

THE POLITICAL SCENE—1986

Assemblyman Collins files for third term in District 6

"Business development, self-reliance, a good educational system, a strong economic system with only the necessary taxes to provide essential services are some of the keys to a prosperous Nevada," said two-term Assemblyman Gene Collins.

Assemblyman Collins filed for his third term to represent Assembly District 6. In doing so he cited some of his accomplishments this past legislative session and some of the projects he hopes to continue and complete during the 1987 session.



Assemblyman Gene Collins

Gene Collins doesn't believe in shying away from hard work or controversial issues that affect his district. During the 1985 session, he fought and was instrumental in stopping SB495, the "fire at will bill" which would have been devastating to working people. He fought SB217, however, it did pass. This bill allows the county hospitals to recover payment above the insurance settlement by attaching a person's property. Collins felt that this could hurt older people who were seriously ill and whose insurance had

run out.

He also cited his efforts in getting the New Dawn project passed out of the Republican controlled Assembly into the Democratic controlled Senate, where it died. The New Dawn project potentially would have brought in excess of 900 jobs and over 100 businesses within five years.

Collins also stated "one of the highlights in my life was seeing the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday holiday bill passed out of the Assembly and sent to the Senate." The bill died in the Senate.

The Assemblyman in his bid for re-election proposes an aggressive campaign in the style he is known for. He expects to be out in the thick of everything, meeting and talking to as many people as he can throughout Assembly District 6.

Incumbents file for re-election

Three incumbent Democratic legislators filed for re-election this week with the Clark County Election Department.



Assemblyman Morse Arberry

Filing their candidacy papers were Assemblyman Danny Thompson, District 21; Assemblyman Morse Arberry Jr., District 7; and Assemblyman Jack Jeffrey, District 22.

Rev. Marion Bennett announces candidacy for District 6

Former Assemblyman Marion Bennett announced today he will seek election to the Assembly representing District 6.

Bennett, pastor of Zion Methodist Church, served 10 years in the Assembly from 1972 until 1982. He served as Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee during four of his five terms in the Legislature.



Rev. Marion D. Bennett

"I am seeking election as a loyal Democrat to represent a loyal Democratic district," Bennett said.

"I am also seeking election so that I can work with Governor Richard Bryan in meeting the needs of our state.

"The present incumbent was elected as a Democrat, but has switched his party allegiance and has

consistently opposed and worked against Governor Bryan.

"It is clear that the present incumbent has lost touch with our people, who clearly support Governor Bryan and Democratic programs. It is also clear that the present incumbent no longer represents District 6."

Bennett said education, economic development, health care cost containment and senior citizen programs will be offset with state funds.

He also said he would press for studies and hearings on "sky-rocketing insurance costs" which are impacting severely on those least able to pay these soaring rates.

During his 10 years in the Legislature, Bennett worked for funding of a day care centers for low income working mothers, the food stamp program for Nevada, funds for more job opportunities for young Nevadans through the new careers program, stringent consumer protection laws, funds for handicapped children and adults who are cared for at home and the Fair Rental Housing Act.

Bennett was awarded the Distinguished Nevadan award by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 1981.

He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the

Nevada Economic Development Company and Chairman of the Westside Development Commission.

Bennett, 49, lives at 1911 Gold Hill Avenue.

Wendell Williams files for Assembly, District 6 seat

Wendell P. Williams, a Democrat has filed for the Nevada State Assembly, District 6.

Williams says he plans to bring accountability and respectability to the district with solid qualified



Wendell P. Williams

leadership -- two items he feels that are now desperately needed. Will-

iams indicated that he is highly concerned about the cloud of suspicion that now hangs over the community, and the strong possibility of things that could embarrass the community even farther.

Some other concerns that Williams' goals include is placing ceilings on senior citizen housing and medical cost, alternatives for misdirected youth, attraction of light industry without elevating taxation and providing educational opportunities that will ensue economical diversification in the future.

Great Peace March At Heritage Hall

The Great Peace March will present a celebration for peace, in Heritage Hall, 950 West Owens Ave., Las Vegas, Sunday, April 6 at 1 p.m. This admission free celebration will include speakers and entertainment from the Great Peace March and the Las Vegas community. "Love All People" will perform.



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