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SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Seventy-ninth Session
March 17, 2017**

The Senate Committee on Government Affairs was called to order by Chair David R. Parks at 1:06 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2017, in Room 2135 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, 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 Mark A. Manendo, Vice Chair
Senator Julia Ratti
Senator Joseph P. Hardy
Senator Pete Goicoechea

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Yvanna Cancela, Senatorial District No. 10
Senator Aaron Ford, Senatorial District No. 11
Senator Scott Hammond, Senatorial District No. 18
Senator Tick Segerblom, Senatorial District No. 3
Senator Pat Spearman, Senatorial District No. 1
Assemblyman Nelson Araujo, Assembly District No. 3
Assemblywoman Sandra Jaurequi, Assembly District No. 41

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Ruedy, Policy Analyst
Heidi Chlarson, Counsel
Hailey Hord, Intern to Senator Tick Segerblom
Suzanne Efford, Committee Secretary

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Michael Green
Danny Thompson
Rusty McAllister, AFL-CIO
Donna West
Astrid Silva
Janet Revere
Josh Griffin, MGM Resorts
John Wagner, Independent American Party
Mark Howells
Robert Lauer
John Colaw
Robert Frank, NevadansCAN
Julie Hereford
Bonnie McDaniel
Christine Shelby
Mary McAuliffe
Alex Ortiz, Clark County

CHAIR PARKS:

We will open the hearing with the work session on Assembly Bill (A.B.) 9.

ASSEMBLY BILL 9: Authorizes the Secretary of State to appoint a Deputy of Securities. (BDR 18-424)

JENNIFER RUEDY (Policy Analyst):

I will describe A.B. 9 from the work session document ([Exhibit C](#)).

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 9.

SENATOR MANENDO SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill in the work session is A.B. 13.

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ASSEMBLY BILL 13: Revises provisions governing the annual fee for conducting business in Nevada. (BDR 7-3)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will discuss A.B. 13 as contained in the work session document ([Exhibit D](#)).

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS A.B. 13.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

The next bill in the work session is S.B. 78.

SENATE BILL 78: Revises provisions relating to local government financial administration. (BDR 31-403)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will summarize S.B. 78 as contained in the work session document ([Exhibit E](#)). Page 5 of the proposed amendment is the language adding the review: "The local government's plan will be subject to annual review by the Committee on Local Government Finance."

CHAIR PARKS:

I have a suggestion. On page 5 of the amendment, I would like to add the words "and approval" after "will be subject to annual review" The amended language would read, "The local government's plan will be subject to annual review and approval by the Committee on Local Government Finance."

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 78 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE AMENDED WORDING ON PAGE 5 OF THE AMENDMENT "AND APPROVAL."

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

That takes us to S.B. 138 in the work session.

SENATE BILL 138: Authorizes the creation of a local improvement district for a waterfront maintenance project. (BDR 22-678)

Ms. RUEDY:

I will explain S.B. 138 as contained in the work session document ([Exhibit F](#)).
Page 2 of the amendment contains the amended language.

That was the only amendment. The bill becomes effective July 1.

SENATOR HARDY:

This is a good amendment. It is compatible with the maintenance project which will be an economic boon for the Township of Laughlin and the State.

CHAIR PARKS:

My understanding is that this bill affects the entire State and is not specific to one particular project.

SENATOR HARDY:

That is correct.

CHAIR PARKS:

Special improvement districts often use different financing methodologies. Bond counsel reviewed this to ensure that all of the bases are covered.

SENATOR HARDY:

All of the appropriate parameters that are needed are there.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

The amendment talks about governing bodies. Is that the Laughlin Town Board or the Board of County Commissioners?

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SENATOR HARDY:

The Board of County Commissioners has ultimate authority.

SENATOR PARKS:

Town boards are advisory. Their actions are not binding.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS
AMENDED S.B. 138.

SENATOR RATTI SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

Let us move on to S.B. 175 in the work session.

SENATE BILL 175: Designates November 12 as Asian Culture Day in Nevada.
(BDR 19-74)

MS. RUEDY:

Senate Bill 175 is summarized in the work session document ([Exhibit G](#)). There are no fiscal notes, and the bill becomes effective upon passage and approval.

CHAIR PARKS:

I made a suggestion to Senator Scott Hammond. He reviewed it with the individuals who are seeking this recognition. The discussion centered on whether the date is November 12 or a Friday that is closest to the date of November 12. His organization indicated that they are happy with moving it to a Friday. That would enable them to create a series of weekend programs.

SENATOR MANENDO:

I heard from some people and met with others who had concerns with that particular date. They want a date that is more neutral. Instead of using a date, we discussed making it like Nevada Day where it is on a certain Friday, thus creating a three-day weekend. It might create an opportunity for tourists and residents to celebrate. I am amenable to that concept. That would be an economic development boom for the State.

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SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

As we move forward with this and talk about the Friday closest to November 12, we want to keep in mind that Veterans Day is November 11.

CHAIR PARKS:

That is correct.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

We have to make some provisions because we do not want the days to overlap.

CHAIR PARKS:

Let us trail this work session bill. It would not create a problem by holding it.

The last bill in the work session is S.B. 202.

SENATE BILL 202: Revises various provisions of the Charter of the City of Sparks. (BDR S-503)

MS. RUEDY:

The explanation of S.B. 202 is contained in the work session document ([Exhibit H](#)). There is no effective date prescribed in the bill, therefore, the effective date will be October 1, 2017.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA MOVED TO DO PASS S.B. 202.

SENATOR HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

I may have thrown a wrench into the works on work session bill S.B. 78 regarding the provision relating to local government financial administration. I would like to reopen the work session on S.B. 78 with the idea of rescinding the vote to amend and do pass and enact the bill with the original amendment.

I am told there are legal concerns that might have adverse implications.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN ON S.B. 78.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We are back to considering S.B. 78. Ms. Ruedy indicated that there was an amendment submitted to us. On page 5, I had suggested that the words "and approval" be added on line 12. Since that creates an adverse situation beyond what was intended by the bill, I suggest that we remove those two words and use the amended language that was presented to us.

SENATOR HARDY MOVED TO AMEND AND DO PASS AS AMENDED S.B. 78 WITH THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CHAIR PARKS:

We will go back to the work session on S.B. 175 since the sponsor of the bill is now in the room.

The question was on which day this should fall. There was some concern with November 12. We discussed going with the first Friday, the second Friday, or as late as a third Friday in November. However, the third Friday is too close to Thanksgiving Day.

SENATOR SCOTT HAMMOND (Senatorial District No. 18):

I went back to the groups that were considering this particular date. They got together and thought it would be wonderful if they could celebrate it on the Friday closest to November 12.

CHAIR PARKS:

You realize that these dates change and that they fall on different days of the week every year. We have concerns with other holidays or special occasion days that occur at that same time. Did you discuss the conflicts with other dates?

SENATOR HAMMOND:

Yes, we discussed that. They plan to celebrate with a whole week of events. The official date for them is not as necessary. They are contemplating celebrating this here. It will draw many people from many different places, even from outside the U.S. For them it does not really matter what the date is as long as it is around November 12. That is what they are hoping to get.

We can stay with November 12 if that satisfies the Committee. They were hoping to make it on a Friday closest to November 12.

SENATOR MANENDO:

I appreciate you bringing this bill forward. It is important for many reasons. It is exciting because it will be an economic boom. It is a week's worth of celebrations.

Looking at the calendar, for example, this year the closest Friday to November 12 would be November 10, which is the second Friday of November. What do you have in mind? Do you want the second Friday or the third Friday, which then gets closer to Thanksgiving Day? What are your thoughts? The dates will change. We probably will have to designate a certain Friday. Do you have a preference?

SENATOR HAMMOND:

We have no preference. If the Committee so chooses, the second Friday of November would be all right.

SENATOR MANENDO:

It will change, though.

SENATOR GOICOCHEA:

My concern is that the second Friday of November will land on Veterans Day at some point. Veterans Day is a nationally recognized holiday.

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SENATOR HAMMOND:

This discussion is going further than I thought it would. I thought we were just going to go with the Friday closest to November 12. Apparently, there is more involved. Let us keep it on November 12. Would that still land on Veterans Day? They are contemplating a whole week's worth of activities. It does not matter if it is on a Friday.

I took a suggestion to them that I got from a member of the Committee about a Friday thinking that it would be good for a weekend. It does not matter to them. November 12 would be fine.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I do not know if it would ever land on November 11 if you went to the second Monday in November. Go to a Monday if you want to make a three-day weekend out of it.

CHAIR PARKS:

If you like, we can trail this bill until next Wednesday when we have a work session.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

That will be fine. The day will be recognized, but no one is going to get a day off. It would not matter if it were on a Monday or a Friday. They thought it would be a good idea to do the Friday. They are contemplating a whole week's worth of events.

SENATOR MANENDO:

I was thinking of a three-day weekend which would be either a Monday or a Friday. I was still thinking a Friday. However, it will land on Veterans Day eventually. I would be comfortable with the second Monday in November if we wanted to move it. Do you need more time?

SENATOR HAMMOND:

I had better go back and consult with them about changing it to a Monday.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

You could go the first Friday of November and never affect Veterans Day.

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CHAIR PARKS:

That concludes our work session. We will open the hearing on S.B. 174.

SENATE BILL 174: Renames McCarran International Airport as Harry Reid International Airport. (BDR S-34)

SENATOR AARON FORD (Senatorial District No. 11):
I support S.B. 174.

SENATOR TICK SEGERBLOM (Senatorial District No. 3):
Senate Bill 174 proposes to rename the major airport in Las Vegas from McCarran International Airport to the Harry Reid International Airport. We are doing two things: first, we are getting rid of the name McCarran; and, second, we are replacing it with Senator Harry Reid's name.

There is a proposed amendment 3174 to the bill ([Exhibit I](#)). After the bill was written, I spoke with the people at McCarran International Airport. To address their concerns, this will be financed privately. There will be no cost to the public.

I have submitted a presentation supporting S.B. 174 ([Exhibit J](#)).

MICHAEL GREEN:

I have submitted written testimony regarding Pat McCarran and the McCarran International Airport ([Exhibit K](#)).

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

We are not trying to erase history. Pat McCarran was what he was. In some ways I am sure he helped Nevada. The reality is that to have that major airport with his name on it is comparable to having the confederate flag flying over the capital in South Carolina. It is a symbol of a Nevada that no longer exists. We have to get rid of that racist and anti-Semitic symbol.

The fact is, the Nevada in which I grew up was the Mississippi of the West. It is no longer the Mississippi of the West. We are a modern, prosperous, multiethnic, majority/minority state. Las Vegas is the majority/minority city. We are proud of our Latino, African-American and Asian populations. To have the airport with a name which symbolizes the opposite of that is unacceptable in 2017. That is why we need to change the name.

The other side is what will we rename it. That unquestionably would be Senator Harry Reid. There is no one in the history of Nevada who has done more for this State than Harry Reid has. No one would question that. Just look at what he has done at Lake Tahoe and for the Truckee River and Pyramid Lake. He has touched every part of this State. I am sure that Senator Goicoechea would say that he has touched it in the wrong way, but the reality is that he has touched it.

We have more wilderness than anywhere else does. We have a national park, and Gold Butte was just named a national monument. This week, the Reid Gardner Generating Station that put all that carbon dioxide into the air for decades was closed. He was a leader on solar energy and saw where Nevada is going. Coming from a mining town like Searchlight, he had one foot in the old Nevada. However, during the course of his lifetime, he has moved forward and led Nevada to where we are today and where we are going in the future.

There is not a thing in Las Vegas that he has not touched, including McCarran International Airport. It would not be McCarran International Airport today if he had not been there to assist in bringing federal resources into it.

Harry Reid started here as a State Assemblyman and later became the majority leader of the U.S. Senate. There has never been anyone close to that powerful from Nevada. He was always thinking about Nevada, his roots and how to make Nevada better. We are unquestionably a better state today because of his leadership.

We do have an amendment which shows that this will be privately funded. Senator Reid's former finance chair is committed to help raise the funds for that. In a meeting with airport people, it was determined that it would cost \$2.5 million to change all of the names. There will be no public funds involved.

ASSEMBLYMAN NELSON ARAUJO (Assembly District No. 3):

I support S.B. 174. I was born in Las Vegas and raised on 28th Street. Like many of our youths who grow up in underserved communities, I struggled to find my self-worth as a young person. As the son of a union housekeeper who worked tirelessly and struggled to make ends meet, it was hard for me to understand my full potential.

However, when I was 17 my high school principal provided me with the opportunity of a lifetime. I was asked to give Senator Harry Reid a personal tour of my school. Little did I know that that moment would help change my life. One year later, I was given the opportunity to intern for Senator Harry Reid and the rest is history.

I share this story with you because, like me, many people in Nevada have been positively affected, either directly or indirectly, by the efforts of Senator Harry Reid. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of having his name on the international airport in which we take so much pride. He has been Nevada's No. 1 champion for decades. His work continues to change lives. Our State owes Senator Reid a great deal of gratitude, and renaming McCarran International Airport to Harry Reid International Airport is a great way for us to honor this amazing Nevada leader. I hope you will consider supporting S.B. 174.

CHAIR PARKS:

Senator Segerblom, you indicated that there would be no cost to the airport or to Clark County to do the name change. There is also highway signage and other things that would have to be changed. I am assuming that all of those costs will be covered by private donations or at least nongovernmental donations. If concessioners at the airport use the airport address, would the cost to change their stationery, letterhead or whatever they use be covered?

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

I had not thought of that. The implementation period is three to five years, so hopefully most of them would use up their stationery during that period. Chris Anderson, Senator Reid's former finance chair, is very close to many of his supporters and has pledged to create a separate foundation or to contribute to a separate fund within Clark County.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SANDRA JAUREGUI (Assembly District No. 41):

I support this bill. I spent three years working for Senator Reid and cannot begin to explain how many Nevadans I assisted in the housing arena. In addition, through his assistance we were able to keep people in their homes and bring programs to the State that might not have otherwise existed, such as the Hardest Hit Fund. It was through his efforts that we secured the most money per capita than any other state for the Hardest Hit Fund to help homeowners directly. I urge you to support this bill.

DANNY THOMPSON:

I am a native Nevadan. I grew up during the time when Nevada was the Mississippi of the West. In fact, I lived in Carver Park in Henderson, which was government housing. In those days, if you were black and you lived in Henderson, the only place you lived was in Carver Park. Black and poor white people lived there, and you went to one of two elementary schools. There was only one high school and one junior high school in Henderson. The school I went to did not have any grass, just asphalt and dirt. Even the baseball diamond was dirt. When I went to junior high school, I thought none of the schools had grass. There was an obvious reason for that.

My father was a fundamentalist Pentecostal minister. Our first church was in Searchlight. In those days, Searchlight was a rough-and-tumble town. Even though Harry Reid was there, I did not know him then. Later, I went to work as a steelworker and at 25 years of age was elected president of the union. I became involved in politics and with Harry Reid. I worked on every one of his campaigns. He won some and he lost some. This man has given his entire life to public service in Nevada.

Later in life, I was elected to the Legislature and became the chair of the Natural Resources Committee. We went on a tour of Yucca Mountain. It is not much of a mountain, just a mound of dirt. We drove up on top of it. There was an X on the ground. The tour guide said this is where we are going to put the nuclear waste repository. Most people did not understand what that meant then. However, we told people the truth about the repository and everyone decided it was a horrible idea. We only had one industry, which was gaming and tourism, and this stuff would be parked 100 miles from Las Vegas.

Over the years, Harry Reid has done many things. One thing that is evident today is that no one from Nevada has ever reached the political power and position that Senator Reid has. He kept Yucca Mountain from being forced upon Nevada when Congress passed the "screw Nevada bill."

RUSTY McALLISTER (AFL-CIO):

On behalf of our 220,000 members, we support this bill. This is not an unprecedented effort. On a national level, in 1930, the Washington Airport was named Washington Hoover Airport and then in 1940, it went from Washington Hoover Airport to the Washington National Airport and then in 1998, it went from the Washington National Airport to the Ronald Reagan Washington

National Airport. Closer to home, in 1979 the Reno Airport was changed to the Cannon International Airport and then in 1981 it went to the Reno Cannon International Airport and in 1994 it was changed to the Reno-Tahoe International Airport with the Howard Cannon Terminal.

Senator Reid has done many things for many people. Senator Reid's devotion to Nevada and its residents was apparent in a story relayed to me by one of my closest friends. My friend's son was a quite an adventurer and was in Nepal climbing when he came down with appendicitis. It got to the point that it ruptured. They could not get in to get him. They contacted Senator Reid's office. Senator Reid arranged to get a helicopter in there, pick that Nevadan up, and get him to medical care. Ultimately, he was transported to a good hospital in the Philippines. That young man lived. Where it not for Senator Reid's efforts, that young man would not have survived.

There are probably thousands of stories like this that no one will ever know about. Senator Reid is a man of integrity and has done much for Nevada. For those reasons, we support this bill.

HAILEY HORD (Intern to Senator Tick Segerblom):

I have submitted my written comments supporting S.B. 174 ([Exhibit L](#)).

SENATOR YVANNA CANCELA (Senatorial District No. 10):

District 10 is the home of McCarran International Airport. I support this bill because it would give me great personal pleasure, but also because it would be important for the citizens of Nevada to have McCarran International Airport become Harry Reid International Airport.

SENATOR PAT SPEARMAN (Senatorial District No. 1):

I support S.B. 174 and would like to echo the comments of one of the previous testifiers. In Texas, they renamed the international airport after George W. Bush. They have a wing of the airport named for Mickey Leland. He was a member of Congress whose plane crashed. Everyone was killed while they were on a humanitarian mission to deliver food and other supplies.

This is one of the ways that we can enshrine the legacy of Harry Reid. There are many things that he has done about which many people will never know. Passing S.B. 174 gives people an opportunity to talk about the great man who

has represented our State and has done so much for us. Even now, people are still reaping the benefits of what he did over the last 20, 30, 40 years.

DONNA WEST:

As a retired public employee, I was privileged to work with Senator Reid during his many years of service. I was able to turn to him when I was the administrator of the Department of Motor Vehicles to work out issues relating to Real ID. Senator Reid and his staff were always there to listen and assist us in any way they could. It would be a real privilege as a resident of Las Vegas to fly out of an airport that is named for this great man. Please support S.B. 174.

ASTRID SILVA:

Senator Reid made me proud to be a Nevadan. He taught me things that many of us take years to learn. He has bestowed upon many others and me the ability to be proud of where we are from; the ability to speak out for ourselves; and, most importantly, to take care of our neighbors and to fight to be here to give testimony about what he has done.

The most important thing for me would be to rename the airport after Senator Reid. We may be putting his name on the airport, but there are countless people who have been touched by Senator Reid. His staff has always been helpful to our community. They have done more than they should. Using his name represents what Nevada is. It is not just him as an individual. It is our community. I hope that you support S.B. 174.

JANET REVERE:

I have lived in Las Vegas for the past 17 years. I had the great honor of meeting Harry Reid. I know that he is a wonderful man. He supported all our immigrants. We make Nevada a great state. I would be so proud to fly through the Harry Reid International Airport.

JOSH GRIFFIN (MGM Resorts):

We support S.B. 174. A letter has been submitted from John McManus, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of MGM Resorts International ([Exhibit M](#)).

CHAIR PARKS:

We have letters supporting S.B. 174 from Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani ([Exhibit N](#)); Congressman Ruben J. Kihuen ([Exhibit O](#));

Jan Jones Blackhurst, Public Policy and Corporate Responsibility for Caesars Entertainment ([Exhibit P](#)); Congresswoman Jacky Rosen ([Exhibit Q](#)); and Senator Catherine Cortez Masto ([Exhibit R](#)).

JOHN WAGNER (Independent American Party):

I am not here to say anything derogatory about Harry Reid. This is not the place for that. If someone wants to make a monument to him somewhere else other than the airport, I have no problem with that.

I grew up on the West Coast and Pat McCarran is a name that I recognize from there. I recognize what he did during the hearings that were going on in Washington, D.C. They must have thought enough of him to name the airport after him in the first place. Of course, we have McCarran Boulevard in Reno.

I have heard accusations that he was anti-Semitic. That has not been proven. Where is the proof that he was anti-Semitic? I suggest they prove that Pat McCarran really was anti-Semitic.

Renaming the airport is like trying to rename the Washington Monument or the George Washington Bridge or Washington, D.C., or the State of Washington. I do not favor renaming it. I have no problem with someone coming up with a different alternative to honor Senator Harry Reid.

MARK HOWELLS:

Professor Green painted a rather unflattering picture of Senator McCarran. Another picture of Senator Reid was painted in a book titled *Harry*. I do not remember the author's name. Before taking any rash action, I urge the Committee to research the book. Do we really want to name an airport after Senator Harry Reid?

ROBERT LAUER:

We should be ashamed of ourselves for attacking a man who served this State for 50 years. He was an assemblyman, a district attorney, a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He served on the parole board, as president of the Nevada Bar Association and as a U.S. Senator for over 20 years with a distinguished record. His accomplishments include the bill that created the air force, the Civil Aeronautics Act which created the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Silver Purchase Act, Reorganization Act, the Federal Airport Act, the Internal Security

Act and the Immigration Act. These are his accomplishments in 50 years of service to this State.

Not only will it cost money to change the name, but also what you are not considering is that it will cost money for the FAA; it will cost the TSA money; and it will cost the Department of Commerce money. In addition, you are going to need U.S. Congressional approval for this as was required in 1998 when the national airport changed to Reagan Airport.

Consider an alternative and amend this legislation in a way that would serve this State as a whole. That would be to do what we do with football stadiums and other stadiums. Sell the naming rights for \$20 million for 10 years to whomever and use that money for education. That would benefit more people than doing what we are doing here.

JOHN COLAW:

A quick look at the FAA's website will show that there are 48 plates at McCarran International Airport that will have to be altered if we rename this airport. After dealing with the FAA for 30 years, I can assure you that it does not take donations. We should step back and look at the total cost of this.

Pat McCarran died 60 years ago. Saying now that he was anti-Semitic does not lessen his accomplishments in civil aviation in this Country.

ROBERT FRANK (NevadansCAM):

I have submitted written testimony opposing S.B. 174 ([Exhibit S](#)).

JULIE HEREFORD:

I urge you to vote no on S.B. 174. Senator Reid has not been good for Nevada. We get less than 80 cents back for every tax dollar we send to Washington, D.C. Under his watch, the percentage of the public land still owned and managed by the federal government is between 80 percent and 86 percent. That is one of the highest percentages in the Country. We are also paying high energy rates due to his policy of subsidizing the solar power industry.

He divided Nevada and America. Under his watch, Congress's favorable rating dropped below 20 percent. Since he became the leader of the U.S. Senate,

Congress has not been able to get anything done for the last 20 years. Our City deserves a better image than the name of Harry Reid Airport.

BONNIE MCDANIEL:

I urge you to vote no on S.B. 174. Changing Nevada's history because you now do not like what Senator McCarran did or said is the politically correct way to do things. You cannot change history. It happened. It is done. Accept it. It is the same with the airport being named for Senator McCarran. It is done. It is known all over the world. Everyone knows that Las Vegas is McCarran Airport, Tel Aviv is Ben Gurion Airport and JFK Airport is New York. It is stupid to change the name now. There is no reason to.

Though not perfect, Pat McCarran was one of the greatest U.S. senators in Nevada history. Can we not celebrate what our predecessors accomplished in spite of their limitations and shortcomings and learn from their mistakes at the same time?

CHRISTINE SHELBY:

I am opposed to S.B. 174.

MARY MCAULIFFE:

I find it a grievous travesty to the citizens of Nevada to assume that this name change from McCarran to Reid is acceptable to all. I speak only for myself. Are there others like me who never knew anything about this? It is unacceptable to me, especially after listening to Mr. Green slander McCarran with his anti-Semitic insinuations. Perhaps he has the documentation to back that up. Unfortunately, McCarran is not able to testify yes or no on those insinuations.

I find it interesting that McCarran International Airport has stood proudly in Las Vegas and that the request to change that name to Reid International only now comes up before a Committee. No mention had ever been made or brought forward about the slanderous accusations against Pat McCarran. Is it purposely intended to bring this information forward today to slide Harry Reid's name up on those banners that we hold so dear at the International Airport? I wonder.

You could have considered other names for this. There was no choice in this. The only choice in S.B. 174 is to accept the nomination of the name change to Harry Reid. I urge you to reconsider how you feel based on your constituents' disagreement with this bill.

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ALEX ORTIZ (Clark County):

Clark County is neutral on this bill. We worked with Senator Segerblom to amend the bill.

CHAIR PARKS:

You may wish to have a discussion with Senator Segerblom about those individuals who may have concessions at McCarran and the effect this might have on their costs. I leave that up to you.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

It is important that we go forward in Las Vegas and recognize that we are not the same City or the same State that we were back in the 1950s, 1940s and 1930s. We are a modern, dynamic, multiethnic, multireligious culture, and Senator McCarran's name is not appropriate for that. Conversely, Senator Reid stands for reaching out and welcoming the new, progressive Nevada.

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CHAIR PARKS:

Having no further comments from the Committee, we will close the hearing on S.B. 174. The Senate Committee on Government Affairs is adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Suzanne Efford,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator David R. Parks, Chair

DATE: _____

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