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The Legislature

Lawmaker introduces nuke dump revenues bill

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CARSON CITY. — The second phase of a plan proposed by a local government advisory committee regarding taxation and distribution of funds from a high-level nuclear waste dump was introduced Monday in the Legislature.

Sen. Ken Redelsperger, R-Pahrump, introduced Senate Bill 356, which would raise up to \$8 million statewide in revenues from a high-level radioactive waste repository.

Redelsperger said the bill is a formula for collection and distribution of ad valorem (property) taxes for property used as the site of the repository.

Several funding formulas are contained in the bill, accounting for a county's proximity to the repository, population distribution and transportation corridors, in the distribution of a proposed \$5 per \$100 of assessed valuation tax

to be levied by the state on the dump.

Redelsperger said collection of the tax could be retroactive to May 1986 when three sites, including Yucca Mountain in Nevada, were selected by the U.S. Department of Energy as candidates for the repository.

Of the local governments that helped author the bill, Redelsperger said, only Nye County disagrees with the proposed distribution formula which has support from Clark and Lincoln Counties, and the cities of Las Vegas and Henderson.

The measure is intended as an alternative to the so-called Bullfrog County bill proposed by Assemblyman Paul May, D-North Las Vegas. The bill would create a new 12-square-mile county that would have a property tax rate of \$5 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The Legislature

Assembly kills nuclear dump resolutions

By Laura Wingard
Review-Journal Capital Bureau

CARSON CITY — The Assembly killed two Senate resolutions Monday on the proposed high-level nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, possibly setting the stage for a showdown between the Legislature's two houses.

Opponents of the measures feared they sent a mixed message to Congress that Nevada is opposed to the repository being built 110 miles northwest of Las Vegas but is willing to negotiate for financial compensation if Yucca Mountain ends up as the dump site.

Assemblymen supporting the resolutions disagreed and have called for a new vote today on the two measures.

Senate Joint Resolution 4 urges the federal government to assume unlimited financial liability for any injuries caused during the building and operation of the dump. The measure died on a 16-25 vote.

Senate Joint Resolution 5 urges the federal government to pay state and local governments for additional services such as schools, po-

lice and fire protection and medical facilities if the dump is built at Yucca Mountain. The measure died on a 21-19 vote. It needs 22 "yes" votes to be adopted.

Neither resolution states that the Legislature opposes the Department of Energy selecting Yucca Mountain as the site for the nation's first high-level nuclear waste repository.

The Energy Department announced last year that the top three choices for the dump are Yucca Mountain, Hanford, Wash., and Deaf Smith County, Texas.

"I don't think we can double speak," said Assemblyman Myrna Williams, D-Las Vegas.

Williams supports Assembly Joint Resolutions 4 and 37, which state that Nevada is opposed to the repository no matter how much money the federal government offers the state to allow the dump to be built at Yucca Mountain.

"We shouldn't indicate that Nevada can be bought at any price," said Assemblyman Ernie Adler, D-Carson City.

Assemblyman Jim Schofield, D-Las Vegas, argued in favor of the

resolutions, comparing them to an insurance policy for Nevada in case Yucca Mountain is picked for the dump.

"We can't hide our heads in the sand," Schofield said.

But Assemblyman Jim Spinello, D-Las Vegas, who helped to rewrite the Senate resolutions to remove conflicts with the Assembly's opposition to the dump, even agreed to oppose the measures.

"We said we don't want it. We said we won't tolerate it," Spinello said. "I don't think we need to say anything else."

The versions the Assembly voted on did not include the Senate's language that the resolutions were not intended to offer support or opposition to Yucca Mountain as a dump site.

Voting for SJR4 were Jim Ban-

ner, D-Las Vegas; Lou Bergevin, R-Gardnerville; Bob Craddock, D-Las Vegas; Bob Fay, D-Las Vegas; Val Garner, D-Las Vegas; Dave Humke, R-Reno; Jack Jeffrey, D-Henderson; Bob Kerns, R-Reno; Joan Lambert, R-Reno; John Marvel, R-Battle Mountain; Paul May, D-North Las Vegas; Dave Nicholas, R-Incline Village; Bob Sader, D-Reno; Gaylyn Spriggs, R-Hawthorne; Danny Thompson, D-Henderson; and Vince Triggs, D-Las Vegas.

Voting for SJR5 were Banner, Bergevin, John Carpenter, R-Elko, Craddock, Fay, Garner, Virgil Getto, R-Fallon, Humke, Jeffrey, Kerns, Lambert, Jim McGaughey, R-Las Vegas, Marvel, May, Nicholas, Bob Price, D-North Las Vegas, Sader, Schofield, Spriggs, Thompson and Triggs.