

The buzzing of lawyer's sounds like flies to a bullfrog...

BULLFROG & THE LAW

A.G. DROPS OUT

Despite an opinion from his staff to the legislature and his own earlier pledge to defend Bullfrog County in court, Attorney General Brian McKay refused to accept the case, citing his newly acquired understanding of the constitutional issues involved at length in the public press for the aid and edification of the Nye County District Attorney in the upcoming trials.

GOVERNOR VACILLATES

Governor Richard Bryan, upon hearing of the Attorney General's defection, said he had "every reason to believe the attorney general," which opinion effectively leaves the fate of the states newest political subdivision in the hands of the legislature which created it, and their chosen champion.

DAYKIN TAKES CASE

Legislative Counselor to Defend County

Following the Attorney General's refusal to appear for Bullfrog County in the court challenges filed by Nye County in the Esmeralda Court, long time Legislative Counsel Frank Daykin was named by the Legislative Commission to handle the cases. Replies for both Bullfrog and the Commission, seeking to enter the case, were filed on the last Friday of October. First court date for what is expected to be a protracted legal battle is Dec. 15 at the old Goldfield Courthouse, when preliminary motions for both sides will be filed. Daykin, who retired from his post with the legislature two years past, has a reputation for precise legal definition and scholarly pronouncements, many of which

have shaped Nevada law for two decades, and the opportunity to see him perform in court rather than the usual hurried hearings should be given priority as entertainment by our central Nevada readers in the vicinity of Goldfield.

THE BULLFROG

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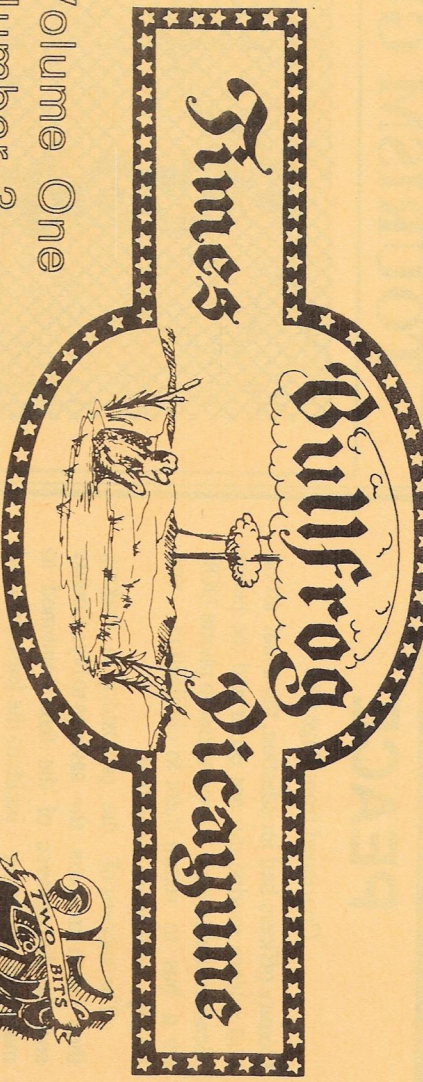
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CAPITOL HILL FROG

PEACEFUL PROTEST

No Laws — No Arrests
Bus Rescue by DOE

The senate old boy system worked against Nevada's junior member this month, as Harry Reid had to negotiate away his filibuster and watch the floor vote two to one for an amendment to fund only one site study before making recommendations to the Department of Energy. Since the Nevada site has been tested and documented extensively the decision to proceed in the Silver State is almost certain. The Senate vote came as a direct result of DOE pressure to select a site, but support from various regions was probably motivated by relief that their home turf was not being selected, as in the case of the amendment's author, one J. Bennett Johnson of Louisiana, whose paranoia over recent suggestions that bayou salt domes might well house radioactive waste is credited with the sudden speed up of the site process. New Englanders were also breathing easier at the

prospect of having any studies in their granite reaches delayed until after the next millennium. Meanwhile, over in the House, Mordall and forty eight other representatives, including both of Nevada's esteemed members, resuscitated the languishing Moratorium Bill in the Interior Committee, although in a much weakened version. Udall has pledged opposition to the Bennett Johnston Bill, both in committee and on the floor, and the chances of effective blockage of any action other than possible drilling of test holes, is seen as good by most capitol observers.

Key amendments were forged by Nevada's Barbara Vucanovich, who came late to battle but works effectively now that she has come aboard the anti-nuke bandwagon.

Bottom line; there's still a good chance to head the dump off

Protestors from throughout the United States joined in what they hoped would be both a symbolic action and a provocation of the government forces guarding our atomic secrets, leading to their arrest on federal charges, thereby gaining the Vegas courtroom as a stage for their objections to America's nuclear policies. Federal Department of Energy police, however, failed to rise to the bait, and since no Nye

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County officers had jurisdiction, the usual arrest and release routine did not occur and the peace pleaders had to send someone out to phone DOE for a bus to return them to civilization and Beauty, whichever came first.

The success of the protestors in making their token trespass, the savings to Nye County and the forbearance of the feds combined to make the Bullfrog incident the least stressful political action in recent history, and bodes well for the future, when Bullfrog may become a magnet destination for similar groups and individuals, bent on enjoying the truly wide open spaces of Yucca Flats. Camping facilities and a highly profitable drinking water concession are being discussed by residents of nearby townships.

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