Clark Lawmakers Argue Consolidation Plan Stirs Controversy

CARSON CITY (AP) — The long awaited Clark County consolidation plan was delivered to Southern Nevada lawmakers and immediately began what promises to be continued fighting over the plan.

A special consolidation committee chaired by Sen. James Gibson, D-Henderson, unveiled the 103-page proposal, the first of months of work which draws new government lines in Clark County and divides up taxes and services. Assembly Speaker Keith Ashworth, D-Las Vegas, asked

the Clark Delegation to authorize introduction of the bill to save time but the suggestion touched off an instant storm of argument among supporters and opponents of the proposal. Assemblyman Bob Price, D-North Las Vegas, jumped to his feet and claimed the supporters were attempting to

'railroad" the bill through by asking that it be introduced before lawmakers had time to read the huge document.

Price said the delegation had been told by Gibson that no vote on whether to introduce the bill would be made until largest project among \$7.6 million in public recreation today, giving legislators two days to read it and contact

their constituents. Ashworth responded that he only wanted the bill introduced to get it printed and save time on the already record long session.

Ashworth also said it would likely take two days just to have the proposal set in type with no possible action coming before lawmakers had a chance to study it.

Other opponents of the plan sided with Price saying that staff. introduction by the Clark Delegation would carry a strong implied endorsement.

The delegation finally decided to ask the Senate Government Affairs committee to introduce the plan but hole golf course for \$800,000; Douglas County's proposal for Honor winner, was a naval there was no immediate decision on whether the committee would agree.

same members acting also as the Las Vegas city council. . Opponents of the plan are mainly legislators from outlying areas of Clark County, including Henderson, North Las Vegas and Boulder City.

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Tahoe Park Land Buy Approved by Agency

Special to the Journal
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE — A \$6 million California statte park acquisition has won support of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency governing board.

California Department of Parks and Recreation Commission has allotted the funding from 1974 parks and recreation general obligation bond money for acquisition of 1,870 acres on the Burton Creek watershed two and a half

developments to be considered in Nevada and California. Acquisition of the land probably will be completed this

year, said Les McCargo of the California department's acquisition section. Timber cruising and land appraisals must be completed before boundaries can be adjusted to fit the money, he added.

The project was one of seven clearing house review items approved Thursday by the agency as recommended by its

Other projects are: Tahoe City Public Utility District plans to secure \$1.1 million in state and federal funds for recreational improvement, including acquisition of a ninean 80-acre regional park adjacent to George Whittell High School at Zephyr Cove which requires \$407,000, including The plan being proposed by Gibson's special committee calls for an 11-member county commission with eight of the plans to seek \$40,000 in federal funds for an \$80,000 bicycle trail system.

Funding applications were also approved for facilities in Douglas County Sewer Improvement District No. 1 and Washoe County Sewer Improvement District No. 1.

BRUCE VAN VOORHIS

Memorabilia To Be Given

FALLON - Personal memorabilia of Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Van Voorhis will be presented to the Churchill County Museum at 10 a.m. May 17, Armed Forces Day.

The presentation will be made by Capt. Edward Bauer, commanding officer the Fallon Naval Air Station, at the museum on Maine Street.

Van Veorhis, a Medal of aviator who grew up in Fallon. He was the son of Mrs. Lily Pinger, spending his childhood in Churchili County where his father was the Indian Service Representative at Stillwater.

He attended school at Oats Park and later was graduated from Churchill County High School in 1924.

Poetry Read While Tree Falls

SACRAMENTO (UPI) - Loggers petically used the cutting of a dead 110-year-old redwood on the capitol grounds Tuesday to portray themselves as concerned environmentalists while lawmakers indoors began debate of a law to help the troubled industry

Charles R. Batten, of the California Forest Protective Association, read a poem written by his wife, Barbara, extolling the vitures of the tree that had been dying for 10 years - perhaps from too much water. Before Batten and newsmen gathered

around the tree, state workers had removed most of the limbs and sawed off several sections of the trunk that once stood more than 100 feet tall. Batten read:

"Oh, redwood tree, how said to see

Tis time to go and soon they'll be At hand to chop you down

Inside, members of the Senate Governmental Operations Committee prepared to debate a bill (SB 502) by Sen. Clare Berryhill, R-Ceres, that would repeal the California Environmental Quality Act.

Batten said the cutting of the tree "was the peg that we could use to get the message across that loggers were interested in conservation."

The Environmental Quality Act was the basis of a Humboldt County (Calif.) superior court ruling that loggers must file environmental impact reports before cutting can begin.



Truckee Pipeline:

Sewage Plan Backed with Private Home Priority

Special to the Journal

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE - The Tahoe-Truckee Sanitation Agency has won unanimous approval from the California-Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to build a 14-mile, \$30 million pipeline down the Truckee River, but the endorsement was conditional upon adherence to sewage connection priorities.

The Sanitation agency sought approval for the project in order to proceed with a summer construction schedule planned to begin June 4 after acceptance of construction bids. The river line will carry sewage from beyond North Lake Tahoe community riverfront properties and Squaw Vailey and Alpine Meadows into a new tertiary treatment plant near Truckee.

Both the plants and the river interceptors are needed for sewage exportation from the Tahoe Basin, replacing the present use of the cinder cone, an extinct volcano currently leased yearly from the U.S. Forest Service.

Jan Chatten-Brown, Los Angeles environmental lawyer and California Gov. Edmund Brown Jr.'s recent CTRPA appointee, began a stormy four-hour special session last week by introducing a proposal directed to insure sewer connections for single-family dwellings along the river, and severely restrict commercial sections.

project with "teeth" to limit growth inducing factors she says are implied in the interceptor construction period.

Local CTRPA representatives at first refused to consider the Chatten-Brown proposal, accusing her of policy-making that belongs in work sessions on the regional plan. The CTRPA is currently drafting a regional plan scheduled for adoption in July.

Ms. Chatten-Brown stood firm in her position that approval of the CTRPA project without restricted conditions for sewer hookup made the Sanitation agency's project growth-inducing.

The sanitation agency has received state and federal authorization to construct the interceptor, for which \$4.5 million in bonds have already been sold. The \$4.5 million is a local contribution for the regional sewage facility. The Federal government is contributing 75 per cent and the State 12.5 per cent of the funding on the regional sewage

Ms. Chatten-Brown amended her proposal setting connection priorities and placed the burden on the sanitation agency to guarantee that any additional sewage capacity be used in accordance with the connection priority.

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The priorities basically place single-family dwelling hookups first and the new developer last.

The Associated Anesthesiologists of Reno have resumed the full time practice of anesthesiology.

Through the efforts of the Nevada State Medicai Association, we have finally been able to obtain adequate, short term, professional liability insurance at an acceptable rate through a private insurance company; however all of this requires clarification:

- 1) "Adequate" means coverage that will amount to $\frac{1}{3}$ of our previous coverage.
- 2) "Short Term" means for a period of 3 months.
- 3) "Acceptable" means a 47% increase in premium. This coverage only became effectively available to us on 5 May, 1975.

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We thank Governor Mike O'Cailaghan for his kindly concern and leadership during this difficult time; we also thank his staff for their uncomplaining diligence and hard work; and finally we thank the Nevada Legislature for the beginning actions they have taken thus far towards relieving some of the difficulties pertaining to the problem of professional liability.

We firmly believe that this entire subject of "malpractice" (professional liability) is a serious social problem of all the people — not just the physicians. Therefore, let those who are of good will join in a continued effort to alleviate the difficulties that remain. A good start has been made, but the job is far from finished.

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