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### **NPRI launches TweetNevada to keep citizens informed about legislative discussions**

LAS VEGAS — The Nevada Policy Research Institute today launched TweetNevada, a website that compiles the Twitter messages, or “tweets,” of Nevada state policymakers in order to help citizens stay informed about the discussions surrounding the 2011 Nevada Legislative Session.

TweetNevada, located at <http://TweetNevada.com>, compiles the tweets of the 32 Nevada state policymakers who currently have a Twitter account, and will add others if and when they create accounts of their own. In a separate column on the site, TweetNevada follows the hashtag #nvleg, which is used to designate tweets that relate to Nevada’s legislative activity.

“While the decisions that elected officials make in Carson City will affect every Nevadan, relatively few citizens have the chance to actually go to the state capitol,” said Victor Joecks, NPRI’s communications director. “TweetNevada allows citizens all over the state to easily follow the conversations lawmakers are having. By using the hashtag #nvleg, citizens are also able to join in the conversation and have their comments appear on TweetNevada.”

While TweetNevada is hosted by NPRI, all the content on the site is user-generated. Currently, 32 of Nevada’s top policymakers — 19 Democrats and 13 Republicans — have a Twitter account. Eleven state senators use Twitter, along with 17 members of the Assembly and four statewide officeholders, including Gov. Brian Sandoval.

“NPRI has a proud history of making government information more accessible to taxpayers, beginning with our transparency-in-government operation, TransparentNevada,” said Joecks. “TweetNevada opens up the conversations of government officials to Nevada citizens, providing them with easy access to lawmakers’ views on the current challenges our state faces.”

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