

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Seventy-Sixth Session  
March 28, 2011**

The Assembly Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chairwoman Debbie Smith at 11:10 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2011 behind the bar of the Assembly. Copies of the minutes 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/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/76th2011/committees/).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Chairwoman  
Assemblyman Marcus Conklin, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman David P. Bobzien  
Assemblyman Kelvin Atkinson  
Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton  
Assemblyman Pete Goicoechea  
Assemblyman Tom Grady  
Assemblyman John Hambrick  
Assemblyman Crescent Hardy  
Assemblyman Pat Hickey  
Assemblyman Joseph M. Hogan  
Assemblyman Randy Kirner  
Assemblywoman April Mastroluca  
Assemblyman John Ocegüera

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Assemblyman Paul Aizley

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rick Combs, Assembly Fiscal Analyst  
Patricia Adams, Committee Manager  
Connie Davis, Lead Secretary  
Cynthia Wyett, Committee Assistant

Chairwoman Smith explained that the Committee had 44 Bill Draft Requests (BDR's) to introduce.

ASSEMBLYMAN BOBZIEN MOVED FOR A BLANKET INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET BILL DRAFT REQUESTS.

**BDR S-1244** — Makes an appropriation to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for the completion of the takeover phase of the Medicaid Management Information System. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 480](#).)

**BDR S-1250** — Makes an appropriation to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety to replace certain fleet vehicles. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 481](#).)

**BDR S-1234** — Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a required payment of compensatory time. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 482](#).)

**BDR S-1225** — Makes a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for unanticipated shortfalls in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 in certain tax revenue. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 483](#).)

**BDR S-1245** — Makes an appropriation to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the State Treasurer for interest payments due the Federal Government for the loan that was made available to the State upon depletion of Nevada's Unemployment Compensation Fund. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 484](#).)

**BDR S-1241** — Makes an appropriation to the Department of Administration for the Nevada Broadband Task Force. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 485](#).)

**BDR S-1246** — Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement of critical equipment. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 486](#).)

**BDR S-1242** — Makes an appropriation to the State Board of Examiners for employee retirement buyouts and terminal leave payments for eliminated positions. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 487](#).)

**BDR S-1180** — Delays prospective change in allocation of proceeds from certain room taxes. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 488](#).)

**BDR 16-1206** — Revises provisions governing compensation for travel expenses for certain persons employed at certain correctional institutions or facilities within this State. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 489](#).)

**BDR S-1240** — Makes an appropriation to the Legislative Fund for major computer projects for the Legislative Counsel Bureau. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 490](#).)

**BDR S-1248** — Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for major repair and renovation work on certain crew carriers. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 491](#).)

**BDR S-1239** — Makes appropriations to the Legislative Fund for dues to national organizations. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 492](#).)

**BDR S-1179** — Provides a temporary waiver from certain minimum expenditure requirements for school districts, charter schools and university schools for profoundly gifted pupils. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 493](#).)

**BDR S-1267** — Makes appropriations to restore the balances in the State Claims Account, Emergency Account, Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account and Contingency Fund. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 494](#).)

**BDR S-1247** — Makes an appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for necessary services and equipment to transition the State's Very High Frequency radio system from wideband to narrowband in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission mandate. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 495](#).)

**BDR S-1176** — Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Budget and Planning Division of the Department of Administration for increased costs of the single audit. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 496](#).)

**BDR S-1226** — Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry for an unanticipated shortfall in Fiscal Year 2010-2011. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 497](#).)

**BDR 34-1174** — Eliminates the requirement for the administration of norm-referenced examinations in public schools. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 498](#).)

- BDR 31-1171** — Authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to transfer sums appropriated to the Department among the various budget accounts of the Department under certain circumstances. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 499](#).)
- BDR 41-1165** — Temporarily revises distribution of revenue from certain licensing fees for slot machines. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 500](#).)
- BDR 50-1208** — Revises certain provisions governing the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 515](#).)
- BDR 46-1207** — Transfers the Division of Minerals from the Commission on Mineral Resources to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 516](#).)
- BDR 31-1164** — Revises provisions governing the proposed budget for the Executive Department of the State Government. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 517](#).)
- BDR 18-1224** — Consolidates the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry within the Housing Division of the Department. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 518](#).)
- BDR 18-1157** — Makes various changes relating to the Office for Consumer Health Assistance. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 519](#).)
- BDR 1-1168** — Revises provisions relating to the payment of compensation for and expenses of court-appointed attorneys. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 520](#).)
- BDR 57-1189** — Consolidates certain funds and accounts of the Division of Insurance of the Department of Business and Industry into the Fund for Insurance Administration and Enforcement. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 521](#).)
- BDR S-1211** — Authorizes the issuance of bonds for projects and programs to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this State. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 522](#).)
- BDR 23-1188** — Revises provisions relating to the coverage of dependents under the health care plans of the State and local governments. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 523](#).)

**BDR 54-1199** — Increases certain fees for residential and general appraisers to cover an increase in federal registry fees. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 524.](#))

**BDR 45-1213** — Creates the Wildlife Trust Fund. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 525.](#))

**BDR 42-1204** — Repeals the requirement for the State Fire Marshal to inspect state buildings. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 526.](#))

**BDR S-1154** — Makes an appropriation for the implementation and operation of a principal leadership training program. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 527.](#))

**BDR 40-1182** — Authorizes the transfer of money received to carry out provisions relating to the medical use of marijuana for certain purposes. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 528.](#))

**BDR 38-1194** — Revises provisions relating to the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 529.](#))

**BDR 31-1178** — Revises provisions relating to stale claims by state agencies. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 530.](#))

**BDR 43-1191** — Revises provisions governing the Fund for Manufactured Housing. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 531.](#))

ASSEMBLYMAN ATKINSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Aizley was absent for the vote.)

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ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY MOVED FOR A BLANKET INTRODUCTION OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS' BILL DRAFT REQUESTS.

**BDR 18-889** — Creates the Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission to review certain boards and commissions. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 474.](#))

**BDR S-1094** — Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Nevada Supreme Court for an unanticipated shortfall in Fiscal Year 2010-2011 relating to a third judicial selection process. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 475.](#))

**BDR 34-888** — Revises provisions relating to the Trust Fund for the Education of Dependent Children. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 476.](#))

**BDR 23-1028** — Revises provisions relating to the administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 477.](#))

**BDR S-887** — Revises the limitation on the principal amount of bonds and other securities that may be issued by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to finance certain projects. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 478.](#))

**BDR 23-890** — Revises provisions governing the hours of operation of state offices and the hours of employment of state employees. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 479.](#))

ASSEMBLYMAN KIRNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no further business before the Committee, Chairwoman Smith recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m..

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Chairwoman Smith called the meeting back to order at 6:10 p.m. to introduce additional bill draft requests. All members were present at that time.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED FOR A BLANKET  
INTRODUCTION OF BILL DRAFT REQUESTS.

**BDR 35-892** — Provides for the construction, operation and maintenance of state ports of entry. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 550.](#))

**BDR 34-877** — Requires school districts to assess the feasibility of consolidation of services, functions and personnel. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 551.](#))

**BDR 14-539** — Revises provisions related to the collection of biological specimens for genetic marker analysis. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 552.](#))

- BDR 23-1222** — Revises provisions governing subsidies for the coverage of certain persons under the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 553.](#))
- BDR 34-953** — Revises provisions governing education. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 554.](#))
- BDR 34-954** — Revises provisions governing educational personnel. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 555.](#))
- BDR 23-1186** — Changes the fund into which certain subsidies paid for coverage under the Public Employees' Benefits Program are deposited. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 556.](#))
- BDR S-1160** — Makes an appropriation for pilot programs of performance pay for teachers. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 557.](#))
- BDR 34-1159** — Establishes the categorical block grant program for K-12 public education. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 558.](#))
- BDR S-1212** — Requires the issuance of bonds for environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 559.](#))
- BDR 23-1158** — Makes various changes relating to the compensation and benefits of state employees. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 560.](#))
- BDR 31-1166** — Makes various changes concerning governmental financial administration. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 561.](#))
- BDR 23-1187** — Revises provisions relating to the subsidy for coverage of certain retired persons under the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 562.](#))
- BDR S-1223** — Establishes for the next biennium the amount to be paid to the Public Employees' Benefits Program for insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 563.](#))
- BDR C-952** — Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to provide for school vouchers. (Later introduced as [Assembly Joint Resolution 8.](#))

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Hickey was absent for the vote.)

With no further business to come before the Committee, at that time, Chairwoman Smith called for a recess at 6:15 p.m.

Chairwoman Smith called the meeting back to order at 6:45 p.m. to introduce one additional bill draft request.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR 7-891.

**BDR 7-891** — Makes various changes to allow for the use of the most recent technology by various business associations, corporations and other entities in carrying out their powers and duties. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 564](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MASTROLUCA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Ocegura was absent for the vote.)

With no further business to come before the Committee, Chairwoman Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m..

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Patricia Adams  
Committee Manager

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Debbie Smith, Chairwoman

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