



Nevada Chapter AGC Your Eye on the Legislature

Week 12

Last Tuesday, April 23, marked the second major deadline of First House passage; bills had to be passed out of their house of origin in order to continue through the process. The Senate and Assembly held marathon floor sessions as the deadline approached, but the bill hearing schedule was light. Bills that survived will now be heard in the second house for consideration.

We are also anticipating the May 1st presentation by the Economic Forum, which will provide the final official revenue estimate that will be used to balance General Fund appropriations for the biennium.

AGC Activity

Although hearings were few and far between the last week or so, AGC continued to work with stakeholders on Senate Bill 207. SB207, sponsored by Senator Brooks, would mandate the use of a minimum number of apprenticeship hours on all public works projects. As it is currently drafted it would require 15% and 5% of work hours on vertical and horizontal construction, respectively, be completed by apprentices. The bill passed out of the Senate on a 13-8 party line vote and was heard on Thursday morning in the Assembly. AGC testified again in opposition to the bill, but are continuing to work with Senator Brooks on finding language that will take into consideration the challenges we face in northern Nevada.

We continue to monitor bills and meet with legislators on our priorities. Now that the First House passage deadline has passed, the focus will shift back to hearings and working on amending bills to make sure they work for all parties involved.

Other Legislative Happenings

Governor Sisolak signed a bill into law naming neon as Nevada's official state element. The bill was written and lobbied by students from Carson Montessori School and passed unanimously in both houses.

On this day in history...

On this day in 1990, wrecking cranes began tearing down the Berlin Wall at the Brandenburg Gate.