Brooks, and Hansen. It was heard in this Committee on May 10, 2011. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).] This bill is a conceptual amendment which would be a substitution in its entirety for S.B. 233 (R1), which would now consist of a provision that is outlined and would create three new grant writer positions in the Department of Administration. It is a little bit of a trim down of S.B. 233 (R1) with a focus on writing state grants. The priorities of the bill have changed to mirror the priorities in Assembly Bill 172. The priorities are the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nevada State Office of Energy, and economic development.

The second part of the bill would be to change the thresholds for the Interim Finance Committee's (IFC) review of work program changes. The threshold would go from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for an individual item and from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the aggregate number. The threshold for IFC review of gifts is proposed to be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The proposed threshold for review of grants would increase to \$150,000. Item four of the bill would be to replace current *Nevada Revised Statutes* (NRS) 353.345 with a provision that allows a state agency to hold a public hearing that is required in connection with receipt of a block grant from the federal government at an IFC hearing, or the state agency may hold the public hearing, provided it complies with the open meeting law. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit D](#)), page 4.] This will allow the initial implementation activities to go concurrently with the IFC process, which would streamline implementation of the grants.

Chair Kirkpatrick:

This was part of a Spending and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission recommendation. We took all of their bills. The Office of the Governor has agreed that this would be the vehicle. There are some names that need to be amended onto this bill. If there are any Committee members that would like their name amended onto this bill, we can make that adjustment. Assemblywoman Smith, Senator Kieckhefer, and Assemblyman Hardy need to be added onto this bill. They all had bills that were similar in nature. There were a total of 11 bills. We tried to condense them over time and get to this consensus. We have worked with them on this issue. This is what they

wanted. There were some concerns on the threshold. They have found a balance that works for everyone. The Governor is fine with the amendment.

ASSEMBLYMAN ANDERSON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 233 (1st REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

We will move onto Senate Bill 445.

Senate Bill 445: Allows the Office of the Military to collect rent for the use of its facilities. (BDR 36-1205)

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 445 was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Finance on behalf of the Division of Budget and Planning. It was heard in this Committee on May 18, 2011. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit E](#)).]

ASSEMBLYMAN LIVERMORE MOVED TO DO PASS
SENATE BILL 445.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Kirkpatrick:

We will move on to Senate Bill 392.

Senate Bill 392: Creates the Nevada Advisory Committee on Intergovernmental Relations as a statutory committee. (BDR 19-169)

Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst:

Senate Bill 392 was sponsored by the Senate Committee on Government Affairs on behalf of the Committee to Study Powers Delegated to Local Governments. It was heard in this Committee on May 2, 2011. [Read from work session document ([Exhibit F](#)).]

Chair Kirkpatrick:

I served on the interim government affairs committee where we talked about home rule. I did not agree with having yet another committee to have local governments come together and talk; however, they did make great

progress during the interim. I do not have as much heartburn about this as I used to. If they can keep accomplishing things and have people work together, I do support that. [There was no motion.] I did not see a motion so we will take it back to the Committee. At this time we will go to recess.

[The Committee recessed behind the bar of the Assembly at 9:57 a.m.]
[The Committee reconvened at 1:07 p.m.]

Chair Kirkpatrick discussed Senate Bill 432 and the proposed amendment.

Senate Bill 432: Revises provisions governing governmental financing.
(BDR 32-538)

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 432.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Committee recessed at 1:10 p.m.]

[The Committee reconvened behind the bar of the Assembly at 3:52 p.m.
Chair Kirkpatrick discussed Senate Bill 214 (R1) and the proposed amendment.]

Senate Bill 214 (1st Reprint): Requires the Department of Transportation to establish a demonstration project for a toll road in connection with the Boulder City Bypass Project. (BDR S-842)

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS
SENATE BILL 214 (1st REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN GOEDHART SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN FLORES, MUNFORD,
NEAL, PIERCE, STEWART, AND WOODBURY WERE ABSENT FOR
THE VOTE.)

[The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jenny McMenomy
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick, Chair
DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Government Affairs

Date: May 20, 2011

Time of Meeting: 9:44 a.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
S.B. 192 (R1)	C	Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Document
S.B. 233 (R1)	D	Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Document
S.B. 445	E	Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Document
S.B. 392	F	Susan Scholley, Committee Policy Analyst	Work Session Document