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

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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



## A PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR BRIAN SANDOVAL TO CONVENE A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE

**WHEREAS**, the new Nevada economy requires a careful balance of growing and attracting businesses that bring innovative and new technologies and diversify our tax base while at the same time supporting and expanding our foundation as the world leader in gaming, tourism, and entertainment;

**WHEREAS**, the continued safety of residents and visitors is a top priority for this State and integral to our economic growth;

**WHEREAS**, an extraordinary occasion exists that requires immediate action by the Nevada State Legislature;

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 9, Subsection 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that "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;"

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 9, Subsection 2 of the Nevada Constitution further provides that at a special session convened by the Governor "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;" and

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, do hereby convene the Nevada State Legislature into a special session to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 10, 2016. During this special session, I ask the Legislature to consider the following:

1. Imposing a lodging tax on the gross receipts from the rental of transient lodging to finance the expansion and the renovation of the Las Vegas Convention Center.
2. Providing a method to finance the construction and the operations of a National Football League stadium project or a college football stadium project in Clark County, including the imposition of a lodging tax on the gross receipts from the rental of transient lodging, and the creation of a Public Stadium Authority Board to manage the operations of such a facility.
3. Authorizing the Clark County Board of Commissioners to increase the sales and use tax in order to employ and equip additional law enforcement officers, including a means for distributing tax proceeds within Clark County.

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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

&lt; 7/7/2020 &gt;

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.

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)



## Committee Information

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## Assembly Committees

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



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## Senate Committee of the Whole (COW)

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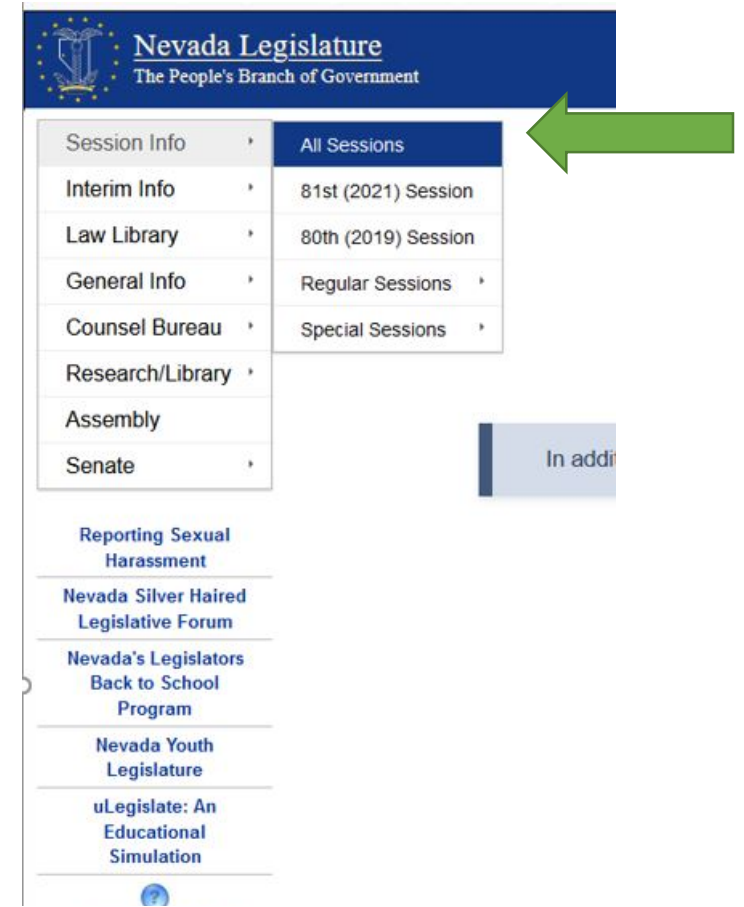
**Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 2:00 PM**Document(s):** [Agenda](#)  
Information and remarks are listed in the [Daily Journal](#).**Event(s):**  Meeting is not available**Discussion Items:** [Bills \(1\)](#)  
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Information and remarks are listed in the [Daily Journal](#).**Event(s):**  Meeting is not available**Discussion Items:** [Bills \(1\)](#)  
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[Exhibits \(4\)](#)**Meeting:** Monday, October 10, 2016 [Call of Chair, See Agenda]**Additional Information:****Document(s):** [Agenda](#)  
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Individual committee pages include links for meetings along with video links and versions of bills under consideration

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



2. Click on All Sessions



3. Click on 31<sup>st</sup> (2020) Special Session  
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### 31st (2020) Special Session

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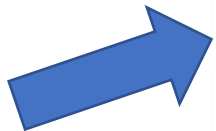
The Special Session webpage includes all the session information





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You can find individual legislator's contact information



You can share your opinions on bills through a polling feature



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|  <b>Proclamation to Convene Special Session</b> | <i>Governor Sisolak's Proclamation to Convene the 31st (2020) Special Session</i> |
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### Videos of Archived Meetings

#### 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

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## 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**