

# Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc.

A better quality of life for seniors , their children and grand children

## The NSC FOGHORN™



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### *Special points of interest:*

- One-third of the 2003 Nevada Legislature are public employees.
- Forty states do not allow public employees to accept compensation from taxpayers while in the legislature.
- Twenty-four of these require public employees to resign their civil service positions when accepting a legislative seat.
- An initiative petition is being formulated to prevent Nevada public employees serving in the legislature.

Please sign it and get the internal lobbyists out of the legislature.

## Dirty Water, Dirty Politics!

By Ken Mahal, President NSC

In the August 4, 2003 Las Vegas Review Journal there was a very alarming story on the Lake Mead fresh water intake sucking up so much polluted algae that it is mucking up the intake filters and reducing the treatment plants capacity by as much as 20 percent. This is alarming but not surprising to those of us such as Dr. Larry Paulson and myself who have been on this issue since 1995. The failed Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is thinking of spending \$5,000,000 for a plastic curtain 100 feet high and 400 yards long to supposedly keep the warmer and more polluted water away from the intake. With the SNWA's record it will cost three times as much and fail but we won't know about it until people become ill from pollutants reaching our water supply. Also, the dumbest yet, the SNWA is talking about running the fresh water intake down further to the lake which would still be in the outflow of the 155,000,000 gallons of treated sewage that now flows past the fresh water intakes and on down stream into Lake Mead. I told Larry the other day I was really sad that we could not convince the Department of Interior, the failed SNWA, the Las Vegas Review Journal, the Las Vegas Sun nor any of the Las Vegas TV stations back in 1995 what a serious engineering disaster the new multi- billion dollar pumping station and water intake was going to be. And now that \$1.5 billion has been spent it is proven they made a disastrous engineering mistake and basically the news media and all of the politicians are sound asleep. What Larry said in the first place there is a serious question about even needing the new pumping station and if they were going ahead it should have been built in a far different and safer location and the fresh water intake should have been at least 10 miles up the lake. I still feel very sad that we failed, but we were right and no one would listen. All I can say is that all of the above should be held accountable — but not in Nevada.

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## A Taxedbook Legislature

By Ken Mahal, President, NSC

On to the action after the Governors \$838 million tax increase on top of what will be an almost 10% growth in revenue over the next biennium. Some are talking about a recall of Governor but I say don't do him any favors. He has to be about the least respected Governor in the United States next to California's Gray Davis. One can only hope he has to spend most of his time isolated up at Carson City but unfortunately he no doubt will spend most of his time at his fancy other home on a stream in California.

Our friend Knight Allen has agreed to help the group behind these various actions caused by the legislature and the governor in the 2003 failed session. Knight heads up the group on the initiative to amend the Nevada constitution to prevent public employees from holding elective office. As you no doubt, know this has been something very dear to his heart for as long as any of us can remember. If you recall Chris Giunchigliani, a very liberal education employee, started all of this drive to kill us with taxes by her drawing up the Assembly Concurrent Resolution in 2001 kicking off the Governor's damnable Task Force to raise our taxes. She just needs to be voted out of office before Knight's initiative even becomes law. The same goes for policeman Richard Perkins another big government spender. The initiative will take a lot of money, people, time and work because it requires that at least 10% of the registered voters who voted in the last election in 13 of the 17 counties of Nevada must sign on in favor of it. I hope as many of you who can, will sign on to be volunteers to help where asked.

The other issue being worked on is a referendum to repeal the payroll taxes passed in the last legislature to the tune of about \$350,000,000. There are two payroll taxes in question. One is the 0.70% payroll tax on all payroll with no cap for any business except banking. The other payroll tax is the 2% tax on all bank pay-roll with a special branch bank tax of \$7,000 per year. Now we know these taxes, as all taxes, are passed on to you and I since corporations do not pay taxes. And of course our friendly neighborhood bank will assess us that special tax the minute it is the date to do so. Also with the pay-roll assessment look for fewer people being hired. In fact look for more to be fired and look for a more unfriendly state for new business. Remember all of these taxes will be passed on to you and I. Also remember what one of our big issues was. Please look at the Clark County School District budget the biggest in the State of Nevada. Remember we looked at the 55+ line item budget with Knight doing the mark up and we came up with a savings of about \$200,000,000 per year or \$400,000,000 in the biennium which would have helped a lot and none of these recommended cuts would have affected any of the student programs. In fact it was suggested that \$5,000,000 be added per year for student supplies. This is what blows ones mind at how wasteful this school district is and no one dares look at it. What is also sickening is how, after Mr. Superintendent Garcia cried crocodile tears for months, all of a sudden most everything is coming up roses. How sick can it get?

One more thing that is sickening is how Nevada State Treasurer Brian Krolicki, who is in charge of the handling of the Millennium Scholarship, has gone south on us by not following the federal law that says it is illegal to give benefits to illegal aliens. He has the right to require that no illegal aliens be given any of the up to \$10,000 scholarships to our high education system. He uses a very lame excuse that he did not receive an answer from the Nevada State Attorney General. Well he had plenty of time to get one and he did not need to ask for an opinion in the first place because the federal law is very clear. He is a nice guy. What the H--- gives? Illegal Hispanics or any other illegals can't vote — so what is his problem?

*“Please Don’t Quote Me”*



Politics, n. (1) A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles.

(2) The conduct of public affairs for private advantage.

Ambrose Bierce (1841-1914), *The Devils Dictionary*



I recognize no moral law in politics. Politics is a game, in which every sort of trick is permissible, and in which the rules are constantly being changed by the players to suit themselves.

Adolph Hitler (1899 — 1945)



The big thing in politics is to know when it is time to leave.

Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970)



The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary.

H.L. Mencken (1890 — 1956)



## IN-GROWN LOBBYISTS

### Nevada Senate

Bob Coffin (D) household member Prof. UNLV  
 Dennis Nolan (R) CC Coroners Offices, CCSN  
 Ray Rawson (R) College Prof., Dir. Of Dental Services  
 Michael Schneider (D) household member CCSD  
 Dina Titus (D) Professor UNLV  
 Maurice Washington (R) household member State employee and UNR

### Nevada Assembly

Bernie Anderson (D) Washoe County school teacher  
 Kelvin Atkinson (D) Clark County, UNLV  
 Bob Beers (R)\* household member CC employee  
 Barbara Buckley (D) CC Legal Services  
 Marcus Conklin (D) Western Nevada Com. College  
 Jason Geddes (R) UNR employee  
 Chris Giunchigliani (D) CCSN employee  
 William Horne (D) household member CC Dist. Court  
 Ron Knecht (R)\* Nevada PUC  
 Ellen Koivisto (D) UNLV  
 Sheila Leslie Washoe County District Court  
 Mark Manendo (D) CCSN employee  
 Kathy McClain (D) Clark County employee  
 Bob McCleary (D) household member City of NLV  
 John Ocegüera (D) City of NLV Fire Department  
 Richard Perkins (D) Henderson Dep. Police Chief  
 Wendell Williams (D) City of LV employee, household member Clark County

\* Did not vote for tax increase

## From the Editor

Remember in the last issue of the *NSC Foghorn* I reported the estimated raise in Social Security payments for 2004 would be 2.3%?

Now let's look at what our government employees and politicians will be or are getting.

The district attorney's raise is 55%.to \$155,745.

The sheriff is getting a 60% raise to \$134,293.

The county clerk, assessor, recorder and administrator will get a 29.4 % raise to \$91,138.

The county commissioners were given permission by the Carson City gang to give themselves a 26.5% raise to \$68,310 for part-time work.

How about an initiative to tie politician's and government worker's pay to the Social security raises? They wouldn't get more than we do.

And how about you guys that sit on your ***you know whats***, getting out there and throwing the bums out on their ***you know whats***?

Don't let the Supremes get away with throwing out your vote — throw them out WITH your vote when they come up for re-election. Lets make sure the next judges we elect follow the Nevada Constitution.

*Vern Perry*

## Next Meeting

Thursday September 11, 2003  
 10:00 a.m. at the >>>>>>



After the meeting why don't you eat and play, and stay all day.



Featured Speaker will be Jim Rogers, founder and CEO of Valley Broadcasting Company (KVBC-TV, Channel 3). He also is the chief stockholder (98%) of Sunbelt Communications Company which owns and operates TV stations throughout the West.

# *Join the Nevada Seniors Coalition ( no age limit) and become active in your community.*

There is strength in numbers.

Dues are \$6.00 for each individual membership.

Fill out the application and mail it with a check or money order for the proper amount to:

**Membership**  
**4754 East Flamingo Road Suite 146**  
**Las Vegas, NV 89121-4709**  
**Telephone: 451- 9483**

Cut on dotted line

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street (space or apt. #)	City	Zip
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE CAN ACCOMPLISH MORE IF YOU VOLUNTEER — TELL US YOUR INTERESTS BELOW**

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Bring your concerns to our attention and we will consider them for action by the Nevada Seniors Coalition. Talk to any director listed on the back page.

Ours is an all-volunteer organization. . Your help is welcomed.

**Thank you: Jeanie Tabeek, Membership Director**

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### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

**August 14, 1945** An official announcement of Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies is made public to the Japanese people. Even though Japan's War Council, urged by Emperor Hirohito, had already submitted a formal declaration of surrender to the Allies, via ambassadors, on August 10, fighting continued between the Japanese and the Soviets in Manchuria and between the Japanese and the United States in the South Pacific. In fact, two days after the Council agreed to surrender, a Japanese submarine sank the *Oak Hill*, an American landing ship, and the *Thomas F. Nickel*, an American destroyer, both east of Okinawa. In the afternoon of August 14, Japanese radio announced that an Imperial Proclamation was soon to be made, accepting the terms of unconditional surrender drawn up at the Potsdam Conference. The emperor had already recorded that proclamation. The news did not go over well, as more than 1,000 Japanese soldiers stormed the Imperial Palace in an attempt to find the proclamation and prevent its being transmitted to the Allies. Soldiers still loyal to Emperor Hirohito repulsed the attackers. That evening, General Anami, the member of the War Council most adamant against surrender, committed suicide. His reason: to atone for the Japanese army's defeat, and to be spared having to hear his emperor speak the words of surrender

From [www.historychannel.com](http://www.historychannel.com) — Vern Perry

The Nevada Seniors Coalition, Inc (NSC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization. No person is excluded on the basis of age, race, sex, religion or national origin.

**The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.**

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.



**We're on the web at  
[www.nevadaseniors.com](http://www.nevadaseniors.com)  
Check it out!**



"Even though we may have to eat grass, swallow dirt, and lie in the fields, we shall fight on to the bitter end, ever firm in our faith that we shall find life in death"  
— General Anami