1	STEVEN A. GIBSON, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 6656	
	sgibson@righthaven.com	
2	J. CHARLES COONS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10553	
3	ccoons@righthaven.com Righthaven LLC	
4	9960 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 210	
5	Las Vegas, Nevada 89129-7701 (702) 527-5900	
6	Attorneys for Plaintiff	
7	UNITED STATES	DISTRICT COURT
8	DISTRICT	OF NEVADA
9		
10	RIGHTHAVEN LLC, a Nevada limited-	Case No.: 2:10-cv-0637
	liability company,	
11		COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
12	Plaintiff,	
13	v.	
14	PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE	
15	OF NEVADA, a Nevada non-profit	
16	corporation; ROBERT PETERSON, an individual,	
17		
18	Defendants.	
19		
20	Righthaven LLC ("Righthaven") compl	ains as follows against Progressive Leadership
21	Alliance of Nevada, a Nevada non-profit corpo	ration ("PLAN"), and Robert Peterson, an
22	individual ("Mr. Peterson"), on information and	d belief:
23		
24	NA TUDE	OF ACTION
25		
26	1. This is an action for copyright in	afringement pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §501.
27		
28		

PARTIES

- 2. Righthaven is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, a Nevada limited-liability company with its principal place of business in Nevada.
- 3. Righthaven is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, in good standing with the Secretary of State of Nevada.
- 4. PLAN is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, a domestic non-profit corporation with its principal place of business in Nevada.
- 5. Mr. Peterson is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, an individual doing business as Peterson Graphics.

JURISDICTION

- 6. This Court has original subject matter jurisdiction over this copyright infringement action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331 and 28 U.S.C. §1338(a).
 - 7. PLAN's state of origin and current jurisdiction is Nevada.
- 8. PLAN's activities in Nevada have resulted in the copyright infringement alleged herein.
- 9. Mr. Peterson purposefully directs activities at Nevada residents, which activities have resulted in the copyright infringement alleged herein.
- 10. Mr. Peterson is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, the owner of the Internet domain www.planevada.org (the "Website").
- 11. Mr. Peterson is, and has been at all times relevant to this lawsuit, the registrant, administrative contact, and technical contact for the Website.
- 12. Mr. Peterson effectuates the unauthorized publication of Righthaven-owned copyrighted works at the Website.
- 13. The unauthorized publication, effectuated by Mr. Peterson, of Righthaven-owned copyrighted works at the Website is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.
- 14. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, the literary work entitled "State of the State Address: Gibbons to draw bottom line. Speech will suggest how to cut spending

2.1

\$881.4 million" (the "Infringement"), attached hereto as Exhibit 1, from a source emanating from Nevada.

- 15. On or about February 18, 2010, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display the Infringement on the Website.
- 16. Mr. Peterson's display of the Infringement was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents
- 17. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, the literary work entitled "Pipeline receives go-ahead," attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (the "Pipeline Article"), from a source emanating from Nevada.
- 18. On or about August 22, 2009, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display the Pipeline Article on the Website.
- 19. Mr. Peterson's display of the Pipeline Article was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.
- 20. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, a substantial and significant portion of the literary work entitled "Governor open to reducing mining's tax deductions," attached hereto as Exhibit 3 (the "Tax Deductions Article"), from a source emanating from Nevada.
- 21. On or about February 17, 2010, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display a substantial and significant portion of the Tax Deductions Article on the Website.
- 22. Mr. Peterson's display of a substantial and significant portion of the Tax Deduction Article was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.
- 23. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, a substantial and significant portion of the literary work entitled "Group seeks higher tax on mining," attached hereto as Exhibit 4 (the "Group Seeks Article"), from a source emanating from Nevada.
- 24. On or about January 20, 2010, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display a substantial and significant portion of the Group Seeks Article on the Website.
- 25. Mr. Peterson's display of a substantial and significant portion of the Group Seeks Article was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.

- 2
- 4
- 6
- 8
- 12
- 15
- 18
- 20
- 22
- 24
- 26 27
- 28

- 26. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, a substantial and significant portion of the literary work entitled "More tax hikes?" attached hereto as Exhibit 5 (the "Tax Hikes Article"), from a source emanating from Nevada.
- 27. On or about January 20, 2010, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display a substantial and significant portion of the Tax Hikes Article on the Website.
- 28. Mr. Peterson's display of a substantial and significant portion of the Tax Hikes Article was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.
- 29. Mr. Peterson copied, on an unauthorized basis, a substantial and significant portion of the literary work entitled "Halt sought to mining petition," attached hereto as Exhibit 6 (the "Mining Petition Article"), from a source emanating from Nevada.
- 30. On or about February 9, 2010, Mr. Peterson displayed and continues to display a substantial and significant portion of the Mining Petition Article on the Website.
- 31. Mr. Peterson's display of a substantial and significant portion of the Mining Petition Article was and is purposefully directed at Nevada residents.
- 32. Mr. Peterson's contacts with Nevada are systematic and continuous because Mr. Peterson publishes, on the Website, a variety of content specifically relating to the politics and government of the State of Nevada.
- 33. Mr. Peterson's contacts with Nevada are systematic and continuous because Mr. Peterson publishes, on the Website, a variety of content specifically relating to the activities of PLAN, an organization engaged in social and political activity specifically related to the State of Nevada.
- 34. Mr. Peterson's contacts with Nevada are systematic and continuous because Mr. Peterson's commercial activity is substantial enough to approximate a physical presence in Nevada because of the graphic design and technical services provided to Nevada bases business entities such as PLAN.

VENUE

- 35. The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is an appropriate venue, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(c) and § 1400(a), because PLAN is subject to personal jurisdiction in Nevada and may be found in Nevada.
- 36. The United States District Court for the District of Nevada is an appropriate venue, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2), because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim for relief are situated in Nevada.

FACTS

- 37. Righthaven is the copyright owner of the literary work entitled "State of the State Address: Gibbons to draw bottom line. Speech will suggest how to cut spending \$881.4 million" (the "Work"), attached hereto as Exhibit 7.
 - 38. The Work was originally published on February 8, 2010.
- 39. The Work constitutes copyrightable subject matter, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. \$102(a)(1).
- 40. On April 12, 2010, the United States Copyright Office (the "USCO") granted Righthaven the registration to the Work, copyright registration number TX0007122473 (the "Registration") and attached hereto as Exhibit 8 is evidence of the Registration in the form of a printout of the official USCO database record depicting the occurrence of the Registration.
 - 41. Mr. Peterson obtained ownership of the Website for the benefit of PLAN.
- 42. At all times relevant, PLAN had and has maintained beneficial control of the Website.
- 43. At all times relevant, Mr. Peterson acted and acts as an agent of PLAN, authorized to provide technical, maintenance and administrative support on the Website.
- 44. At all times relevant, PLAN directed and directs Mr. Peterson to add to, delete from and arrange content on the Website.
- 45. No later than February 18, 2010, PLAN reproduced an unauthorized copy of a substantial and significant portion of the Work on the Website.

2.1

- 46. No later than February 18, 2010, PLAN directed Mr. Peterson to reproduce and display the Infringement on the Website.
- 47. No later than February 18, 2010, Mr. Peterson reproduced and displayed the Infringement on the Website.
- 48. PLAN did not seek permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or otherwise exploit the Work.
- 49. Mr. Peterson did not seek permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or otherwise exploit the Work.
- 50. PLAN was not granted permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or otherwise exploit the Work.
- 51. Mr. Peterson was not granted permission, in any manner, to reproduce, display, or otherwise exploit the Work.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF: COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

- 52. Righthaven repeats and realleges the allegations set forth in Paragraphs 1 through 51 above.
- 53. Righthaven holds the exclusive right to reproduce the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §106(1).
- 54. Righthaven holds the exclusive right to prepare derivative works based upon the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §106(2).
- 55. Righthaven holds the exclusive right to distribute copies of the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §106(3).
- 56. Righthaven holds the exclusive right to publicly display the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §106(5).
- 57. PLAN reproduced the Work, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(1).
- 58. Mr. Peterson reproduced the Work, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(1).

PLAN created an unauthorized derivative of the Work, in derogation of

59.

- Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(2).

 60. Mr. Peterson created an unauthorized derivative of the Work, in derogation of
- Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(2).
- 61. PLAN distributes unauthorized reproductions of the Work via the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(3).
- 62. Mr. Peterson distributes unauthorized reproductions of the Work via the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(3).
- 63. PLAN publicly displays an unauthorized reproduction of the Work at the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(5).
- 64. Mr. Peterson publicly displays an unauthorized reproduction of the Work at the Website, in derogation of Righthaven's exclusive rights under 17 U.S.C. §106(5).
 - 65. PLAN has willfully engaged in the copyright infringement of the Work.
 - 66. Mr. Peterson has willfully engaged in the copyright infringement of the Work.
- 67. PLAN's acts as alleged herein, and the ongoing direct results of those acts, have caused and will continue to cause irreparable harm to Righthaven in an amount Righthaven cannot ascertain, leaving Righthaven with no adequate remedy at law.
- 68. Mr. Peterson's acts as alleged herein, and the ongoing direct results of those acts, have caused and will continue to cause irreparable harm to Righthaven in an amount Righthaven cannot ascertain, leaving Righthaven with no adequate remedy at law.
- 69. Unless PLAN is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further infringement of the Work, Righthaven will be irreparably harmed, and Righthaven is thus entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against further infringement by PLAN of the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §502.
- 70. Unless Mr. Peterson is preliminarily and permanently enjoined from further infringement of the Work, Righthaven will be irreparably harmed, and Righthaven is thus entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctive relief against further infringement by Mr. Peterson of the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §502.

4 5

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Righthaven requests that this Court grant Righthaven's claim for relief herein as follows:

- 1. Preliminarily and permanently enjoin and restrain PLAN, PLAN's officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, parents, subsidiaries, related companies, partners, and all persons acting for, by, with, through, or under PLAN, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Peterson's agents, servants, employees, attorneys, related companies, partners, and all persons acting for, by, with, through, or under Mr. Peterson from directly or indirectly infringing the Work by reproducing the Work, preparing derivative works based on the Work, distributing the Work to the public, and/or displaying the Work, or ordering, directing, participating in, or assisting in any such activity;
- 2. Direct PLAN and Mr. Peterson to preserve, retain, and deliver to Righthaven in hard copies or electronic copies:
 - a. All evidence and documentation relating in any way to PLAN's and/or Mr. Peterson's use of the Work, in any form, including, without limitation, all such evidence and documentation relating to the Website;
 - b. All evidence and documentation relating to the names and addresses (whether electronic mail addresses or otherwise) of any person with whom PLAN and/or Mr. Peterson has communicated regarding PLAN's and/or Mr. Peterson's use of the Work; and
 - c. All financial evidence and documentation relating to PLAN's and/or Mr. Peterson's use of the Work;
- 3. Direct GoDaddy.com, Inc. and any successor domain name registrar for the Website domain to lock the Website domain and transfer control of the Website domain to Righthaven;
- 4. Award Righthaven statutory damages for the willful infringement of the Work, pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §504(c);
- 5. Award Righthaven pre- and post-judgment interest in accordance with applicable law; and

Grant Righthaven such other relief as this Court deems appropriate.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Righthaven requests a trial by jury pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 38.

Dated this fourth day of May, 2010.

RIGHTHAVEN LLC

By: /s/ J. Charles Coons STEVEN A. GIBSON, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 6656 J. CHARLES COONS, ESQ. Nevada Bar No. 10553 9960 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 210 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129-7701 Attorneys for Plaintiff

Home Site Map Contact Us

Home	About Us	PLAN Issues	Press / Put	ress / Publications Donate Take			Action	ı!			
			Clippings:	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	
											search

Las Vegas Review-Journal: Gibbons offers homilies, PLAN backs revenue

Feb. 8, 2010

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS: Gibbons to draw bottom line

Speech will suggest how to cut spending \$881.4 million

By Ed Vogel

Las Vegas Review Journal Capital Bureau

CARSON CITY -- Gov. Jim Gibbons loves to tell a story about how the recession has affected Nevada.

It goes like this: Nevada state government is like a family. Families across the state are sitting down at the dinner table and looking at their bills. Some they have to pay. Others they will postpone as long as possible. But the amount they can spend has dropped. They have to make sacrifices. They are lucky just to have jobs. Many people are standing in unemployment lines.

The new development that Gibbons likely will mention tonight is an agreement by the mining industry to make an advance payment of as much as \$100 million in sales taxes to help the state get through the economic crisis. Mining made such an advance payment last year. Gibbons is a former mining lawyer and geologist.

The mining industry is facing a tax battle with the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, which is circulating a petition among registered voters that would dramatically increase taxes on gold and other minerals. But the initiative petition, if approved by voters in two elections, wouldn't bring in any new revenues until 2013.

Read the full story here.

< Prev Next >

[Back]

© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557

Las Vegas Office: 732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-1965

Case 2:10-cv-00637-RLH-RJJ Document 1-1 Filed 05/04/10 Page 4 of 24

PLAN Nevada - Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN and allies fight Las Vegas Water Grab Page 1 of 4

Home Site Map Contact Us

Home About Us PLAN Issues Press / Publications Donate Take Action!

Press Releases: 2009 2008

Case 2:10-cv-00637-RLH-RJJ Document 1-1 Filed 05/04/10 Page 5 of 24

PLAN Nevada - Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN and allies fight Las Vegas Water Grab Page 2 of 4

search
3CalCilii

Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN and allies fight Las Vegas Water Grab

Pipeline receives go-ahead

Rural Nevadans vow to keep fighting



By Henry Brean

Preparations for the water pipeline to eastern Nevada will continue, and so will opposition to the multibillion-dollar project.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority board Thursday voted unanimously to forge ahead with the permit process for the agency's massive groundwater importation plan, which one day could deliver billions of gallons of groundwater a year to Las Vegas from as far as 300 miles away.

First, though, board members listened to dire warnings from the water authority's management team and counterarguments from critics of the scheme, including rural residents whose land and livelihoods lie in the path of the project.

The discussion lasted about four hours and drew more than 300 people to the board's meeting room in downtown Las Vegas.

The audience filled the room and a nearby overflow area, forcing a handful of people to watch the discussion remotely from the Clark County Government Center about a half mile down the street.

Snake Valley resident Margaret Pense couldn't help but cry as she addressed the board.

"I just wish there was a better way than to take the water from such a fragile community. We're the little guys. We're the Davids versus the Goliaths," she said, her voice breaking. "What's going to happen to me? I can't go anywhere else. I don't have a water right."

Longtime Baker motel owner Denise Coyle introduced the board to her young granddaughters, two from Baker and one from Las Vegas.

Coyle said the pipeline is about more than engineering and economics; it's a "moral and ethical choice."

"You have all of their futures in your hands. It will be them who feel the effects," she said.

Coyle's son, White Pine County Commissioner Gary Perea, read a resolution from the commission opposing the pipeline. Then he delivered a warning of his own: "To the people who support this project, no matter how much you want and need for that water to be there, it doesn't mean that it is."

Mixed in with the opposition were statements of support from developers, gaming executives and other valley business leaders.

The audience also included a large contingent of union construction workers, many of them wearing hard hats and safety vests. Their message to the board: Keep the water flowing, and put us to work on the pipeline.

Board members heard from 44 people in all.

Rancher Cecil Garland approached the podium in overalls and crusty old ball cap and quickly started quoting Shakespeare.

Case 2:10-cv-00637-RLH-RJJ Document 1-1 Filed 05/04/10 Page 6 of 24

PLAN Nevada - Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN and allies fight Las Vegas Water Grab Page 3 of 4

Garland went on to say that he has been working the land along the Nevada-Utah border for decades, and he knows one thing with certainty: "There is no surplus water in Snake Valley."

White Pine County resident Rick Spilsbury said the authority's plans for rural Nevada amount to "modern-day colonialism" and "socialism for the rich."

"I think it's as irresponsible as it can be. It doesn't make any sense to empty a natural basin to fill a man-made lake," said Spilsbury, a Western Shoshone Tribe member who blogs about environmental issues for a Web site called NoShootFoot.com.

"The world is watching," he said. "Maybe people will decide to gamble at an Indian casino rather than go to Las Vegas, which steals water from the Western Shoshone."

Not all of the criticism came from out of town.

Desert fish expert and retired UNLV professor Jim Deacon warned that the damaging effects of large-scale groundwater pumping could be felt in as many as 80 basins in Nevada, Utah and California, far beyond the network of monitoring wells the authority plans to set up.

Henderson green living consultant Steve Rypka said the water situation seems to be treated as an emergency when it comes to the pipeline but not when it comes to conservation.

"I see water waste everyday," he said. "It's just running down the gutter. It's insane."

The discussion began with a 45-minute presentation by water authority officials on the purpose and the history of the pipeline, which was born in the late 1980s when the Las Vegas Valley Water District filed for unappropriated groundwater across much of eastern and central Nevada.

In the almost two decades since, the project's scope has narrowed to six basins in Clark, Lincoln and White Pine counties.

The justification for building it also has changed. First it was about securing water to supply rapid growth in the Las Vegas Valley. Now authority officials consider it a safety net for the community, which gets 90 percent of its drinking water from the drought-stricken Colorado River.

Water authority Deputy General Manager Kay Brothers said if the drought continues at its current pace, Lake Mead could sink low enough to shut down one of the authority's two water intakes by 2013. The other intake could be in jeopardy just two years after that, she said.

The board voted 6-0 to proceed with preparations for the pipeline. County Commissioner Tom Collins left the meeting early and did not cast a vote.

This was not the board's final word on the pipeline. After obtaining all of the necessary federal permits and environmental clearances, the authority plans to put the project "on the shelf" for when the community needs it. When that day comes, it will be up to board members to decide whether to proceed with design and construction.

Water authority General Manager Pat Mulroy said she was "delighted" by the outcome of Thursday's vote, which she requested to reaffirm the board's support for the project.

"The meeting went extremely well. Everyone expressed their feelings and concerns in a polite and respectful way," Mulroy said.

Opponents were not surprised by the board's decision.

Bob Fulkerson is executive director of the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, a liberal advocacy group that has come out against the pipeline. He called the effort to sway the vote "an exercise in futility" but said it was important for them to be there and be heard.

Asked what he thought of Thursday's meeting, Snake Valley rancher Dean Baker just smiled a little and shrugged.

"It was fine," he said, but it didn't really change anything. The work on the pipeline will keep going, and the people fighting it will keep on fighting. "We have to," Baker said.

Contact reporter Henry Brean at hbrean@reviewjournal.com or 702-383-0350.

Read the original story here.

< Prev Next >

[Back]

Case 2:10-cv-00637-RLH-RJJ Document 1-1 Filed 05/04/10 Page 7 of 24 PLAN Nevada - Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN and allies fight Las Vegas Water Grab Page 4 of 4

© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557

Las Vegas Office:732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-1965

Home

Iome About Us PLAN Issues Press / Publications Donate Take Action!

Ely Times: Governor considers dumping mining deductions

Feb. 17, 2010

Governor may consider cuts to state's mining tax deduct

By BENJAMIN SPILLMAN Ely Times Capital Bureau

Gov. Jim Gibbons would consider reducing the number of tax deductions available to the mining industry to help cl budget shortfall estimated at \$871 million, a spokesman said Monday.

"The governor is certainly open to adjusting the deductions that mining gets to take," said Gibbons spokesman Dai administration calculates that eliminating some mining tax deductions could bring in an estimated \$25 million annu

Such a proposal would not violate the governor's pledge to balance the budget without raising taxes, Burns said.

Such talk about mining taxes is going on at the same time that a petition is being circulated by the Progressive Lea Alliance of Nevada.

The group is seeking a constitutional amendment to increase the mining tax rate and charge taxes against gross proposed to the current net proceeds tax.

Read the full Ely Times story here.

Last Updated (Wednesday, 24 February 2010)

< Prev

Next >

[Back]

© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557

Las Vegas Office:732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-

Home Site Map Contact Us

Home About Us PLAN Issues Press / Publications Donate Take Action!

search

Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN launches mining tax initiative

Jan. 20, 2010

Group seeks higher tax on mining

Initiative petition filed to ask voters to support an increase

Michael Ginsburg, a community organizer for the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, on Tuesday files a copy of the group's initiative petition to adjust the state's mining tax with Terri Rogers at the Nevada Secretary of State's office in Las Vegas.



Calling Nevada's tax system "a tragedy" for children and the poor, an activist group will ask voters to stake a bigger claim in mining, one of the state's most politically entrenched industries.

The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada on Tuesday filed an initiative petition to ask voters to amend the state constitution to include at least a 5 percent tax on gross proceeds of mines, as opposed to the current tax of no more than 5 percent of net proceeds.

The change, according to PLAN organizers, could raise as much as \$250 million annually that could be spent on schools, social services and health care. They say proceeds from gold totaled \$25.5 billion from 2000 to 2007 and mining companies paid \$125.3 million in taxes to the general fund, for a rate of one-half of 1 percent.

In contrast, PLAN says the poorest 20 percent of Nevadans pay 8.3 percent of their income in taxes.

"It is time for that to end. We need a restructuring, a fairness-based tax system here in Nevada," PLAN organizer Michael Ginsburg said.

Read the complete RJ story here.

Last Updated (Saturday, 06 February 2010)

< Prev Next >

[Back]

© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557 **Las Vegas Office:**732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-1965

Home

Home About Us PLAN Issues Press / Publications Donate Take Action!

Las Vegas Review-Journal: PLAN "anti-capitalists," right-wingers claim

Jan. 20, 2010

EDITORIAL: More tax hikes?

Liberal group wants to shaft mining

Lobbyists for Nevada's mining industry entered the 2009 Legislature wearing bull's-eyes big enough to cover an op Lawmakers were hunting for new revenues and many were convinced that profitable mining companies -- especial digging up gold -- should have much bigger tax bills.

But much to the anguish of the greens and their friends in the tax-and-spend set, mining escaped Carson City with take on any new, industry-specific levies.

The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, an anti-capitalist group in relentless pursuit of "racial, social and er justice," was mad enough to take the issue into its own hands. On Tuesday, the organization filed an initiative petimore than triple mining taxes.

Read the complete editorial here.

< Prev Next >

[Back]

© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557

Las Vegas Office: 732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-

Home

Home About Us PLAN Issues Press / Publications Donate Take Action!

Las Vegas Review-Journal: Mining industry says "no" to Nevada needs

Feb. 9, 2010

Halt sought to mining petition

Group tries to stop effort to raise taxes on industry

By BENJAMIN SPILLMAN LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

The trade association for Nevada's mining industry filed a lawsuit Tuesday to block a petition that would allow the to raise taxes on mining.

The filing in District Court in Carson City by the Nevada Mining Association is in response to an initiative launched the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, a group that advocates for "social, economic and environmental justice Nevadans."

Launce Rake, a spokesman for PLAN, said the group is standing by the initiative because activists consider Nevada system "a tragedy" for children and the poor.

"We're obviously reviewing it, but we believe our initiative is very well-written and will easily withstand this legal ch said in response to the lawsuit.

Read the full story here.

< Prev Next >

[Back]

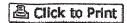
© 2010 PLAN Nevada

Reno Office: 821 Riverside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503 | (775) 348-7557

Las Vegas Office:732 S. Sixth Street, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89101 | (702) 791-

reviewjournal.com





SAVE THIS | EMAIL THIS | Close

Feb. 08, 2010 Copyright © Las Vegas Review-Journal

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS: Gibbons to draw bottom line

Speech will suggest how to cut spending \$881.4 million

By ED VOGEL LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL CAPITAL BUREAU

CARSON CITY -- Gov. Jim Gibbons loves to tell a story about how the recession has affected Nevada.

It goes like this: Nevada state government is like a family. Families across the state are sitting down at the dinner table and looking at their bills. Some they have to pay. Others they will postpone as long as possible. But the amount they can spend has dropped. They have to make sacrifices. They are lucky just to have jobs. Many people are standing in unemployment lines.

Expect Gibbons to deliver a version of that story tonight when he makes a 20-minute, televised State of the State address to Nevada families about how the state government must reduce its spending by 20 percent:

State government must reduce spending by \$881.4 million between March and June 30, 2011, which is the end of the state's two-year budget cycle. Like families across Nevada, state government also must sacrifice.

Daniel Burns, Gibbons' communications director, said the governor tonight won't be mentioning all of the areas where he will propose cuts, but he will talk about some of them.

"He wants to share his ideology with the citizens. He will make all of his proposals known in the days ahead," Burns said.

So far, legislators have not even agreed with an initial cut list released by Gibbons that covers not even half of the projected deficit. They will hold a series of meetings this week to gather public opinion on Gibbons' proposed cuts and other ideas for cuts. Then Democratic legislators are expected to announce their own list of proposed cuts.

Gibbons will call a special legislative session for the week of Feb. 22, at which they all must agree on cuts that would be implemented as early as March. It might be a one-day session, like two special sessions in 2008 when the governor and legislative leaders agreed in advance on where to make cuts.

The new development that Gibbons likely will mention tonight is an agreement by the mining industry to make an advance payment of as much as \$100 million in sales taxes to help the state get through the economic crisis. Mining made such an advance payment last year. Gibbons is a former mining lawyer and geologist.

11 E 10010 E.E. TO A

The mining industry is facing a tax battle with the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, which is circulating a petition among registered voters that would dramatically increase taxes on gold and other minerals. But the initiative petition, if approved by voters in two elections, wouldn't bring in any new revenues until 2013.

The governor also is expected tonight to tell officials from public schools and the Nevada System of Higher Education that he won't tell them where to cut their budgets, although he will tell them how much they must cut. Allowing the schools themselves to make the decisions will be good news to school administrators who have urged the governor to give them more flexibility.

If 10 percent cuts are ordered, that would mean cutting the higher education budget by \$147 million and the public schools budget by \$166 million.

Layoffs of at least 236 state workers and eliminating 362 unfilled state jobs also were on Gibbons' initial cut list.

On top of those cuts, Gibbons likely will propose reducing the salaries of all state employees by 6 percent, saving \$180 million a year, and cuts for public schools and higher education as well.

In his known cut list, the governor has proposed closing the 140-year-old Nevada State Prison in Carson City and reducing mental health services and payments to hospitals.

Look for Gibbons to propose early release for prisoners without violent felony backgrounds. And he might use \$90 million in federal funds to help close the budget gap.

But the known cut proposals don't come close to the \$881 million shortfall. Nevadans should be prepared for more dramatic reductions.

To paraphrase what Gibbons also has been saying: People have to get used to shrinking state government. State government as we know it now never will be the same.

State Senate Majority Leader Steven Horsford, D-Las Vegas, will follow Gibbons' speech with an expected 8-minute Democrat response.

At this time, Republican Gibbons and his traditional Democratic foes in the Legislature have called an uneasy truce.

Both have pledged the solution to the deficit won't include increases in taxes at a time when the state's unemployment rate is 13 percent. Nevada employers cut 118,000 jobs last year and are expected to whittle away another 90,000 in the next two years.

Assembly Speaker Barbara Buckley, more than anyone, has been trying to come up with a way to explain easily to people the gravity of the state's financial situation.

To give an example of the magnitude of an \$881 million shortfall, Buckley, D-Las Vegas, noted that if all 16,000 state employees were laid off -- something that no one has suggested -- state government still must trim another \$300 million to balance the budget.

The state employee total does not include teachers and other public school personnel, or university and community college faculty and staff. Their salaries largely are paid through state appropriations but controlled by elected boards that work independently of the Legislature and governor.

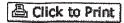
Buckley has said that Carson City isn't like Washington, D.C., where the solution to revenue deficits seems to be greater deficits.

The Nevada Constitution requires a balanced budget.

Contact Capital Bureau Chief Ed Vogel at evogel@reviewjournal.com or 775-687-3901.

Find this article at:

http://www.lvrj.com/news/gibbons-to-draw-bottom-line-83787697.html



SAVE THIS | EMAIL THIS | Close

Check the box to include the list of links referenced in the article.

Copyright © Las Vegas Review-Journal, 1997 - 2008

Go Green! Subscribe to the electronic Edition at www.reviewjournal.com/ee/

Case 2:10-cv-00637-RLH-RJJ Document 1-1 Filed 05/0/4/p10co Rage 124got/24-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi

Type of Work: Text

Registration Number / Date:

TX0007122473 / 2010-04-05

Application Title: State of the State address: Gibbons to draw bottom line.

Speech will suggest how to cut spending \$881.4 million.

Title: State of the State address: Gibbons to draw bottom line.

Speech will suggest how to cut spending \$881.4 million.

Appears in: reviewjournal.com

Description: Print material, 2 p.

Copyright Claimant:

Righthaven LLC, Transfer: By written agreement.

Date of Creation: 2010

Date of Publication:

2010-02-08

Nation of First Publication:

United States

Authorship on Application:

Stephens Media LLC, employer for hire; Domicile: United States; Citizenship: United States. Authorship: text.

Rights and Permissions:

Chief Operating Officer, Righthaven LLC, 9960 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 210, Las Vegas, NV, 89129-7701, United States, (702) 527-5900, dbrownell@righthaven.com

Names: Stephens Media LLC

Righthaven LLC

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Nevada

Righthaven LLC, a Nevada lim	nited-liability company,						
Plaintiff							
v.		Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-0637					
Progressive Leadership All Nevada non-profit corporation							
Defendant)					
	SUMMONS IN	A CIVIL ACTION					
To: (Defendant's name and address)	Progressive Leadership All c/o Registered Agent 821 Riverside Drive Reno, Nevada 89503	iance of Nevada					
Within 21 days after se are the United States or a Unite P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must	A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Steven A. Gibson, Esq. J. Charles Coons, Esq. Righthaven LLC 9960 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 210 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 United States of America						
If you fail to respond, j You also must file your answer		entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.					
Data		CLERK OF COURT					
Date:	<u> </u>	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk					

AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action (Page 2)

Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-0637

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (1))

was re		ne of individual and title, if any) .								
	☐ I personally served	the summons on the individual a	at (place)							
This summons for (name of individual and title, if any) was received by me on (date) I personally served the summons on the individual at (place) on (date) ; or I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name) , a person of suitable age and discretion who resides ther on (date) , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or I served the summons on (name of individual) designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization) on (date) ; or Other (specify): My fees are \$ for travel and \$ for services, for a total of \$ I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true. Date: Server's signature Printed name and title										
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •									
	on (date)	, and mailed a copy to	the individual's last known address; or							
	☐ I served the summe	ons on (name of individual)		, who is						
	designated by law to	accept service of process on beha	lf of (name of organization)	; or						
			on (date)	; or						
	☐ I returned the sum	mons unexecuted because		; or						
	☐ Other (specify):									
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00						
	I declare under penalt	y of perjury that this information	is true.							
Data										
Date.			Server's signature							
			Printed name and title							
			Server's address							

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Nevada

Righthaven LLC, a Nevada lim	nited-liability company,						
)						
V.) (Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-0637					
Progressive Leadership All Nevada non-profit corporation							
Defendant)						
	SUMMONS IN A CIVI	L ACTION					
To: (Defendant's name and address)	Robert Peterson 506 1/2 North Genesee Avenue Los Angeles, California 90036						
A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are: Steven A. Gibson, Esq. J. Charles Coons, Esq. Righthaven LLC 9960 West Cheyenne Avenue, Suite 210 Las Vegas, Nevada 89129 United States of America							
If you fail to respond, j You also must file your answer	-	against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.					
Date:		CLERK OF COURT					
Date.		Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk					

AO 440 (Rev. 12/09) Summons in a Civil Action (Page 2)

Civil Action No. 2:10-cv-0637

PROOF OF SERVICE

(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 (1))

was re		ne of individual and title, if any) .								
	☐ I personally served	the summons on the individual a	at (place)							
This summons for (name of individual and title, if any) was received by me on (date) I personally served the summons on the individual at (place) on (date) ; or I left the summons at the individual's residence or usual place of abode with (name) , a person of suitable age and discretion who resides ther on (date) , and mailed a copy to the individual's last known address; or I served the summons on (name of individual) designated by law to accept service of process on behalf of (name of organization) on (date) ; or Other (specify): My fees are \$ for travel and \$ for services, for a total of \$ I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true. Date: Server's signature Printed name and title										
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •									
	on (date)	, and mailed a copy to	the individual's last known address; or							
	☐ I served the summe	ons on (name of individual)		, who is						
	designated by law to	accept service of process on beha	lf of (name of organization)	; or						
			on (date)	; or						
	☐ I returned the sum	mons unexecuted because		; or						
	☐ Other (specify):									
	My fees are \$	for travel and \$	for services, for a total of \$	0.00						
	I declare under penalt	y of perjury that this information	is true.							
Data										
Date.			Server's signature							
			Printed name and title							
			Server's address							

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc:

SJS 44 (Rev. 12/07)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS				DEFENDANTS						
Righthaven LLC, a Nev	/ada limited-liability c	ompany		Progressive L	Leade					+
(b) County of Residence	e of First Listed Plaintiff EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF C.	Clark (Nevada) ASES)			(IN U.S. F ONDEMN	d Defendant LAINTIFF CASES JATION CASES, US	ŕ	ON OF TH	
	e, Address, and Telephone Numb			Attorneys (If Know	n)					
Steven A. Gibson, Esq. 9 <mark>960 West Cheyenne A</mark>	., J. Charles Coons, E	Esq., Righthaven I	LLC,							
II. BASIS OF JURISI	DICTION (Place an "X")			IZENSHIP OF	PRI	NCIP/	AL PARTIES	(Place on "V" in (One Boy fo	r Dlointiff
☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	■ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government		(F	or Diversity Cases Onl		DEF	Incorporated or Pr	and One Box f		
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant	☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizensh	ip of Parties in Item III)	Citizen	of Another State	□ 2	□ 2	Incorporated and F of Business In A		□ 5	5
				or Subject of a gn Country	□ 3	□ 3	Foreign Nation		1 6	1 6
IV. NATURE OF SUI		nly)	FOR	DIETOTOTOTOTOTOTOTO	v.	DAN	WDIDEGY.	- Carrier Carrier	OTT A TOTAL	ric .
□ 110 Insurance □ 120 Marine □ 130 Miller Act □ 140 Negotiable Instrument □ 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment □ 151 Medicare Act □ 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) □ 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits □ 160 Stockholders' Suits □ 190 Other Contract □ 195 Contract Product Liability □ 196 Franchise REAL PROPERTY □ 210 Land Condemnation □ 220 Foreclosure □ 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment □ 240 Torts to Land □ 245 Tort Product Liability □ 290 All Other Real Property	PERSONAL INJURY 310 Airplane 315 Airplane Product Liability 320 Assault, Libel & Slander 330 Federal Employers' Liability 340 Marine 345 Marine Product Liability 350 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERT 370 Other Fraud 371 Truth in Lending 380 Other Personal Property Damage Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERT 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence Habeas Corpus: 530 General 535 Death Penalty 540 Mandamus & Othe 555 Civil Rights 555 Prison Condition	G G G G G G G G G G	Agriculture Other Food & Drug Orug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 88. iquor Laws A.R. & Truck Airline Regs. Occupational Safety/Health Other LABOR Fair Labor Standards Act Asbor/Mgmt. Relations. Asbor/Mgmt. Reporting Disclosure Act Cailway Labor Act Other Labor Litigation Cimpl. Ret. Inc. ecurity Act MMIGRATION July July July July July July July July		422 Appe 423 With 28 U: PROPE 820 Copy 830 Paten 840 Trade 861 HIA : 863 DIW 864 SSID 865 RSI (FEDER: 870 Taxes or D: 871 IRS—	SECURITY (1395ff) s. Lung (923) C/DIWW (405(g)) Title XVI	400 State R 410 Antitru 430 Banks a 450 Comme 460 Deporta 470 Rackete Corrupt 480 Consun 490 Cable/S 810 Selectiv Exchang 875 Custom 12 USC 890 Other S 891 Agricul 892 Econom 894 Energy 895 Freedor Act 900 Appeal of the state 400 Appeal of the state 900 Appeal of	st and Banking received a control of the control of	geed and dons ditties/ ge extions aution Act autters Act nation rmination ss
□ 2 Re	ate Court	Remanded from Appellate Court	Reopen	ed ano	nsferred other dis ecify)	trict	☐ 6 Multidistri	ict 🗖 7 $_{ m N}^{ m J}$	Appeal to udge from Magistrate udgment	n
VI. CAUSE OF ACTI	ON Cite the U.S. Civil Sta 17 U.S.C. 50 and Brief description of ca Copyright Infrin	tute under which you are use: gement	e filing (Do	not cite jurisdiction	onal sta	itutes ui	nless diversity):			
VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:		IS A CLASS ACTION	DEM 5,000.00	IAND \$			HECK YES only i	if demanded in	complaint	t:
VIII. RELATED CAS IF ANY	E(S) (See instructions):	JUDGE			I		T NUMBER			
DATE		SIGNATURE OF ATT	ORNEY OF	RECORD						
05/04/2010		/s/ J. Charles Co	oons, Es	q. Nevada Bar	r No.	10553	3			
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
RECEIPT # A	MOUNT	APPLYING IFP		IIIDGE.			MAG IIID)GF		