

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

**Seventy-Seventh Session  
April 10, 2013**

The Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chairwoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson at 8:18 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 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](http://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](mailto: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 Skip Daly  
Assemblyman John Ellison  
Assemblyman James W. Healey  
Assemblyman Pete Livermore  
Assemblyman Harvey J. Munford  
Assemblyman James Oscarson  
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce  
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart  
Assemblywoman Heidi Swank  
Assemblywoman Melissa Woodbury

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None



**GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst  
Jim Penrose, Committee Counsel  
Bonnie Hoeffcker, Committee Manager  
Lori McCleary, Committee Secretary  
Cheryl Williams, Committee Secretary

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

None

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

[Roll was called. Rules and protocol explained.]

We have only a work session today. Tomorrow you will see the agenda posted and we will be hearing only one bill and a work session. We will begin the work session with Assembly Bill 131.

**Assembly Bill 131:** Revises provisions governing the Board of the Virgin Valley Water District. (BDR S-634)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit C](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 131.

ASSEMBLYMAN LIVERMORE SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN PIERCE VOTED NO.)

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to the bill's sponsor. We will move on to Assembly Bill 231.

**Assembly Bill 231:** Revises provisions regarding local governing bodies.  
(BDR 20-1039)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

You have the mock-up before you with the proposed friendly amendment that was also submitted by the bill's sponsor. I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 231.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Oscarson. We will move to Assembly Bill 276.

**Assembly Bill 276:** Consolidates the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Business and Industry within the Housing Division of the Department. (BDR 18-1029)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill from the work session document ([Exhibit E](#)).]

There was one fiscal note, but it had zero impact.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN LIVERMORE MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 276.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN PIERCE VOTED NO.)

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Ellison. We will move to Assembly Bill 247.

**Assembly Bill 247: Enacts the Nevada Buy American Act. (BDR 28-190)**

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit F](#)).]

The nine-page mock-up essentially deletes manufactured goods from the bill.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to amend and refer to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means without recommendation.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL MOVED TO AMEND AND REFER  
ASSEMBLY BILL 247 TO THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS  
AND MEANS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART SECONDED THE MOTION.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

Are there any questions or comments on the motion?

**Assemblyman Stewart:**

I appreciate your sending Assembly Bill 247 to Ways and Means. I still have concerns on the waiver causing a delay in the project if it is not specified at the beginning of the project. I will be voting to send the bill to Ways and Means.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I know the bill's sponsor remains very interested in speaking with those who have issues and concerns about the bill, so please continue those conversations with her.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Carlton. We will move to Assembly Bill 356.

**Assembly Bill 356: Encourages the development of a plan to preserve the Nevada State Prison for historic and certain other purposes. (BDR S-493)**

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit G](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN HEALEY MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 356.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SWANK SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Livermore. We will move to Assembly Bill 374.

**Assembly Bill 374:** Revises provisions relating to the authority of a board of county commissioners to regulate certain assemblies, events or activities. (BDR 20-520)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to amend and do pass with the amendment from Clark County only.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL MOVED TO AMEND AND DO  
PASS ASSEMBLY BILL 374 WITH THE CLARK COUNTY  
AMENDMENT ONLY.

ASSEMBLYMAN DALY SECONDED THE MOTION.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

Are there any comments or questions on the motion?

**Assemblyman Ellison:**

I will be voting no on Assembly Bill 374. I feel the courts still have to do their findings. I think this is a little premature and I think the courts should still settle this matter.

**Assemblywoman Neal:**

I am voting yes, but I reserve my right to vote no on the floor pending other issues I am aware of going on.

**Assemblyman Oscarson:**

As this will significantly impact the rural communities that I represent, I will also be voting no.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

We have a motion on the floor to amend and do pass with the Clark County amendment only.

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYMEN ELLISON, LIVERMORE, MUNFORD, OSCARSON, STEWART, AND WOODBURY VOTED NO.)

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to the bill's sponsor. We will move to Assembly Bill 407.

**Assembly Bill 407:** Revises provisions governing residency requirements for candidates for public office. (BDR 23-606)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill and proposed amendment from the work session document ([Exhibit I](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to amend and do pass.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 407.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL SECONDED THE MOTION.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

Are there any questions or comments on the motion?

**Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams:**

I will vote yes, but I reserve my right to change my vote on the floor.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman Hickey. We will move to Assembly Bill 419.

**Assembly Bill 419:** Revises provisions governing the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR 23-1119)

**Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst:**

[Ms. Ruedy read an explanation of the bill from the work session document ([Exhibit J](#)).]

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will accept a motion to do pass.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL MOVED TO DO PASS  
ASSEMBLY BILL 419.

ASSEMBLYMAN LIVERMORE SECONDED THE MOTION.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

Are there any comments or questions on the motion?

**Assemblyman Ellison:**

I talked to the bill's sponsor and I was hoping they would increase the number of members to an odd number. I will vote yes, but I would like to reserve the right to change my vote on the floor.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

Thank you for making sure I knew that and for having the conversation with the bill's sponsor.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chairwoman Benitez-Thompson:**

I will assign the floor statement to Assemblywoman Swank.

I will open the hearing for any public comment. [There was none]. This hearing of the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs is adjourned [at 8:39 am].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Lori McCleary  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chairwoman

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



**EXHIBITS**

**Committee Name:** Committee on Government Affairs

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<b>Bill</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Witness / Agency</b>	<b>Description</b>
	A		Agenda
	B		Attendance Roster
A.B. 131	C	Jennifer Ruedy, Committee Policy Analyst	Work session document
A.B. 231	D	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 276	E	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 247	F	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 356	G	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 374	H	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 407	I	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document
A.B. 419	J	Jennifer Ruedy	Work session document