

Draft Meeting Minutes Legislative Committee of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 3:00pm
Nevada Department of Wildlife:
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Main Conference Room, Reno, NV 89511**

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call:

Chairman Drew called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. Chairman Drew called role and provided a few housekeeping items. He also thanked the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) for the great job at the Taste of Nevada event at the Legislature on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Committee members present: Chairman Jeremy Drew, Commissioner Grant Wallace, Commissioner Paul Valentine, Commissioner Brad Johnston and Member Greg Smith.

NDOW staff present: Director Tony Wasley, Management Analyst III Jordan Neubauer, Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling, Habitat Division Administrator Alan Jenne, Wildlife Staff Specialist Matt Maples, and Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed.

Members of the public present: Sean Shea, Bobbie McCollum, John Potash, Rex Flowers, Gerald Lent, Daryl Harwell, Daryl Capurro, and Rob Boehmer.

Approval of Agenda:

There were no questions from the Committee.

Public Comment: None.

COMMISSIONER WALLACE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Johnston will abstain, he was absent at the March 15, 2017 meeting. There were no questions from the Committee.

COMMISSIONER VALENTINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 15, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRESENTED. MEMBER GREG SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0, COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON ABSTAINED.

Review of Bill/Bill Draft Request (BDR) Tracking List:

Chairman Drew said a lot has happened since our last meeting. This is a deadline week so any bill that is not exempt that is not passed out of the committee in the first house by Friday is dead. He stepped through the list of bills.

AB29 was heard yesterday. It is an exempt bill. He said he does not think anything needs to be changed on the platform at this time. AB101 has an amendment that is out. It has passed the committee. He recommends that the formal amendment be provided at the Commission meeting next week. If there is time today he would like to review the amendment. AB112 has not had a hearing. He would recommend no position or platform at this time. AB138 has an amendment. He would like to provide the amendment to the Commission for next weeks meeting. The platform is still valid. AB187 has not had a hearing and there is a standing position opposing any changes to the composition of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. AB209 there is no position or platform and no change recommended by Chairman Drew. AB238 had a hearing and the platform is still valid. A work session has not been scheduled. AB289 is about facilities for smelting. This BDR looked interesting but it is nothing related to wildlife. He would recommend that we move this bill off of our priority list. AB298 had a hearing. He thinks the Committee needs to take a look at. It is about the monitoring, management, and mitigation plans as well as the definition of environmentally sound. AB330, AB332, and AB363 are not scheduled at this time. He would recommend no action today. If they move we can address them next week at the Commission meeting. AB342 was another BDR that looked interesting and he said we can move this off of the priority list. AB373 had a hearing and the Commission has a platform showing no change to the Commission that needs to be added into the tracking list. AB385 can be moved off the priority list. AB443 had a hearing and he would like to take a look at it. SB47, SB51, and SB73 no position at this time is fine. SB74 has an amendment. The position is still valid and we can add the amendment for Commission meeting next week. SB75 has an amendment but it does not pertain to the section the Commission took a position on. The platform is still valid. SB116 has an amendment. The position is still valid. SB134 no position and no update needed. SB197 and SB198 have both moved through the Senate and are now on the Assembly side. SB221 has been tabled until tomorrow. There is a conceptual amendment and the Committee will talk at the end if there is time. The amendment should be added to the Commissions support material. SB231 has no position or platform and no need to change that. SB263 had a hearing yesterday and an amendment offered. There is no work session scheduled at this point. SB269 will be addressed as a Committee. SB 270, SB271, and SB272 he said there is not anything specific to wildlife. They can be removed from the priority list. SB364 and SB365 both had hearings last Tuesday and both had amendments proposed. SB364 is scheduled for work session tomorrow and SB365 does not have a work session scheduled. They will both be reviewed today. SB370 passed the Senate already and the Committee will address later. SB411 will have a hearing today. The Committee will discuss later. SB475 can be skipped today. There are not any hearings scheduled. SB511 has been heard and the platform needs to be updated on the tracking list. SJR11 of the 78th Legislative Session has been heard and there is no work session scheduled. SJR7 has not had a hearing. SJR12 and SJR13 will review today as a Committee. They have both had hearings. He would like to move up AB386 and AB448. He would like to remove all other bills that are not on the priority tracking list. He asked that all bills that die Friday be highlighted in red.

There was no other discussion from the members.

Public Comment –

Gerald Lent asked about AB101. He thinks it needs to be reviewed. Another amendment just came out. There are two amendments and the second amendment is complex. Is the Committee going to oppose the amendments also?

Committee Review of Legislation, Recommendations on Commission Positions on Legislation and Legislative Platforms:

Chairman Drew said he will give a synopsis of each bill, take any Committee discussion, public comment, and then bring it back to the Committee for a possible recommendation to the full Commission. The priority will be on the bills that the Committee has not yet looked at. If there is time at the end the Committee can look at some of the bills that have amendments.

AB298 –

Chairman Drew reviewed the bill. He said there are two issues on this bill. One issue is the development of the monitoring, management, and mitigation (3M) plans. These are plans that are developed to address some of the potential environmental impacts of a project. He said he thinks it is something NDOW should be aware of so maybe when a plan is developed or proposed for development or amended that NDOW would be notified of that. He said he really had a concern on page 8 and page 9 in terms of what was defined as environmentally sound. He said he is not sure what a successor wildlife community would look like. He said he thinks the Committee should speak out in those two regards on this bill.

Director Tony Wasley said NDOW will monitor and provide our concerns if there is an opportunity.

No member comments or public comment.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A PLATFORM ON TWO PROVISIONS OF THE BILL; 1) THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE IS NOTIFIED OF ANY DEVELOPMENT OR AMENDMENT OF ANY MONITORING, MANAGEMENT, AND MITIGATION (3M) PLAN AND 2) THE DEFINITION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND SHOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR NO ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THREATENED AND ENDANGERED OR SPECIES OF CONSERVATION PRIORITY. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

AB373 –

Chairman Drew reviewed the bill. He said at the last Commission meeting a platform was adopted that proposed no change to the current composition of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. He said there is a work session scheduled on this for tomorrow. There have been indications that section 9 may come out of the bill. He asked what the Committee would like to do on this. If something changes between now and next week we can take it to the Commission to take further action if needed.

Commissioner Johnston said the platform is already established.

Commissioner Valentine and Wallace agree.

Member Smith agrees.

Public Comment –

Rob Boehmer said the Carson City County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (CABMW) received three email letters from the public on this asking to show support in the Commission's platform on this.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A PLATFORM FOR NO CHANGE TO THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

AB386 –

Chairman Drew explained the intent of the bill. There was a hearing on the bill, but there is not a work session scheduled. There was a lot of consternation at the hearing on this bill. This is a great idea. He asked for the desire of this Committee.

Commissioner Wallace said he does not think this is a terrible idea, but there are a lot of logistics to work out with private land owners.

Commissioner Johnston likes it from an access standpoint, but knows the frustration with private land owners.

Commissioner Valentine agrees with Commissioner Johnston.

Member Smith said he would like to wait on this one and see what happens Friday.

Public Comment – None.

Chairman Drew said to hold off on this bill. He would like to note no recommended position or platform, but keep it on the list.

AB443 –

Chairman Drew explained the bill and asked how the Committee should handle it.

Commissioner Wallace asked about the hearing, whether or not there is one scheduled at this time.

Chairman Drew said there is not a work session scheduled at this time, but that does not mean it is not subject to change.

Commissioner Wallace said he does not think it is something the Committee should support. He thinks it is an emotional issue, not a scientific issue.

Commissioner Johnston is opposed.

Commissioner Valentine is opposed. Since there is not a work session scheduled maybe wait and see what happens Friday.

Chairman Drew said the Committee can recommend a position to the Commission. If it does not get scheduled and there is no work session it is a moot point.

Commissioner Johnston said the Commission has been asked to adopt this prohibition when they set the regulation for the bear hunt. He thinks the Commission has been consistent. He thinks the Committee should oppose the legislation as drafted.

Member Smith would like to oppose it as well.

Public Comment –

Sean Shea said he would like to see the Commission oppose this legislation. There was a lot of discussion on this at the legislature. This legislation shows that the supporters want to end the bear hunt.

Rob Boehmer, Carson CABMW, said they received 23 responses in opposition to this bill and no responses in favor of this bill. Please take a position on this bill and be proactive.

Gerald Lent said the Committee should oppose this bill. He thinks it is an anti-hunting issue. It is not an emotional issue, like Commissioner Wallace said. The committees can pass anything they want to on the Floor.

Daryl Capurro said he was on the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners with Gerald Lent and they authorized the bear hunt. Everything was done to make sure the hunt was successful. If you eliminate dogs there is no bear hunt. This is a direct assault against the bear hunt.

Rex Flowers said to be proactive and take a position against this bill. The Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife is opposed to this bill.

Chairman Drew said it is taking away the Commission's authority to set a specific regulation.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 443. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB263 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. There was a hearing on this bill yesterday and there is no work session scheduled at this time. There was an amendment proposed at the hearing. The amendment spoke to the fiscal ramifications of this. In the bill there were some provisions stating that the Department would provide administrative support to the board and there were provisions talking about providing per diem to the board members. The amendment struck some of that out saying only to the extent that money is available they would allow per diem and staff support. The Nevada Guides and Outfitters Association spoke to the bill. There were concerns voiced regarding

NDOW law enforcement not having a specific officer designated for guides only. They also mentioned the Commission not having available time to deal with guide regulations or appeals. There were a couple of other issues that were brought up from years and years ago.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed talked about the fiscal note. It was softened a little with the amendment.

Chairman Drew said there was a desire through the board to approve guide and outfitters licenses and also to review any sort of punitive actions against guides. He said he thinks the Commission may not be prepared to do that.

There was no member discussion.

Public Comment –

Rex Flowers said he did not hear anything that couldn't be regulated as we do now. Their concerns were very specific to one region. There seems to be a lot of negativity toward non-resident guide services. The fiscal note part says the Department may use administrative services of the Department or contract on their own. They could hire someone within the Nevada Guides and Outfitters Association to do their secretarial work and may be a double dipping situation.

Chairman Drew asked if the Committee should take a position or wait.

Commissioner Wallace said to wait.

Commissioner Johnston said he has not heard a good rational for this change. If a problem cannot be identified and how this bill will solve that problem he is not in favor or creating another board.

Chairman Drew asked if he thought a position should be recommended at this time.

Commissioner Johnston said yes.

Commissioner Valentine agrees with Commissioner Johnston. What is the need for this legislation?

Member Smith said to oppose this bill.

Chairman Drew said the reason this bill is bring brought forward is because there are concerns that the Department has not done enough in term of regulating either guides or folks who may be guiding without a license. There were concerns that the Commission didn't have enough time to address regulation or appeals of guides. He said he made the statement that they have worked with the guides and the Department in doing both of those things. He does not see that as being a huge workload at this point. There was the desire for this new board to approve guides rather than the Department and also review any potential punitive actions. It certainly was disjointed.

Chief Game Warden Tyler Turnipseed said Chairman Drew covered most of it. There was frustration with a lack of investigations of guides guiding without a license. They want a warden for guide investigations only. They also mentioned that there was a lack of representation on the Commission.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSE SENATE BILL 263 AS INTRODUCED UNTIL A CLEAR NEED IS IDENTIFIED AND HOW THE BOARD WOULD ADDRESS THAT NEED. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB269 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. He said there is no nexus to wildlife. He would say that the Committee should not take a position unless the Department or someone else has identified something that the Committee needs to take a look at.

Commissioner Johnston will abstain as he has personal and professional interest.

Public Comment – None.

Chairman Drew said the Committee will not take a position or platform at this time.

SB364 –

Chairman Drew reviewed the bill. There was a hearing last Tuesday. The sponsor of the bill provided a mock up amendment. He reviewed the amendment. He said it is scheduled for a work session tomorrow. He is guessing there are changes being discussed. He does not think we should put someone's name and address on traps. The Commission has already set regulations regarding trap time. He said the Committee might make a recommendation today and everything may change tomorrow. He went over his many concerns.

Commissioner Wallace said Chairman Drew covered the many issues in this bill. He would like to oppose the bill based on the laundry list of issues provided.

Commissioner Johnston did not have any comments.

Commissioner Valentine and Member Smith agreed on opposing the bill.

Public Comment –

Sean Shea said to oppose the bill as currently written. There was a lot of lying going on at the hearing.

Rex Flowers said prior to the meeting the Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife took a position to oppose the bill.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSE SENATE BILL 364 AS INTRODUCED DUE TO THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS: UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IN REGARD TO CHANGING "WILDLIFE" TO "ANY ANIMAL," THE LACK OF CLARITY ON THE SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS, APPLYING SOMEONE'S NAME AND ADDRESS TO A TRAP IN LIEU OF

REGISTRATION, TAMPERING WITH TRAPS WHEN A PERSON OR ANIMAL IS NOT CAUGHT IN THE TRAP, AND THE PROPOSED 24 HOUR TRAP CHECK TIME. COMMISSIONER WALLACE SECONDED THE MOTION.

Chairman Drew said he forgot to mention that it takes the Commission out of setting the trap check time regulations.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB365 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. There was an amendment proposed by the Nevada Wildlife Alliance at the hearing. Their proposal was to strike all language and replace it with other language regarding fees related to trapping. The intent changed significantly. This bill is not scheduled for a work session as of now.

Directory Wasley said the Department received a request from the legislature to determine how much it costs to enforce trapping. The Department cannot determine that specific amount due to the nature of our work. It would be impossible for us to put a specific financial amount to that. There are 895 species in the state of Nevada and 95 percent of the funding is derived from revenues that are collected from roughly 8 percent of those species and that a cost recovery approach set a challenging precedent in wildlife management.

Chairman Drew would like to oppose the bill.

Commissioner Wallace agrees.

Commissioner Johnston would hate to go down a path where money is marked for certain activities. It is a bad concept. This is in an effort to ban trapping. They are going down the wrong path.

Commissioner Valentine said to oppose the bill.

Member Smith agrees to oppose the bill.

Public Comment –

Rex Flowers said the Department has to go through the Legislature on all other fee increases. This would be discrimination.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSE SENATE BILL 365 AS INTRODUCED AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY THE NEVADA WILDLIFE ALLIANCE TO IMPLEMENT A COST RECOVERY MODEL AS THIS IS A PRECEDENT THAT DOES NOT WORK WITHIN THE EXISTING FRAMEWORK OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. MEMBER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB370 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. The bill has passed out of the Senate already. He does not have an issue with it.

No member comment or public comment.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORT SENATE BILL 370 AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER VALENTINE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB411 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. He said there was a hearing today. There has been a lot of discussion around feral cat colonies and their potential impact of wildlife from either a predation or disease standpoint. This act heightens that concern for him.

Director Wasley said the Department provided neutral testimony today which included factual impacts of feral cats on wildlife including birds, mammals, and reptiles. The hearing concluded without any action being taken. There was significant testimony from the conservation community in opposition. There was also significant testimony in support. It was a lengthy hearing. The bill may be brought back for a work session.

Commissioner Johnston said there are a lot of issues with feral cats. He does not think it is appropriate to have management of feral cats. More urban coyotes would be a possibility. He also thinks there would be more wildlife conflict in urban areas. He would like to oppose the bill.

Commissioner Valentine said Clark County has an ordinance in place for feral cat colonies. He thinks we should oppose this bill.

Public Comment –

John Potash said the definition of abandonment is what makes the trap, neuter, and release illegal. This law is in place for a reason. Feral cats do not have any owners and caretakers have no liability. Wildlife is owned by everyone in the state. Allowing people to arbitrarily release the number one most invasive predator would be very irresponsible. Put emotion aside and make sound judgment. Oppose this matter please.

Sean Shea said he is not in favor of anything feral. Oppose the bill.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION ADOPT A PLATFORM OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION OF FERAL CAT COLONIES DUE TO CONCERNS RELATED TO PREDATION OF WILDLIFE AND POTENTIAL DISEASE TRANSMISSION. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SB511 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. He asked for an update from the Department. The Commission did adopt a general platform in support of the concept of license simplification. There may be questions on the mechanisms for splitting out funding into the restricted accounts such as the duck stamp and trout stamp.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling said the funding stream will be protected. It is based on 7 years' worth of analysis of the contributions to those various accounts

and we feel very comfortable that with the way the bill is written that there should be virtually no change to the revenue going into those accounts. There are absolutely no changes to the way that the expenditures from those accounts go along as well. We do anticipate this to simplify dramatically and it eliminates the chance of making errors in the field. We may see an increase in sales because of the ease of purchasing a license. Even without that, this structure allows us to certify a larger number of license purchasers. The access to our federal grants is based in part by the number of certified licenses we sell. If everybody were to purchase licenses as they do now, our best estimates show that we would see somewhere in the neighborhood of 8,000 to 9,000 more hunting licenses we could certify and closer to 20,000 to 25,000 greater angling licenses we could certify. It is difficult to model the behavior of license purchasers exactly because we change the value of the various licenses in the course of changing these. Our best estimate is that this will probably have a revenue neutral effect on the agency. This does not affect tags or application fees. If we see people purchase things as they do now we would expect to see very little dip in the actual revenue and we feel very comfortable with the models we have used to develop that.

Chairman Drew asked about the 365 day license and the transfer of the stamp money.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling said both of those things are accurate. This bill also includes changes to boat registration and AIS decals. They are consistent with the spirit of simplification. It allows the Commission the ability to deal with those. It reduced the number of AIS decals from 4 to 2.

Member Smith asked about the 365 day license and people being able to cheat the system.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling said that is an excellent question. The Department and members of the public decided this was only acceptable if there is a way to eliminate people from gaming the system. He explained how the Department has decided to be sure customers have a current license during the application period and during the hunt period. The Department will rely on the vendor as well.

Member Smith said that should answer the problem. He asked about the license fees.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling said 2004 was the last time Nevada increased fees. This is not intended to be a fee increase. Price points are revenue neutral. He described how the Department went about this research.

Chairman Drew said most of the fees are set in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS). The bill was in line with the concept adopted back in November 2016. The Department is comfortable with the bill, so he is as well.

Commissioner Wallace is comfortable with the bill.

Commissioner Johnston agrees.

Commissioner Valentine agrees.

Commissioner Smith agrees.

Public Comment –

Daryl Harwell, Nevada Waterfowl Association, said they are the non-profit organization for the Nevada duck stamp for the last 20 years or so. He said they have been talking to the Department to end the state duck stamp in 2019, which would be 40 years of a state duck stamp. Now, with this bill, the state duck stamp will just end. He talked about the spring goose hunt. The Federal duck stamp will always be there. How will the questionnaire be sent out if the license is all rolled into one? He asked about the Harvest Information Program (HIP) number. He is for the bill overall, but they were not aware that the Department was going to discontinue the state duck stamp.

Chairman Drew asked about the duck stamp competition and how questionnaires will work now.

Game Division Administrator Brian Wakeling said we do not see any reason why the contest couldn't still happen. The simplification of the process certainly would be a compelling reason to still go forward with this. People call in to get the HIP number. We have the ability to stratify groups within the license sales.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORT SENATE BILL 511 AS INTRODUCED. COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SJR12 –

Chairman Drew introduced the bill. This bill was heard and there was a work session scheduled for today. This Commission is on record opposing Senate Joint Resolution 1 from the 78th Legislative Session. He is comfortable supporting this bill as presented.

Commissioners Johnston, Wallace, Valentine and Member Smith agree.

Public Comment: None.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORT SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 12 AS INTRODUCED. MEMBER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

SJR13 –

Chairman Drew said he presented this bill yesterday. This bill was passed out of committee on a unanimous vote.

Commissioners Wallace, Johnston, Valentine, and Member Smith are supportive.

Public Comment – None.

CHAIRMAN DREW MOVED TO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION SUPPORT SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13. MEMBER SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

AB101 –

Amendment 206 was posted yesterday. Chairman Drew read the amendment. There will not be another hearing on this bill. This amendment will be introduced on the Floor of the Assembly. He said that he will not ask the Committee to update the position today.

Commissioner Wallace said he agrees.

Commissioner Johnston said he has not seen the amendment.

Commissioner Valentine said he looked at the amendment and it takes us back before the 78th Legislative Session.

Member Smith said the reporting requirements are on the Department.

Chairman Drew said yes, there are new reporting requirements. He does not want to make a recommendation today. He is concerned about the reporting requirements.

Public Comment –

Daryl Capurro said there are two conflicting amendments and that is why they the bill is on the Chief Clerk's Desk. He spoke to both amendments. He has severe concerns with amendment 206 still stating game mammals. It does not refer to birds. The amendments are not addressing what is important. The report should be directed to the Legislature and they should determine what Committee would deal with the report. The Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) has no connection to this. It should go to the Legislative Commission during the even numbered years.

Gerald Lent said that this bill does not relay the original intent. The Director of the LCB does not answer to the Legislature, he answers to the Legislative Commission. He agrees there should be an annual report, but not the way it is set up in the amendment. He would like the Committee to add this bill and take action on it.

Chairman Drew reiterated the position on the bill. Amendment 7 has conflicting language. He would like to table any updates until next week.

Commissioner Wallace thinks we are good on this.

Commissioner Johnston said he feels the same.

Commissioner Valentine said to keep it the same.

Member Smith said to keep it the same.

Chairman Drew asked to provide amendment 7 and 206 to the Commission next week.

SB221 –

Chairman Drew read the conceptual amendment that was provided through the work session document at the hearing. He does not think the Committee needs to update

the position today. He asked that the work session document be provided to the Commission next week.

There were no comments from the members.

Public Comment – None.

Future Committee Meetings:

The Commission Meeting will start at 2:30pm on April 19, 2017 and the Commission will work from the tracking list.

There were no member comments.

Public Comment –

Daryl Capurro asked about AB101.

Chairman Drew said it will be on the list for the full Commission to review.

Public Comment Period

None.

Chairman Drew adjourned the meeting at 5:33pm.