

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Seventy-sixth Session
June 2, 2011**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair David R. Parks at 5:50 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2011, in Room 2144 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator David R. Parks, Chair
Senator Moises (Mo) Denis, Vice Chair
Senator Steven A. Horsford
Senator Barbara K. Cegavske
Senator James A. Settelmeyer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carol Stonefield, Policy Analyst
Eileen O'Grady, Counsel
Michael Geissinger, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bruce Arkell, Nevada Senior Advocates

CHAIR PARKS:

We will open the work session with Senate Bill (S.B.) 341.

SENATE BILL 341: Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a subcommittee to conduct an interim study concerning the establishment of a bank that is owned, controlled and operated by this State. (BDR S-870)

CAROL STONEFIELD (Policy Analyst):

Senate Bill 341 was sponsored by Senators David Parks, Allison Copening, Michael Schneider, Valerie Wiener and Assemblyman James Ohrenschall and

Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce. I have provided a work session document ([Exhibit C](#)) for this bill. There were no amendments offered on this bill.

CHAIR PARKS:

I have had several conversations regarding S.B. 341. One particular conversation was geared toward putting the emphasis of the bill on how the State handles its financial services. To go forward with the development of a State bank would take many years.

We are authorized three interim studies per Legislative House, so we should summarize all the bills before taking any action.

MS. STONEFIELD:

The decision before the Committee is whether to proceed with the work session and act on the bills using the current practice of three interim studies per Legislative House. The action taken today could be reported to the Senate Floor and held until a determination is made on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 578.

ASSEMBLY BILL 578: Revises the interim committee structure of the Legislature. (BDR 17-942)

CHAIR PARKS:

We will proceed with the work session and open the hearing on Senate Concurrent Resolution (S.C.R.) 5.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5: Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the laws of this State governing the protection of children. (BDR R-364)

MS. STONEFIELD:

Senate Concurrent Resolution 5 was sponsored by Senator Barbara Cegavske. I have provided a work session document ([Exhibit D](#)) on this bill. There were no amendments offered on this bill.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

This study is long overdue for the children of Nevada. We tried to enact legislation on these issues in the past and have realized we need this study to move forward.

CHAIR PARKS:

We will proceed with A.B. 228.

[ASSEMBLY BILL 228 \(1st Reprint\)](#): Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study on contracts for public works. (BDR S-582)

MS. STONEFIELD:

Assembly Bill 228 was sponsored by Assemblymen Pat Hickey and Ira Hansen. I have provided a work session document ([Exhibit E](#)) on this bill. There were no amendments offered on this bill.

CHAIR PARKS:

I would like to have additional input from the sponsor on this bill.

MS. STONEFIELD:

Assemblyman Hickey expressed to me an interest in not having an interim study as the bill directs. He suggested requiring the various local political subdivisions and others meet to discuss standardized forms and submit their recommendations. We do not have an amendment from Assemblyman Hickey for that recommendation.

CHAIR PARKS:

There are local government committees that use our facilities in the interim. The Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing could be tasked with returning a report on the standardization of contracts for public works.

We will open the hearing on Assembly Concurrent Resolution (A.C.R.) 10.

[ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10](#): Directs the Legislative Committee on Health Care to create a task force to develop a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease. (BDR R-1296)

MS. STONEFIELD:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 10 was sponsored by Assemblywoman Debbie Smith. I have provided a work session document ([Exhibit F](#)) on this bill. There were no amendments offered on this bill. As a result of the testimony from May 31, two pages of information ([Exhibit G](#) and [Exhibit H](#)) have been submitted to the Committee by Bruce Arkell.

BRUCE ARKELL (Nevada Senior Advocates):

The purpose of the two pages of information, [Exhibit G](#) and [Exhibit H](#), is to further clarify why we need this task force and what the task force will do. The intent of the task force is to complete a series of recommendations that will shape policy and the development of practices, regulations, training and care for the future. The bullet points, [Exhibit G](#), are some of the items the task force would research. The funding for the task force study would be outside of the government's budget. The adoption of A.C.R. 10 will provide legitimacy for the plan and the providers who will deliver the study recommendations.

CHAIR PARKS:

Is your handout, [Exhibit H](#), an overview of what the State plan would look like?

MR. ARKELL:

Yes, my handout, [Exhibit H](#), outlines what would be in a State plan. This outline was developed in 2009 and may have to change with new issues, but it gives an example of what would be in a report to the Legislature.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

If we pass this bill, would this study fall under the three interim studies per Legislative House rule?

CHAIR PARKS:

The sponsor of the bill desires this to be an interim study.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

The bill language says there will be private funding, so without fiscal impact to the State, I do not think the bill falls in the interim study group category.

CHAIR PARKS:

There is a funding mechanism, but the sponsor is looking to form an interim study task force to develop the State plan.

MS. STONEFIELD:

The bill assigns the Legislative Committee on Health Care to create the task force. A policy decision of both Legislative Houses may be needed to determine if this would be an interim study. It could be assigned as a required task to the statutory interim committee on health care.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will adopt A.C.R. 10 as it was presented. The requirements of the bill can be accomplished by the statutory interim Legislative Committee on Health Care.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER MOVED TO ADOPT A.C.R. 10.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

In researching other possible interim study bills, I found S.B. 174, an interim study bill that will look at common-interest communities and appoint a subcommittee to study the laws and regulations. It received an amend and do pass from the Senate Committee on Judiciary. It was then referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. Another bill, S.B. 374, deals with taxes ad valorem levied in Clark County to support the College of Southern Nevada.

SENATE BILL 174: Revises provisions relating to common-interest communities.
(BDR 10-105)

SENATE BILL 374: Temporarily redirects a portion of the taxes ad valorem levied in Clark County to support the College of Southern Nevada.
(BDR S-992)

SENATOR HORSFORD:

Senate Bill 374 is a formal consultant study and should not count toward the three interim studies per Legislative House.

CHAIR PARKS:

We could act on the bills discussed today and send them to the Senate Floor for the Senate as a whole to decide on the interim studies.

SENATOR HORSFORD MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 341.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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SENATOR HORSFORD MOVED TO ADOPT S.C.R. 5.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

Is there any further discussion on A.B. 228?

SENATOR HORSFORD:

I would suggest A.B. 228 be given to the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing for an interim study of the Legislative Commission's Committee to Study Powers Delegated to Local Governments and report back to the next Legislature.

SENATOR HORSFORD MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED
A.B. 228.

SENATOR DENIS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

I will open the discussion on A.B. 573. There is a work session document ([Exhibit I](#)) on this bill.

ASSEMBLY BILL 573: Revises the districts from which members of the State Board of Education are elected. (BDR 34-1302)

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SENATOR DENIS:

Assembly Bill 573 will be heard by the Senate Committee on Education tomorrow. There may be changes to the bill. We need to wait until that hearing has been completed before we take action in this Committee.

CHAIR PARKS:

We are adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Michael Geissinger,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator David R. Parks, Chair

DATE: _____

| <u>EXHIBITS</u> | | | |
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| Bill | Exhibit | Witness / Agency | Description |
| | A | | Agenda |
| | B | | Attendance Roster |
| S.B. 341 | C | Carol Stonefield | Work Session Document |
| S.C.R. 5 | D | Carol Stonefield | Work Session Document |
| A.B. 228 | E | Carol Stonefield | Work Session Document |
| A.C.R. 10 | F | Carol Stonefield | Work Session Document |
| A.C.R. 10 | G | Bruce Arkell | Why a Taskforce for preparing a Nevada Plan for Alzheimer's disease? |
| A.C.R. 10 | H | Bruce Arkell | Nevada State Alzheimer Disease Plan |
| A.B. 573 | I | Carol Stonefield | Work Session Document |