

TITLE: LAWMAKER PUSHES 'E.T' HIGHWAY RESOLUTION

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CARSON CITY -- Not every bill that comes before the [Nevada] Legislature deals with such weighty topics as crime, punishment and the budget.

Some of the bills are fun, like Assemblyman Roy Neighbors' resolution to designate a 98-mile stretch of state Route 375 as Nevada's official "Extra Terrestrial Alien Highway."

Neighbors, D-Tonopah, doesn't mind attaching his name to the UFO highway bill because he's a believer.

As a Navy pilot during the Korean War, he spotted a streaking blue object as he was flying at about the 20,000-foot elevation over Florida and reported it to authorities.

"Nothing showed on radar," Neighbors said. "Some Air Force guy came on the radio and said, 'What are you Navy guys drinking.'"

The isolated Lincoln County route Neighbors wants given special designation has for decades been the road where observers have noticed UFOs. Skeptics, of course, contend the objects likely are experimental aircraft being tested at the Groom Lake military base that the government refuses to acknowledge exists.

An "Extra Terrestrial Alien Highway" would attract national attention, Neighbors said. "We'd put up some funny signs. 'Alien Crossing.' 'Watch Out for Low Flying Spacecraft.' We'd have some fun with it and it would help attract people to Lincoln County."

[Article continues about other non-serious legislation pending before the Legislature.]

[Comments: How long could those "funny signs" remain in place before tourists steal them? -- Psychospy@aol.com]

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