

Assemblyman Collins doubts bill will pass Senate Committee

Neal makes plea for Martin Luther King Day

April 4 signals a recall to the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 17 years ago. It also signaled a call by Sen. Joe Neal, D-North Las Vegas to 'create a day' in honor of the slain civil rights leader. He made the call before the State Senate.

The bill does not appear to have a clear sailing. There seems to be a stand-off between the Senate and the Assembly over bills to designate Dr. King's birthday in January as a state holiday. Both groups are presently buried in the Senate and Assembly committees with neither side showing any inclination to act.

Senate Government Affairs Committee Thomas Hickey, D-North Las Vegas, said, 'It's Gene Collins' bill in the Assembly and he should have the opportunity and the honor of bringing it forth.'

Hickey said he has read in the newspapers where the black ministers in Las Vegas have influence over the Republican Party and he wants to see if that is true.

Republicans control the Assembly. Hickey, however, refused to say whether there were enough votes in his Democratic-controlled committee to get the bill out to the floor.

Assembly Government Affairs Committee Chairman Louis Bergevin, R-Minden, said he's waiting for Assemblyman Eugene Collins, D-Las Vegas, who sponsored one of the bills, 'to make a move.' Bergevin said he's not sure there are enough votes to get it out of the Assembly committee and the bill might stay there until the end of the session.

But Collins, a member of the Government Affairs Committee, said he's not

going to make a move because there aren't enough votes to get a King birthday bill out of the Senate Government Affairs Committee. He said Neal doesn't have the influence to get the members to vote for the bill in Hickey's committee.

Collins said he has not

made any effort in the Assembly to push the bill because it wouldn't get past the Senate committee. But he said he has not found any problems in getting assemblymen to back the measure.

Neal introduced his bill Jan. 23. Collins' bill arrived Feb. 1.

NLV Policeman Shooting of Man Ruled Justifiable

The jurors, four women and three men, who sat through the two-hour hearing in District Court on the March 29 North Las Vegas Police shooting of a 24-year-old man, cleared Detective Warren Van Landschoot of criminal wrongdoing in the killing of Tommy Hawkins, who died from a shotgun blast to his chest.

The jurors' decision will be forwarded to the district attorney's office for review. Although the ruling is non-binding, prosecutors rarely file criminal charges against officers cleared at a coroner's inquest.

The jurors needed less than 30 minutes to reach their verdict.

Hawkins, 24, fired a handgun at VanLandschoot before the North Las Vegas detective returned fire with a sawed-off shotgun, according to witnesses' testimony. Hawkins was pronounced

dead at the scene of the shooting outside 2515 Bulloch St.

VanLandschoot, a 16-year veteran of the North Las Vegas Police Department, testified he saw Hawkins about to shoot him from about 35 to 40 feet away and ordered the man to drop the gun. Hawkins fired one shot at VanLandschoot, but the .38-caliber bullet missed the detective.

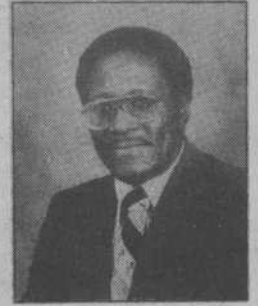
Hawkins reportedly took the gun minutes earlier from a security guard he shot a few blocks away. Witnesses said Hawkins shot the guard and fired a few rounds at a neighbor who followed him away from the first shooting scene.

The guard, James Bell, was shot in the neck. Bell, who police said is paralyzed from the neck down, remained in stable condition Thursday in the intensive care unit of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital.

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Apr. 15, 1985, is a date that is fast approaching when we will have to give an account of what we have done with our money during the year. Most people will have to fill out and return a tax form to Uncle Sam. This date on our annual calendar is commonly known as 'income tax reporting day'.

Needless to say, some of the money we make does not belong to us. A large chunk of your wages is taken out of your paycheck and is used for our national defense and the general welfare of the nation.

Most of the after tax or take home pay we receive is used to buy food, clothes, shelter and transportation. Additionally, we are beginning to spend an increasing amount of our monies on the education of our children. Both in public as well as private schools.

Following these items of expense comes beauty aids, recreation and travel. Next comes our contributions to charity—United Way, Heart Fund, Cancer Fund and Muscular Dystrophy. However, too many of us don't get around to sharing the remains of our money with the Church and the NAACP.

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