MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Seventy-Sixth Session May 7, 2011

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Tick Segerblom at 8:12 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011, in Room 3142 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 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:

Assemblyman Tick Segerblom, Chair
Assemblywoman Lucy Flores, Vice Chair
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin
Assemblyman Richard (Skip) Daly
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea
Assemblyman Tom Grady
Assemblyman Pat Hickey
Assemblyman William C. Horne
Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick
Assemblyman Richard McArthur
Assemblyman John Oceguera
Assemblyman James Ohrenschall
Assemblywoman Debbie Smith
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman Cresent Hardy (excused)

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GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathy Steinle, GIS Manager, Information Technology Services Patrick Guinan, Committee Policy Analyst Eileen O'Grady, Committee Counsel Terry Horgan, Committee Secretary Michael Smith, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vicenta Montoya, representing Sí Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus

Chair Segerblom:

[Roll was taken.] Today we are having a work session on <u>Assembly Bill 566</u> and <u>Assembly Bill 567</u>. Ms. Kathy Steinle is going to present an amendment (Exhibit C) to the first bill, A.B. 566.

Assembly Bill 566: Revises the legislative districts from which members of the Senate and Assembly are elected and revises the districts from which Representatives of Congress are elected. (BDR 17-1287)

Kathy Steinle, GIS Manager, Information Technology Services:

I am going to quickly cover what the proposed amendment does to the bill. Yesterday, we were notified of an address change for Senator Gustavson. In the map on the screen (Exhibit D) you can see the area he was living in; his former address is represented by a blue star. His current address is represented by the gold star. You can see the changes on the map and how this Washoe County district has changed. The Assembly plan (Exhibit E) has also been affected because of the nested districts. Senate Districts 17 and 18 were affected, as were Assembly Districts 25, 30, 31, and 32. Assembly Districts 30 and 31 are combined to create Senate District 17, and Assembly Districts 25 and 32 are combined to create Senate District 18.

Looking at the population numbers for the Senate plan, you will see the numbers change only for Senate Districts 17 and 18 in your tables (Exhibit F). The deviation changed a little bit, because the largest positive deviation changed from 0.37 percent to 0.48 percent, so now the overall deviation range is 0.93 percent. For the Assembly population numbers, you will see the

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changes only in Assembly Districts 31 and 32, but it did not affect the overall range in the deviations.

Chair Segerblom:

Are there any questions? [There was no response.] Did you check to see if this address change affected the Republican plan for the Assembly districts?

Kathy Steinle:

We have notified the Republicans of the change, but I do not know for sure whether it affects their plans.

Chair Segerblom:

We have two bills, which are mutually exclusive. We can talk about <u>A.B. 566</u>, which is the Democrat plan, and <u>A.B. 567</u>, which is the Republican plan; however, we are going to vote only one of them out. If one passes, then there is no point having a vote on the second one. Does anyone want to talk about either A.B. 566 or A.B. 567? [There was no response.]

All the maps and information about both bills are on the Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System (NELIS), so there is a record if anyone wants to look at it.

Mr. Speaker, do you have a motion?

ASSEMBLYMAN OCEGUERA MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 566.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN FLORES SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HICKEY, MCARTHUR, AND STEWART VOTED NO. ASSEMBLYMAN HARDY WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

Because we passed A.B. 566, there is no point trying to vote on A.B. 567.

Assembly Bill 567: Revises the legislative districts from which members of the Senate and Assembly are elected and revises the districts from which Representatives of Congress are elected. (BDR 17-1288)

[This bill was not heard.]

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Chair Segerblom:

Is there any public comment?

Vicenta Montoya, representing Sí Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus:

This is in regard to redistricting and the maps. We were here yesterday for the joint meeting, and I know it continued late into the night. We were also here the previous day, but I did not have an opportunity to comment then either. I have a written statement that I will submit to both the Senate and the Assembly.

With respect to the maps that have been submitted, we believe both sets of maps for the congressional districts are seriously deficient and ask that they be reconsidered. My written comments (Exhibit G) will go into more detail. My primary concern is that there be compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, and that a good faith effort be made to achieve Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Communities of interest need to be taken into consideration. Thank you very much.

Chair Segerblom:

Please be sure your statement is handed to staff in Las Vegas, and we will be sure it is entered into the record.

Vicenta Montoya:

I also have a new map to be considered (Exhibit H). It has already been submitted and is on NELIS.

Chair Segerblom:

All right, with no further public comment, we are adjourned [at 8:24 a.m.].

	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
APPROVED BY:	Terry Horgan Committee Secretary
Assemblyman Tick Segerblom, Chair	
DATE:	

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Date: May 7, 2011 Time of Meeting: 8:12 a.m.

Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	Α		Agenda
	В		Attendance Roster
A.B.	С	Kathy Steinle	Proposed Amendment
566			
A.B.	D	Kathy Steinle	Revised Maps of Senate
566			Districts
A.B.	E	Kathy Steinle	Revised Map of Assembly
566			Districts
A.B.	F	Kathy Steinle	Population Numbers for
566			Revised Senate and
			Assembly Districts Plans
A.B.	G	Vicenta Montoya	Written Comments
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A.B.	Н	Vicenta Montoya	Map and Demographics
566			