

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Eighty-First Session
March 22, 2021**

The Committee on Ways and Means was called to order by Chair Maggie Carlton at 9:04 a.m. on Monday, March 22, 2021, Online. 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 www.leg.state.nv.us/App/NELIS/REL/81st2021.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair
Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, Vice Chair
Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow
Assemblyman Gregory T. Hafen II
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
Assemblyman Glen Leavitt
Assemblywoman Brittney Miller
Assemblywoman Sarah Peters
Assemblyman Tom Roberts
Assemblywoman Robin L. Titus
Assemblywoman Jill Tolles
Assemblyman Howard Watts

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Assemblyman Jason Frierson (excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sarah Coffman, Assembly Fiscal Analyst
Brody Leiser, Principal Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mary O'Hair, Committee Manager
Carmen Neveau, Committee Secretary
Bet Torres, Committee Assistant



OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Chair Carlton:

[Roll was taken, and Committee rules and protocol were reviewed.] Today we have two bill introductions, and as we have discussed before, a vote for a bill introduction is not necessarily a vote in support of the bill. One of these bills will be returned to Ways and Means and the other bill will go to another committee. The most expeditious way to handle these bills is for Ways and Means to introduce the bills and get the bills to the floor so the bills can be assigned to committees. With that said, because I believe there should be three bills to introduce, we will recess the meeting [at 9:07 a.m.].

I will call this meeting back to order [at 9:08 a.m.]. We have three bills before us this morning for introduction. The first bill is Bill Draft Request (BDR) 48-1090.

BDR 48-1090 — Makes various changes relating to the conservation of water. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 356](#).)

Chair Carlton:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 48-1090 is an act relating to water; creating and setting forth the requirements for the Program for the Conservation of Water; creating the Account for Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights; authorizing the State Engineer to purchase and retire certain water rights with money from the Account, and providing other matters properly relating thereto. With that, Committee members, I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO INTRODUCE
BILL DRAFT REQUEST 48-1090 (LATER INTRODUCED AS
[ASSEMBLY BILL 356](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or discussion on the motion from Committee members?

Assemblyman Hafen:

I would like to disclose that the company I work for holds water rights, and based on what you have read, this should not affect me more than anyone else in the state who holds water rights.

Chair Carlton:

I appreciate your transparency. This is, however, just a bill introduction, and a vote for bill introduction is not necessarily a vote in support of the bill. Hearing no other questions or comments from Committee members, I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Frierson was not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton:

Our next bill introduction is BDR 48-1091.

BDR 48-1091 — Authorizes the creation of water banks. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 354](#).)

Chair Carlton:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) 48-1091 is an act relating to water; authorizing the creation and setting forth the authority and duties of certain water banks; requiring the State Engineer to submit a biennial report to the Legislature related to water banks; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. I will accept a motion to introduce BDR 48-1091.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO INTRODUCE
BILL DRAFT REQUEST 48-1091 (LATER INTRODUCED AS
[ASSEMBLY BILL 354](#).)

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments on the motion from Committee members?
[There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Frierson was not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton:

The third bill to be introduced is BDR S-976.

BDR S-976 — Makes an appropriation for allocation to the International Gaming Institute of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the “Expanding the Leaderverse” initiative to increase the diversity of the leadership in the gaming industry. (Later introduced as [Assembly Bill 355](#).)

Chair Carlton:

Bill Draft Request (BDR) S-976 makes an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Interim Finance Committee for allocation to the International Gaming Institute of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for the "Expanding the Leaderverse" initiative to increase the diversity of the leadership in the gaming industry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. I will accept a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO MOVED TO INTRODUCE
BILL DRAFT REQUEST S-976 (LATER INTRODUCED AS [ASSEMBLY
BILL 355](#).)

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chair Carlton:

Are there any questions or comments from Committee members? [There were none.] I will call for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. (Assemblyman Frierson was not present for the vote.)

Chair Carlton:

These three BDRs will now be sent to the floor so the bills can be referred to appropriate committees. Committee members, over the next few weeks, our workload is going to get much heavier. I will ensure you have plenty of notice when we start holding evening meetings. Our work on budgets is on schedule, but we know that our workload grows when bills start to move from committee to the floor to other committees and then to the other house. Subcommittee budget closings will start soon, and I want everyone to be aware of the process for closing subcommittee budgets. There will be training on closing subcommittee budgets next week. My door remains open to all Committee members with questions. I want everyone to be aware of all the work we are doing, and to understand the process.

There is no other Committee business before us this morning, so I will open the meeting for public comment. [There was no public comment.]

This meeting is adjourned [at 9:19 a.m.].

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Carmen M. Neveau
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, Chair

DATE: _____

EXHIBITS

[Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda.

[Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster.