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

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.
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.

The Proclamation: Sets the Agenda
All legislative hearings will stream live through internal video and on a new YouTube channel.

Access all session information through NELIS

Legislative hearings live-stream from Scheduled Meetings

Go to the Nevada Legislature’s website: https://www.leg.state.nv.us/
On NELIS you can find information for bills, committees, the daily calendar, and upcoming floor sessions.
The Bills page provides links to the special session bills. You can click on a bill’s name to read more.

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Special Sessions have fewer committees and more work is completed during floor sessions, referred to as Committee of the Whole.
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 31st (2020) Special Session.

Session Information:

**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.
The Special Session webpage includes all the session information.

You can find individual legislator's contact information.

You can share your opinions on bills through a polling feature.
Welcome to the Nevada Legislature

The 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature will begin on February 1, 2021. We are now in the interim period between legislative sessions.

COVID-19: Helpful Resources For Nevadans

In addition to being available through our existing streaming service, the Nevada Legislature’s meetings are also accessible via our new YouTube channel.

The Legislative Building

2021 Reapportionment and Redistricting

Available in Law Library – Certain Laws that Replace Provisions Enjoined from Enforcement in Does 1-17 v. Eighth Judicial District Court

Universal Access - Learn More about Our Efforts to Improve Access for All
From the Calendar of Meetings page, you can view archived hearings, view live-streaming video, go to a committee page, and view a meeting’s agenda.

Open the Agenda for public comment information.
Due to the pandemic, the public will not be allowed inside the legislative building. The public can provide comments over the phone or through an email. Information to do either is at the top of each agenda.

Minutes of this meeting will be produced in summary format. Please submit electronic copies of testimony and visual presentations if you wish to have complete versions included as exhibits with the minutes to Wildfires@lcb.state.nv.us. You may also mail written documents to the Research Division, 401 South Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701, or fax them to (775) 684-6600.

Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

I. Opening Remarks
   Assemblywoman Heidi Swank, Chair

II. Public Comment
Because there is no physical location for this meeting, public testimony under this agenda item may be presented by phone or written comment.

Because of time considerations, each caller offering testimony during this period for public comment will be limited to not more than 3 minutes. To provide public testimony by telephone during this period of public comment, members of the public may call any time after 9:00 a.m. on July 2, 2020. To call in, dial (669) 900-6833. When prompted to provide the Meeting ID, please enter: 931 3257 2611 and then press #. Calls will be put through in the order in which they are received. To resolve any issues related to dialing in to provide public comment, please call (775) 684-6990.

A person may also have comments added to the minutes of the meeting by submitting them in writing either in addition to testifying or in lieu of testifying. Written comments may be submitted electronically before, during, or after the meeting by email to Wildfires@lcb.state.nv.us. You may also mail written
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## Communication

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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