Assembly called to order at 11:51 a.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Roll called.
All present.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Ken Haskins.
Our heavenly Father, You have blessed us with another breathtaking day in northern Nevada. As we enjoy Your creation, we marvel at its intricate design.
O Lord, as the new work week commences, drive the devil out of the details and help these legislators to produce orderly and well-designed legislation which will benefit all Nevadans. I pray in Jesus’ Name.
AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Hansen moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:
Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 28, 41, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JAMES OSCARSON, Chair

Mr. Speaker:
Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 11, 45, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.
Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Initiative Petitions Nos. 1, 2, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Without recommendation.

IRA HANSEN, Chair

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 63, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

LYNN D. STEWART, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, March 6, 2015

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 35; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 9, 2015

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Senate Bill No. 169.

Also, the Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 157, 170, 177, 182, 184, 189 and 216.

MARK KRMPOTIC
Fiscal Analysis Division

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Elliot Anderson, Ohrenschall, Hansen, Spiegel, Wheeler, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bustamante Adams, Carrillo, Diaz, Flores, Joiner, Neal and Sprinkle; Senator Manendo:

Assembly Bill No. 239—AN ACT relating to aeronautics; regulating operators of unmanned aerial vehicles in this State; prohibiting the operation or use of an unmanned aerial vehicle under certain circumstances or for certain purposes; authorizing a law enforcement agency to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle at certain locations without a warrant under certain circumstances and for any other lawful purpose; prohibiting a law enforcement agency from operating an unmanned aerial vehicle without first obtaining a warrant under certain circumstances; authorizing a public agency to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle only under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Public Safety to establish and maintain a registry of unmanned aerial vehicles that are operated by public agencies in this State; requiring the Department to report certain information to the Legislature with respect to the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles by public agencies in
this State; requiring the Department to adopt regulations prescribing the public purposes for which a public agency may operate an unmanned aerial vehicle in this State; providing certain criminal and civil penalties for the unlawful operation or use of an unmanned aerial vehicle in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Elliot Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Moore, Seaman, Fiore, Jones, Dooling, Gardner, O’Neill, Oscarson and Shelton:

Assembly Bill No. 240—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; revising provisions governing the enforcement and priority of a unit-owners’ association’s lien on a unit; repealing provisions authorizing the nonjudicial foreclosure of an association’s lien; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Moore moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Edwards, Armstrong, Kirner, Ellison, Elliot Anderson, Hambrick, Hickey, Moore, Oscarson, Stewart and Trowbridge;

Senator Goicoechea:

Assembly Bill No. 241—AN ACT relating to the military; creating the Advisory Military and Veterans Research Committee; authorizing the Committee to research certain issues of concern to veterans and members of the Armed Forces of the United States; requiring the Committee to submit an annual report; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Edwards moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to public health; establishing certain requirements concerning the care of patients in a facility for skilled nursing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Oscarson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Thompson, Titus, Araujo, Silberkraus and Sprinkle;

Senators Atkinson, Spearman and Manendo:

Assembly Bill No. 243—AN ACT relating to public health; requiring a county, provider of health care or medical facility to ensure that a person who
tests positive on a rapid test for the human immunodeficiency virus is counseled to receive a second test to confirm the result; revising the qualifications of a person that only performs certain tests for the detection of the human immunodeficiency virus in a medical laboratory; providing that the laboratory director of a laboratory that only conducts certain tests for the detection of the human immunodeficiency virus may not be required to be a physician or perform any duties not prescribed by statute; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Stewart, Ellison and Silberkraus:
Assembly Bill No. 244—AN ACT relating to crimes; providing an enhanced penalty for committing three or more offenses of placing graffiti on or otherwise defacing certain property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Stewart moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Silberkraus:
Assembly Bill No. 245—AN ACT relating to elections; increasing the penalty for certain crimes related to a person who registers to vote; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Silberkraus moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 70.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 99.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Health and Human Services:
Amendment No. 40.
SUMMARY—Makes various changes relating to nonprofit camping programs for children, concerning construction and labor camps.
(BDR 40-53)

AN ACT relating to sanitation; exempting an organizational camp that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization that conducts a camping program for children, or owns or operates the camp or other facility.
at which such a program is conducted, from the sanitation requirements applicable to construction and labor camps; in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
Existing law imposes certain sanitation requirements relating to the construction and operation of a construction or labor camp where five or more persons are employed. (NRS 444.130-444.200) This bill exempts from those provisions an organizational camp that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization if (1) it conducts a camping program for not more than 20 days each year for children under 18 years of age; or (2) owns or operates the camp or other facility at which such a program is conducted, if the camp takes place on property for which a special use permit has been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture subject to an agreement with the Department.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 444 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

A. An organizational camp that is owned or operated by a nonprofit organization that qualifies as a tax-exempt organization pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 501(c) and which takes place on property for which a special use permit has been issued by the United States Department of Agriculture subject to an agreement with the Department is not subject to the provisions of NRS 444.130 to 444.200, inclusive, if its:

1. Conducts a camping program for not more than 20 days each year for children under 18 years of age or

2. Owns or operates the camp or other facility at which a program described in subsection 1 is conducted, so long as the agreement remains in force.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Assemblyman Oscarson moved the adoption of the amendment. Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 21.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker and Chief Clerk have signed Senate Bill No. 119.
There being no objection, the Speaker and Chief Clerk will sign Senate Bills Nos. 64 and 82.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Araujo moved that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Araujo requested that the following proclamation be entered in the Journal.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1954, the General Assembly of the United Nations convened to reaffirm the universal rights of children; and
WHEREAS, Children’s Day is celebrated throughout Nevada and is dedicated to brotherhood and understanding; and
WHEREAS, Children, because of their lack of physical and mental maturity, require special protection and care against abandonment, cruelty, and exploitation; and
WHEREAS, Children have a right to live in a safe and stable environment that is conducive to their physical, mental, spiritual, and social development; and
WHEREAS, Above all, children require the affection, understanding, and support of their parents and of society; and
WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is dedicated to ensuring the health, education, safety, and well-being of the children of this State; and
WHEREAS, The Children’s Advocacy Alliance (CAA) is a community-based organization working to ensure every child has a chance to thrive; and
WHEREAS, The CAA works through education, outreach, and advocacy to solve expansive and chronic problems facing children and families, bringing together parents, schools, businesses, and community organizations; and
WHEREAS, Children represent the future of Nevada and the world, and therefore their needs must be given the highest priority to strengthen the family and protect our children; now, therefore, be it
PROCLAIMED, That the Nevada Legislature recognizes and thanks the Children’s Advocacy Alliance for their commitment to our children and their well-being; and be it further
PROCLAIMED, That the State of Nevada designates March 9, 2015, as Children’s Day at the Legislature.
DATED this 9th day of March, 2015.

NELSON ARAUJO
Nevada State Assemblyman

Assemblywoman Carlton requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

Motion carried.
Assemblywoman Carlton:
Yesterday was International Women’s Day and I would like to put a few comments on the record recognizing that. On March 8 in the early 1900s, 15,000 women marched down the street in New York City to proclaim it Women’s Day. They were fighting against some of the unfair labor practices that were happening at the time and fighting to protect children. They were one of the impetuses to our child labor laws. I think it would be a good day today to recognize that fact and to congratulate them. One of the sayings that came through that movement was With respect comes peace.

Assemblyman Hansen moved that the Assembly recess until 4:45 p.m.
Motion carried.
Assembly in recess at 12:14 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 5:12 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Armstrong and Elliot Anderson as a committee to invite the Senate to meet in Joint Session with the Assembly to hear an address by United States Representative Mark Amodei.

The President of the Senate and members of the Senate appeared before the bar of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker invited the President of the Senate to the Speaker’s rostrum.

Mr. Speaker invited the members of the Senate to chairs in the Assembly.

IN JOINT SESSION

At 5:17 p.m.
President of the Senate presiding.

The Secretary of the Senate called the Senate roll.
All present except Senators Segerblom, Settelmeyer and Smith, who were excused.

The Chief Clerk of the Assembly called the Assembly roll.
All present.

The President of the Senate appointed a Committee on Escort consisting of Senator Kieckhefer and Assemblywoman Dooling to wait upon Representative Amodei and escort him to the Assembly Chamber.
The Committee on Escort, in company with The Honorable Mark Amodei, United States Representative from Nevada, appeared before the bar of the Assembly.

The Committee on Escort escorted the Representative to the rostrum.

The Speaker of the Assembly welcomed Representative Amodei and invited him to deliver his message.

Representative Amodei delivered his message as follows:

MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE OF NEVADA
SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, 2015

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lt. Governor, Mr. Chief Justice, Governor. You all humble me with the fact that you actually come to these things that I routinely left right after roll call. It is my recollection there were just four of them when I first started out in this business. It was Harry Reid, John Ensign, Shelley Berkley, and Jim Gibbons. Sometimes some of them would bring in props, and it was always a bad sign when they walked in with papers. I want to let you know that nobody is going to be late for dinner tonight. We will get moving pretty quick, but I did want to talk to you about a couple of things.

First of all, I want to put all of your minds at ease. I know that as the session started out, there was some media coverage—there might even be some media people in the room tonight—about things being contentious and things like that, and running smooth, not running smooth, and things of that nature. I want to assure you that the United States House Republican Conference is doing everything it can to make sure you folks look like everything is running absolutely smoothly, just like an ice cream social. At the end of a particularly contentious two weeks last week, our last vote was scheduled to be on Thursday night. Things went so well Tuesday that the Majority Leader said to the Speaker, “I think we need to send these folks home a couple of days early because if we keep them here two more days, they are probably going to kill each other.” They didn’t need to tell us twice. It’s good to be home.

It is good to see all of you. I only want to talk with you about a couple of things. We live in a state where we are blessed, but it is also a unique state in all of the 50 because of the fact that the vast majority of our state is federally owned. That creates challenges for everybody, whether it is economic development, resources, you name it; whether you are talking about how drones are going to fly between here and there; whether you are going to talk about where they are going to get a mining project in Yerington; whether you are talking about whether sage hens are going to be okay or not okay. That requires unprecedented collaboration with our federal land management folks.

As part of the privilege you extended to me tonight, I made the point of inviting some folks that I have had the privilege of working with in the federal process. Please give a warm Nevada Legislature welcome to BLM Nevada Director Amy Lueders; Fish and Wildlife Director for Nevada Ted Koch; and also your very own Leo Drozdoff, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Vice-Chairman Chris MacKenzie of the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, the outfit that the Governor has done such a great job of putting all the stakeholders together and staying on top of this issue, following in a process that Kenny Guinn started 12 years ago.

In this business, urban myths are pretty plentiful. And in this business, whether it is at your level or the level that I am at, the one thing that is free all day, every day, in unlimited quantities is drama. I wanted to alert you to a couple of things because they have direct impact, and you are, obviously as you should be, major players in those. There is going to be a discussion in this Congress, in the House side, about federal land ownership. It is not a surprise to anybody in this room because you had an interim committee that did a lot of work on that. That discussion is
going to take a formal bent for the first time in a long time under the leadership of Rob Bishop, who is the Chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee and former Speaker of the Utah Assembly. I expect the work you folks did will be something that is looked at. With the speed that the Congress moves, I am sure something will be done in a month or two at the latest—I just identified who was listening. Before all the balloons go up—and it is America, it is okay to discuss issues—I expect we will discuss that and see where it goes.

The other issue I want to talk with you about briefly is the sage hen. Some of you are wondering What is a sage hen? We know sage grouse. If they are all sage hens, how do they repopulate and things like that? There are people in this room who have sage hen blood on their hands. We will deal with that later in a little less formal fashion. There is a lot of urban myth, and I thought I would give you an update from the perspective of somebody whose district is kind of the sage hen crossroads of the West. And by the way, it is not “NevADa” and it is not sage grouse. Grouse are something that live east of here somewhere probably on the other side of the Rockies or something like that. Sage hen, or if you are in a hurry, chickens.

This has been going on since Kenny Guinn was Governor. It has heated up, and it has cooled down, and it has done this and that, but it is in full focus now. What are we doing? The Governor’s Sagebrush Ecosystem Council has done phenomenal work in terms of bringing all parties to the table and identifying the issues. No Nevadan likes to be told what to think. Nobody leave the room and say Amodei came here and told me what to think, but I would like to remind you of some facts.

Under the guidance of this Governor and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council, we have done some phenomenal work in terms of mapping the resource. Remember, this is first and foremost a habitat issue. It is not numbers of birds; it is fragmented habitat and loss of habitat. If you don’t believe me, we still have a hunting season around here. It is a habitat issue. So you say We are losing habitat. I don’t care if you are a Democrat or a Republican, if you are high altitude or low altitude, you are an easterner, you are a westerner. You look at Nevada and you say Over the last 20 years, what has happened to our habitat? Over the last 20 years, please feel free to talk to Mrs. Lueders and her folks. You can find out that BLM district managers permitted about 150,000 acres in mining operations in 20 years. In that same 20-year time period, we lost between 6 million and 7 million acres to catastrophic wildland fire. There are those of you who are much better in the hard sciences than I am, but that is just a fraction.

So if it is really about the habitat, then what are we going to do about the primary cause of the loss? The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council has been talking about that. Fish and Wildlife has been involved, BLM has been involved, and folks at the University have been involved, and we have this map that they have come up with. It is called the Coates Map. We started out with, Where are the darn things and where is the habitat? We have identified that—and thank you very much because it was the Nevada Legislature, pursuant to the Governor’s suggestion, that put up almost a million dollars to take the Nevada Department of Wildlife map and give it to the USGS to further define where that habitat is left. So we have a pretty good idea.

So you sit there and you think What are we going to do? How are we going to protect that? How are we going to bring it back? And there are skirmishes back and forth in terms of can you restore it? Can’t you restore it? Will the birds come back? Will they not come back? You know what? In last year’s appropriations bill, some people—certainly would not be anybody in this room—were criticized for saying we need to put this process on hold for a year. The reason we need to put it on hold for a year is because throughout all this, when you are in a state where the major landowner is the federal government, mostly in the form of the Department of the Interior, there has not been even a request for resources to do stuff on the ground. And by the way, the federal government—rightfully so as the Governor can tell you and as Chris MacKenzie and his colleagues can tell you—is like What are you going to do state? What are you going to do private people? What are you going to do mining companies? What are you going to do for all that? Absolutely fair questions, but when you own the vast majority of the habitat, it is like What are you going to do?
I am happy to tell you Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell has submitted a budget which asks for $60 million for the Department of the Interior to start doing their part in the those states with sage hen habitat for purposes of the habitat, using words like “unprecedented,” talking about restoration, talking about fuels management—all the magic words if fire is the threat to this particular habitat. And so you say Okay that is nice, Mark. Why are you telling us this? I am telling you this because we have come a heck of a long way in Nevada from where we started ten years ago to where we were four years ago to where we are now where you have no less than the Secretary of the Interior saying We need to do something about fuels. We need to do something about restoration. We need money through the appropriations process to uphold our obligation.

The reason I am telling you this is because that puts you in an excellent position to then go finish up this process through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision-making process to say Hey, we have checked this box, we have checked this box, we have checked this box, we have checked this box. We have everybody’s attention; we have got ag people, we have miners, we have got energy folks; here you go. Not that the problem goes away, because it does not. It is a continuing thing that will need to be worked. To go forward under the stigma of a listing when you have responded in a way which, using the Secretary of the Interior’s word, is unprecedented, with all parties at the table—I think you are in an excellent position.

I have one request. As we sit here in this excellent position getting ready to run the final lap of that process—you may have already done it, and if you have not, I want you to think about it—you ought to invite these people in to your appropriate committees and say We want a briefing on where you are at and where you are at on this, this, and that. And you say Why is that? Because we need to start a new era where it is not the feds and us; it is, whether you like it or not, we are brother and sister and we are going to be that way if it kills us. If you need any help from the bottom of the totem pole, please call me. I will call up out of the basement to that bottom level and see if I can help you out.

Other than that, I just want to let you know that it is humbling to be given the responsibility of saying you represent the state of Nevada back there. It is an incredible time. Everybody loves everybody in Washington. Everybody who goes back there gets rich, their health care is paid for, they get to pick their own number for their retirement. By the way, the commute each way changes your whole cultural view on the people who ride in middle seats. For people who are not as strong as me, it would break them down emotionally at times and cause them to do things.

With that, I want to say thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for your willingness to work with the handicapped. It is great to see some colleagues from back a million years ago. I do want to say one thing, though. I do know for a fact, because I have checked around quietly, that the happiest person in the Nevada Legislature right now is Pat Hickey. Keep that smiley face on, big guy. I hope the painting business is going good, because I am going to need a job pretty quick.

Enjoy your beautiful spring evening. Thank you very much for your hospitality, and God bless Nevada.

Senator Harris moved that the Senate and Assembly in Joint Session extend a vote of thanks to Representative Amodei for his timely, able, and constructive message.

Seconded by Assemblyman Araujo.

Motion carried.

The Committee on Escort escorted Representative Amodei to the bar of the Assembly.

Senator Roberson moved that the Joint Session be dissolved.
Seconded by Assemblyman Edwards.
Motion carried.
Joint Session dissolved at 5:39 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 5:41 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Paul Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Faith Sliverman, Shayna Davis, Christine Jacox, and Sarah Olin.

On request of Assemblyman Araujo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Denise Tanata Ashby.

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Russell Hunter, Trevor Hunter, Nathan Hunter, Jacob Hunter and Patrick E. Ogle.

On request of Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Chandni Patel and Gil Lopez.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bob Gastonguay and Barbara Gastonguay.

On request of Assemblywoman Dickman, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tom Dickman, Paul Jackson, and Ocie Washington.

On request of Assemblyman Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kaitlynne Thornton and Alexis Hansen.

On request of Assemblyman Hickey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Randi Thompson.

On request of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Todd Westergard and Arianna Haskins.

On request of Assemblyman Nelson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Mark Meckler.
On request of Assemblyman O’Neill, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy O’Neill, Bill Miller, and Virgie Miller.

On request of Assemblyman Silberkraus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nick Phillips.

On request of Assemblyman Sprinkle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sam King.

On request of Assemblyman Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. Tiffany Tyler and Bruce Soares.

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Stephen Wood.

On request of Assemblywoman Woodbury, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Celssie Hardy.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Old Assembly Chamber at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Approved:

JOHN HAMBRICK
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly