

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Seventy-sixth Session  
February 9, 2011**

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Mark A. Manendo at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 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 Mark A. Manendo, Chair  
Senator David R. Parks, Vice Chair  
Senator John J. Lee  
Senator Dean A. Rhoads  
Senator Michael Roberson

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charity Fowler, Committee Counsel  
Michelle Van Geel, Committee Policy Analyst  
Jodene Poley, Committee Secretary  
Judy Toscano, Committee Manager  
Sandra Hudgens, Committee Secretary

CHAIR MANENDO:

We have Committee Standing Rules we need to adopt for the Senate Committee on Natural Resources ([Exhibit C](#)).

SENATOR LEE MOVED TO ADOPT THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES STANDING RULES.

SENATOR ROBERSON SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED. (SENATORS PARKS AND RHOADS WERE  
ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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MICHELLE VAN GEEL (Committee Policy Analyst):

Here is an overview of the Committee Brief and a review of the 120-day Session deadline ([Exhibit D](#)). The jurisdiction of this Committee is discussed in the first few pages. There are changes in the types of bills the Committee will hear, such as bills related to hazardous materials, historic preservation, archeology, and State parks and monuments. Other topics reassigned to other committees this Session include the State Engineer, underground water and wells, and regional planning and management.

During the 2009 Legislative Session, the Committee reviewed a total of 42 bills and resolutions. Twenty-eight of those measures were passed by the Legislature and became law. Two of those bills were vetoed by the Governor, and those vetoes were subsequently overturned by the Legislature. Two of those bills became law without the Governor's signature. Five resolutions were filed with the Secretary of State. Some of the major issues the Committee reviewed during the 2009 Session are shown on page 5 of the Brief. Those issues included awarding sub-grants for programs authorized by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, restraining and penning dogs, placing recycling containers on the premises of certain apartment complexes and regulating the operation of facilities for management of waste tires. Page 5 of the Brief also shows a table listing the major deadlines for this Session. A list of the prefiled bills and a list of interest groups are found on attachments A and B.

CHAIR MANENDO:

The Chair will entertain a motion to introduce Bill Draft Request (BDR) R-212.

**BILL DRAFT REQUEST R-212**: Urges the Federal Government to enact legislation authorizing the sharing of revenue generated by certain activities conducted on public lands. (Later introduced as [Senate Joint Resolution 4](#).)

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR R-212.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR MANENDO:

I will entertain a motion for the introduction of BDR R-213.

**Bill Draft Request R-213:** Expresses support for the Pine Forest Working Group and the Board of County Commissioners of Humboldt County in reexamining wilderness study areas located in the Pine Forest area of Humboldt County. (Later introduced as [Senate Concurrent Resolution 1](#).)

SENATOR LEE MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR R-213.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR MANENDO:

The Chair will take a motion on introducing BDR R-215.

**BILL DRAFT REQUEST R-215:** Expresses support for rangeland health in Nevada. (Later introduced as [Senate Joint Resolution 5](#).)

SENATOR RHOADS MOVED TO INTRODUCE BDR R-215.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR MANENDO:

There being no further business, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources is adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Sandra Hudgens,  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Senator Mark A. Manendo, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Natural Resources

Date: February 9, 2011

Time of Meeting: 3:30 p.m.

| Bill | Exhibit | Witness / Agency | Description       |
|------|---------|------------------|-------------------|
|      | A       |                  | Agenda            |
|      | B       |                  | Attendance Roster |
|      | C       |                  | Standing Rules    |
|      | D       |                  | Committee Brief   |