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From: Dean M. Kunihiro, Regional State Liaison Officer

Subject: Trip Report: NV Legislative Committee on HLW Hearing,
August 20, 1985, Las Vegas, NV

On August 20, 1985 I attended a hearing conducted by the Nevada Legislative Committee on High-Level Radioactive Waste. Attached are: 1) a list of committee members, 2) biographical sketches of committee members, 3) a list of individuals or represented jurisdictions that testified before the committee.

The most significant areas of concern to the committee dealt with the extent of state participation in the repository siting process, and transportation related issues. The State of Nevada currently has a suit before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. The suit concerns the degree of state participation permitted by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Testimony from representatives of local jurisdictions highlighted concern over the apparent disregard, in DOE's environmental assessment, for the impacts the repository may have on local communities.

In view of the openly anti-repository position taken by Governor Bryan, the absence of any hostility, or harse criticism was particularly noteworthy. As a result, the hearing served to permit useful dialogue among federal, state, and local officials. Federal participants, especially DOE, undoubtedly left with a greater appreciation of State and local concerns.

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Dean M. Kunihiro
Regional State Liaison Officer

Enclosures:
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Senator Thomas Hickey, Chairman, Legislative Committee on High Level Waste

Thomas Hickey

Sen. Thomas J. Hickey, 55, represents Clark County Senate District 2.

A Democrat living in Las Vegas, Hickey has served in the Senate since 1983. He served in the Assembly from 1973-1982.



Thomas Hickey

In the 1985 session, he will serve as chairman of the Senate Government Affairs Committee and will be on the Judiciary and Transportation committees.

He has served as chairman of the Agriculture Committee, chairman of the Western Conference of The Council of State Governments and as a member of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee. In 1975, he was Gov. O'Callaghan's representative to the Western Governor's Conference.

Hickey received a degree from the University of Omaha in Nebraska.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he is a member of the Nevada Crime

Commission, Men's 100 Club, Boy's Club of Clark County, Sons of Erin, the Elks, the Lions Club, Optimists, VFW, American Legion, American Judicature Society, Advisory Council of the Latin Chamber of Commerce, 4-H Advisory Board, North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee and the German American Club.

He and his wife, Liliam Lujan, have one daughter, Mary.

Occupation: Brakeman, Union Pacific Railroad

District: North Las Vegas



James Schofield

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Assemblyman James (Jim) Schofield, 53, represents Clark County Assembly District No. 12.

A Democrat living in Las Vegas, he has served in the Legislature since 1975.

He served as speaker pro tempore in the 1983 session.

An administration and environmental officer, Schofield was a graduate of Las Vegas High School. He took post-graduate studies in business

administration, business law, business accounting, sales management, bank marketing, public and press relations, and administrative management.

He is a past exalted ruler of the Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 1468 and holds a life membership; he is a past president of the Las Vegas Breakfast Exchange Club, served on the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the City of Las Vegas Master Plan in 1974, and served as president of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association, Las Vegas Elks Lodge No. 1468, from 1980-81.

Schofield served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He and his wife, Billie Lee, have two children, Mark and Rick.

A Democrat living in Henderson, he has served in the Senate since 1967. He served in the Assembly from 1964 to 1966.

Gibson is majority floor leader, chairman of the Finance Committee, and serves on Natural Resources and the Legislative Affairs and Operations committees.

While in the Assembly, he chaired the Assembly Ways and Means committee for three sessions and served on various other committees.

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James I. Gibson

Sen. James I. Gibson, 40, represents the Clark County Senate District 1.

Senator Gibson has been a member of the Nevada Legislature since 1959.

He is Chairman of the Council of State Governments (CSG)

He is also Chairman of the Legislature's Interim Finance Committee.

He represents Henderson and the rural areas of Clark County outside Las Vegas

In his 1982 election he was unopposed. His present term expires in 1986 and he will probably run for re-election.

including Education, Banks, Banking and Corporations, Judiciary, and Government Affairs.

In the Senate he has served on the Finance and Legislative Affairs committees and as chairman of the Government Affairs and Taxation committees and the Legislative Commission.



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He has been majority floor leader for five sessions.

He is executive vice president of operations for Pacific Engineering and Production Co. of Nevada in Henderson and attended McGill, Carson City and Las Vegas schools, the University of Kansas and the University of Colorado. He received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He did post-graduate work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering.

Gibson is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has been stake president for 16½ years, and regional representative for 7½ years. He has been a member of the Boulder Dam Area Council, the Boy Scouts of America Executive Board, and is a past president of Henderson's Boys Club.

He is also a member of the Nevada and National Society of Professional Engineers, the National Honorary Science Fraternity, and is a registered professional engineer in Nevada and Arizona.

Gibson is a veteran of World War II and the Korean War where he served in the U.S. Navy.

He and his wife, Audrey, have six children, James, David, Robin Lee Hales, Terry Lynn Walker, Cynthia Rae Knudson, and Holly Jo Crist.

Ken Redelsperger

Sen. Kenneth Redelsperger, 44, represents the Central Senate District which includes Nye, Mineral, Esmeralda, Lincoln, White Pine, most of Churchill and part of Eureka and Lander counties.

A Republican living in Pahrump, Redelsperger served in the Assembly in the 1981 and 1983 sessions of the Legislature.

The freshman senator will serve on the Taxation, Commerce and Labor, and Natural Resources committees in the 1985 session.

He served during the 1983 session on the Ways and Means, Commerce, Economic Development, and Tourism and Mining committees. During the 1981 session, he was vice chairman of the Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee, and served on the Government Affairs and Agriculture committees.

He has served on the Legislative Commission since 1981 and serves on the Interim Finance Committee.



Kenneth Redelsperger

and the subcommittee to study High Level Repository.

A real estate developer, he attended high school in California.

His past activities include president of the Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Pahrump Town Board; president of the Pahrump Valley Credit Union.

His present activities include chairman of the Pahrump Valley Economic Development Council and a member of the Pahrump Senior Nutrition Board.

Redelsperger's district is the largest Senate district in the United States, encompassing 59,000 square miles, half the area of the state of Nevada.

He and his wife, Anne, have four children, Kimberly and Kathryn, 22,

Timothy, 20, and Megan, 11.

His District includes Nevada Test Site.



Jane Ham

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Assemblywoman Jane Ham, 65, represents Clark County District 16.

A Republican living in Las Vegas, she served in the Legislature since 1981.

She will serve as chairwoman of the Elections Committee and as a member of the Judiciary, and Education committees in the 1985 session.

Ham was a member of the Assembly Judiciary, Elections, and Health and Welfare committees during the 1981 session and was a member of the Judiciary, Elections, and Labor and Management committees in the 1983 session.

She is retired.

Ham earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Ohio State University and did post graduate work in aeronautical engineering at the University of Minnesota.

She has been a member of the Rose De Lima Hospital Auxiliary, Women in Community Service, Job

Corps for Girls, Southern Nevada POW-MIA Committee, Pro-Family Coalition, Citizens for Responsible Government, Child Haven, and has served as chaplain at Hope Hospital.

She is a member of the League of Women Voters, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Zonta International, International Taxpayers Union, Nevada Taxpayers Association, Nevada Order of Women Legislators, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Nevada Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women.

Ham was married to the late Charles W. Ham, and has three children, Peter, 29, Marjorie, 28, and Susan, 25.



Jack Jeffrey

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Assemblyman Jack Jeffrey, 46, represents Clark County Assembly District No. 22.

A Democrat living in Henderson, he has served in the Legislature since 1975.

He will be assistant minority leader in the 1985 session and will serve on the Ways and Means, Commerce, Labor and Management, and Legislative Functions committees.

Jeffrey has served in the past as majority leader and as chairman of the Commerce, Economic Development, and Natural Resources committees and as a member of the Government Affairs, Agriculture, and Labor and Management committees.

An electrician, Jeffrey is a high school graduate who took apprenticeship training and attended college.

He has been active in the Elks, Eagles and various boards and commissions.

His affiliations include the IBEW No. 357, the Southern Nevada Building Trades Council, and the Central Labor Council.

He and his wife, Betty, have two sons, John, 27, and Paul, 20, and a daughter, Teresa, 24.



Gaylyn J. Spriggs

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Spriggs, 41, represents Assembly District No. 36 which includes Mineral, Nye, Esmeralda and Lincoln counties.

A Republican living in Hawthorne, this is her first term in the Legislature.

She will serve on the Taxation and Government Affairs committees and will be vice chairman of the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining Committee.

Spriggs, who was Mineral County assessor, was valedictorian at Mineral County High School and has taken college courses in engineering, computer programming, and mathematics.

She has served as secretary of the Miners and Prospectors Association and is a member of the Mineral County United Way Allocation Board.

She and her husband, Leroy, have four children, Lois, 22, Terri, 20, David, 18, and Gary, 16.

Residence: Hawthorne, NV

District: Extremely large Central Nevada District that includes the Nevada Test Site. Hawthorne is about 200 miles north of the Test Site!

Individual/Jurisdictions testifying before the
NV Legislative Committee on HLW, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 20, 1985

1. Ben Rusche (DOE)
2. John Davis (NRC)
3. Wayne Bliss (EPA)
4. Don Vieth (DOE)
5. Robert Loux (NV)
6. Clark County
7. Lincon County
8. Nye County
9. Las Vegas