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League of Women Voters of Nevada Legislative Advocacy & Accountability Guide Special Session 2020





Life Cycle of Advocacy

- We often divide democracy into elections & advocacy
- Yet advocacy is a never-ending process
- It is vital that we hold the political parties accountable through advocacy



This Guide will look at advocacy:

- During special sessions

ADVOCACY = ACCOUNTABILITY

What is a Special Session?

- Our legislature meets 120 days in odd years
- Interim committees have limited power
- The Governor has limited emergency power under Nevada Revised Statutes
- What if we need more than limited, emergency decisions?
 - Special Session
 - Short, more limited legislative session

Nevada Constitution Article 5, Section 9

- Sec. 9. Special sessions of Legislature: Authority of Governor; limitations on business and duration; void actions.
 - 1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2A of Article 4 of this Constitution, the Governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the Legislature by Proclamation and shall state to both houses, when organized, the business for which they have been specially convened.
 - 2. At a special session convened pursuant to this section, the Legislature shall not introduce, consider or pass any bills except those related to the business for which the Legislature has been specially convened and those necessary to provide for the expenses of the session.

The Proclamation: Sets the Agenda



All legislative hearings will stream live through internal video and on a new YouTube channel

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Events Calendar

Selected Session: 31st (2020) Special Session ▾

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - This is the 34th day of the 31st Special Session

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Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System

Daily Schedule for Tuesday, July 7, 2020

7/7/2020



There are no meetings currently scheduled for this date.



On NELIS you can find information for bills, committees, the daily calendar, and upcoming floor sessions.

Upcoming Floor Sessions



Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:00 AM Assembly Floor Session

Wednesday, July 8, 2020 9:00 AM Senate Floor Session



Bill Information

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You can click on a bill's name to read more.

The Bills page provides links to the special session bills.

50 Records per page

AB1 Enacts the Clark County Crime Prevention Act of 2016. (BDR S-10)

ACR1 Adopts the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 30th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-1)

AR1 Provides for the appointment of attaches. (BDR R-4)

AR2 Provides that no allowances will be paid for the 30th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature for periodicals, stamps, stationery or communications. (BDR R-6)

AR3 Provides for the appointment of an additional attache for the Assembly. (BDR R-14)

SB1 Enacts the Southern Nevada Tourism Improvements Act. (BDR S-9)

SR1 Adopts the Rules of the Senate for the 30th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature. (BDR R-2)

SR2 Provides that no allowances will be paid for the 30th Special Session of the Nevada Legislature for periodicals, stamps, stationery or communications. (BDR R-5)

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Enter committee name or member search text.

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Special Sessions have fewer committees and more work is completed during floor sessions, referred to as Committee of the Whole.



Senate Committee of the Whole (COW)

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Assembly

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Senate

[Committee of the Whole](#)**Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 2:00 PM**Document(s):**  [Agenda](#)Information and remarks are listed in the [Daily Journal](#).**Event(s):**  Meeting is not available**Discussion Items:**  [Bills \(1\)](#)[Work Session Documents \(0\)](#) [Exhibits \(1\)](#)

Individual committee pages include links for meetings along with video links and versions of bills under consideration

Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 2016 8:00 AM**Document(s):**  [Agenda](#)Information and remarks are listed in the [Daily Journal](#).**Event(s):**  Meeting is not available**Discussion Items:**  [Bills \(1\)](#)[Work Session Documents \(0\)](#) [Exhibits \(4\)](#)**Meeting:** Monday, October 10, 2016 [Call of Chair, See Agenda]**Additional Information:****Document(s):**  [Agenda](#)Information and remarks are listed in the [Daily Journal](#).**Event(s):**  [View meeting](#)**Discussion Items:**  [Bills \(1\)](#)[Work Session Documents \(0\)](#) [Exhibits \(4\)](#)

1. To go to the Special Session webpage on the legislative website, on the upper left-hand side of the webpage, click on Session Info



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81st (2021) Session

The 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021.

31st (2020) Special Session

The 31st (2020) Special Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on July 8, 2020.

31st (2020) Special Session

The Special Session webpage includes all the session information

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You can find individual legislator's contact information



You can share your opinions on bills through a polling feature



 Proclamation to Convene Special Session	<i>Governor Sisolak's Proclamation to Convene the 31st (2020) Special Session</i>
NELIS	<i>Nevada Electronic Legislative Information System home</i>
Bill Information (NELIS)	<i>Browse bills, resolutions, and reports with NELIS</i>
Bill Information (classic)	<i>Browse bills, resolutions, and reports through the legacy pages</i>
 Bill Text Search	<i>Full-text search of all bills of the 31st (2020) Special Session</i>
Legislator Information: Senate Assembly	<i>Legislators of the 31st (2020) Special Session</i>
Committee Information	<i>Committee Information, Agendas, Minutes, and Exhibits</i>
Journals	<i>Record of daily proceedings in the houses</i>
 Journal Text Search	<i>Full-text search of the Journals of both Houses</i>
Histories	<i>A cumulative list of actions on all measures in the houses</i>
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Welcome to the Nevada Legislature

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We are now in the interim period between legislative sessions.

COVID-19: Helpful Resources For Nevadans

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Floor Sessions

7/8/2020
9:00 AM
Wednesday [Assembly Floor Session](#)
The Legislative Building is closed. This meeting is available online only.
Public Comment: (669) 900-6833 | ID: 97877396380
The Agenda will be posted 30 minutes prior to commencement.
The Assembly is scheduled to convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

7/8/2020
9:00 AM
Wednesday [Senate Floor Session](#)
The Legislative Building is closed. This meeting is available online only.
Public Comment: (669) 900-6833 | ID: 98546011495
The Agenda will be posted 30 minutes prior to commencement.
The Senate is scheduled to convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.



Meetings (0) for Tuesday, July 7, 2020

There are no meetings today.

Upcoming Meetings (47)

Communication

Directly with a Legislator

- Please be polite & civil
- Form letters are not effective
- Email or call & identify as a Nevadan
- Provide a personal story (how does this effect me)
- Put Yes or No & the bill name in the subject line

Through Social Media

- Tagging: Please be polite
- Hashtag: Use #nvleg as the legislative hashtag
- Images: Share pictures that convey important information
- Curate a good feed with diverse & expert sources
- Follow legislative reporters

Testifying

- Stay under two minutes
- Use helpful words, not yelling or telling words (no one likes to be yelled at or told what to do)

Special Session Rules



Committee of the Whole

Legislators may suspend the Open Meeting Law
Discussions “Behind the bar” are not public
Debates and votes happen on the house floor



Bills

Submitted by the Governor
Legislators cannot submit bills
Governor’s bills can be amended



Pandemic Rule: The public & lobbyists not allowed in the building