

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

**Seventy-Eighth Session
May 7, 2015**

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources was called to order by Chair Don Gustavson at 1:34 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2015, 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 Don Gustavson, Chair
Senator Pete Goicoechea, Vice Chair
Senator James A. Settelmeyer
Senator David R. Parks
Senator Mark A. Manendo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alysa Keller, Policy Analyst
Gayle Farley, Committee Secretary

Chair Gustavson:

We will open the work session with Assembly Bill (A.B.) 136.

ASSEMBLY BILL 136 (1st Reprint): Makes various changes relating to wildlife.
(BDR 45-561)

Alysa Keller (Policy Analyst):

I will read from the work session document for A.B. 136 ([Exhibit C](#)).

Assembly Bill 136 allows a person to carry a firearm for self-defense when hunting with archery equipment or a muzzle-loading firearm. The firearm may not have a barrel length greater than 8 inches or a telescopic sight. The bill also requires the Department of Wildlife to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who are taking hunter education courses.

Senator Goicoechea met with interested parties to address concerns raised at the hearing and subsequently proposed an amendment. Specifically, Proposed

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Amendment 6999 adds language stipulating that certain persons with disabilities may be assisted in hunting big-game mammals. Section 3, subsection 2 clarifies the term "handgun" versus "firearm" and the seasons that a self-defense handgun may be carried.

The bill passed unanimously in the Assembly with no opposition.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED A.B. 136 WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6999.

SENATOR PARKS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Gustavson:

We will move on to A.B. 377.

ASSEMBLY BILL 377 (1st Reprint): Establishes provisions for the preservation, development and use of the Nevada State Prison as a historical, cultural, educational and scientific resource. (BDR 26-625)

Ms. Keller:

I will read from the work session document for A.B. 377 ([Exhibit D](#)).

Assembly Bill 377 requires the State Land Registrar, upon notice from the Department of Corrections, to assign certain structures to the appropriate State agency once operational activities at the Nevada State Prison have ceased. These structures will be resources for historical, cultural, educational and scientific purposes. In addition, the State Land Registrar is to assign appropriate structures to Silver State Industries for the continued use of the Department of Corrections.

The bill creates three accounts for this project: the Endowment Fund for the Historic Preservation of the Nevada State Prison, the Silver State Industries Endowment Fund and a dedicated trust fund established by the Board of Museums and History.

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Finally, the bill allows the Department of Corrections and other cooperating State agencies within the Prison to enter into agreements with the Nevada State Prison Preservation Society involving tourist and commercial activities.

The bill passed unanimously in the Assembly with no opposition.

SENATOR MANENDO MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 377.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Chair Gustavson:

There being no further testimony or public comment, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources is adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Gayle Farley,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator Don Gustavson, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBIT SUMMARY				
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