

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

**Seventy-Seventh Session
June 3, 2013**

The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairwoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson at 11:38 a.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013, 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 nelis.leg.state.nv.us/77th2013. 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 Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chairwoman
Assemblywoman Dina Neal, Vice Chairwoman
Assemblyman Elliot T. Anderson
Assemblywoman Irene Bustamante Adams
Assemblyman John Ellison
Assemblyman James W. Healey
Assemblyman Pete Livermore
Assemblyman Harvey J. Munford
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman Skip Daly
Assemblyman James Oscarson
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Mark A. Hutchison, Clark County Senatorial District No. 6

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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst
Jim Penrose, Committee Counsel
Bonnie Hoeffcker, Committee Manager
Jennifer Dalton, Committee Secretary
Cheryl Williams, Committee Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:

[Roll was taken. Meeting protocol was reiterated.] We will open the hearing on Senate Bill 174 (2nd Reprint), and we will wait for the bill sponsor to come to the meeting.

I will close the hearing on S.B. 174 (R2), and the Committee will stand in recess upon the call of the Chair. [Meeting was recessed at 11:44 a.m.]

I will call the meeting back to order [at 12:09 p.m.]. We have a quorum. We are getting close to sine die, and time frames are tight. I also have a conference committee that I need to be at in five minutes. I will reopen the hearing on S.B. 174 (R2).

Senate Bill 174 (2nd Reprint): Authorizes the Governor to require the naming of a state building, park, highway or other property after a deceased member of the Armed Forces of the United States under certain circumstances. (BDR 27-853)

Senator Mark A. Hutchison, Clark County Senatorial District No. 6:

This is a great bill. The veterans in the room will love it. It will honor our veterans. It does two things. It provides that the existing Nevada Veterans' Services Commission will make recommendations to the Governor to name roads, bridges, or buildings after our fallen heroes, the veterans of various wars. It also sets up the Nevada Will Always Remember Veterans Gift Account, which will then pay for the plaques and signs and those sorts of things that will be used on the buildings, roads, and other state property that will be named after those veterans. It is revenue-sustaining. It does not come out of the General Fund. It is a great way for us to honor our veterans.

Assemblyman Livermore:

We can never do enough to honor our fallen heroes. Upon receiving the recommendation from the Nevada Veterans' Services Commission, is there some kind of scoring of those individuals? For example, if an individual has the highest decoration, a Medal of Honor, would it be much more prominent than someone who received a Purple Heart?

Senator Hutchison:

We will leave that to the discretion of the commission. I was talking with Assemblyman Anderson before we got started. He is on that commission. There are several other veterans on that commission who I think will do a fine job evaluating and establishing criteria. There is nothing under the law that requires that; we are leaving it to the discretion of the commission.

Assemblyman Livermore:

You do agree that somebody who has the highest honors might have a taller building?

Senator Hutchison:

I will concur and I think the commission will give due weight to those kinds of considerations.

Assemblyman Munford:

I want to congratulate my former student. I would like to commend you on your freshman session. You have done very well. I am proud of you. It shows what we were able to accomplish at Bonanza High School. You should be proud of what you have been able to accomplish this session.

Senator Hutchison:

Thank you so much. Everything I am or ever hope to be, I am because of my tenth-grade health and driver's education teacher.

Assemblyman Munford:

We had a lot of fun.

Senator Hutchison:

He was one of the best. Thank you, Assemblyman Munford. It is wonderful to serve with you in this House. You know we all love you, and I think half of us were educated by you. It is a great tribute to your wonderful education and commitment to the youth of Nevada.

Assemblyman Elliot Anderson:

I have a brief question regarding section 10, subsection 1, paragraph (a), subparagraph (1). One of the criterion for this is that the person has to be a resident of this state. Is your intent to mean "domicile" to make it clear for the legislative record?

Senator Hutchison:

It is meant to mean "domicile." We want recognize those who have been residents and domiciles of the state of Nevada and who have as much connection to Nevada as possible. Thank you for allowing me to clarify that.

Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:

Are there any other questions from the Committee? [There were none.] I am going to close the hearing on S.B. 174 (R2). Several of us need to be at a conference committee. I will recess the Committee upon call of the Chair [at 12:14 p.m.].

[The meeting was adjourned on June 3, 2013 at 11:59 p.m.]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jennifer Dalton
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chairwoman

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

Committee Name: Committee on Government Affairs

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Bill	Exhibit	Witness / Agency	Description
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster