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ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

THE EIGHTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), July 15, 2020

Assembly called to order at 2:23 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Richard Snyder.

Almighty God, we thank You for giving us this new day. We ask for Your continuing presence among us. Guide the members of the Nevada Assembly in their discussions and negotiations on the issues facing the people of Nevada during this Special Session. You have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: lift us, we pray, to Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Yeager 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.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Yeager moved that Terri Russell and Michael Cooper of KOLO-TV be accepted as accredited press representatives, assigned space at the press table in the Assembly Chamber, and allowed use of appropriate broadcasting facilities.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Yeager moved the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Assembly Bill No. 3.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN SESSION

At 2:28 p.m.
Chair Frierson presiding.
Quorum present.
Assembly Bill No. 3 considered.

(REMARKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL JOURNAL.)

Chair Frierson announced if there were no objections, the Committee of the Whole would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole in recess at 2:34 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN SESSION

At 2:38 p.m.
Chair Frierson presiding.
Quorum present.

(REMARKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL JOURNAL.)

On motion of Assemblyman Yeager, the Committee did rise and report back to the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 4:42 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 4:42 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 4:46 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Senate Bills Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. Speaker announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 4:47 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 9:08 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee of the Whole, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 3, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Considered.

JASON FRIERSON, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, July 15, 2020

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 3.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Senate Bill No. 3.

Assemblyman Yeager moved that the bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Yeager moved the Assembly resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering Senate Bill No. 3.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN SESSION

At 9:09 p.m.
Chair Frierson presiding.
Quorum present.
Senate Bill No. 3 considered.

(REMARKS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL JOURNAL.)

Assemblyman Yeager moved to do pass Senate Bill No. 3.

Assemblywoman Carlton seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

On motion of Assemblyman Yeager, the Committee did rise and report back to the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 10:20 p.m.
Mr. Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee of the Whole, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 3, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JASON FRIERSON, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Yeager moved that Senate Bill No. 3 be taken from its position on the General File and placed at the top of the General File.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 3.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 3:

YEAS—32.

NAYS—Carrillo, Daly, Edwards, Ellison, Fumo, Hambrick, Hansen, Krasner, Smith, Wheeler—10.

Senate Bill No. 3 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Yeager moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 1 and 3 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Yeager requested that the following remarks be included in the journal.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to this body. It has been a long day, lots of negotiation looking for the right thing to do for the state of Nevada. As somebody whose great-grandfather came to this state as a miner in the 1860s, I have to rise in support of mining for our great state. We heard a lot of negative comments in some of the testimony about how horrible it is. I would submit to you that all of us have on our desks some sort of technology, whether it is your phone or your computer; we might have a wedding band or other types of jewelry, and I will tell you that Nevada mining has produced components contained in these. Many of the small components, some of those chemicals and minerals that you heard our fiscal analyst mention, come from Nevada mines.

We have an incredible regulatory system here in Nevada that puts these companies through a lot. They work hard and they provide the best paying jobs in our state. If we do not keep our

mining in Nevada where we can monitor mines through regulation, we will be getting these products from foreign countries who have very little mining regulation. If you do not think that impacts our world and our environment—I am proud of the job that Nevada mining does. I would hope that the next time you use your phone or turn on some technology, or you look at your wedding ring, you appreciate what Nevada mining has done for not only our state but for our nation and for our world. So let us not be too hard on Nevada mining.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN HANSEN:

I rise to also offer some of my thoughts on mining. I do not stand here today in defense of mining because of any money I might have received from mining. You can check my C and E report [contributions and expenses]. I have received donations and appreciate those. That is not my motivation. In fact, if we are going to go down that road, the money from Bloomberg for the gun bills would be far in excess of any influence mining has had in this building.

I come to the body today about mining from a heritage standpoint. My family traded the coal mines in the late 1800s in Wales to come to Nevada, to Lincoln County, to try to eke out an existence. It is a rough life; it is a tough life. It is subject to the gyrations of a very volatile market. Mining is subject to the whims of the national economy and the laws that we make here in this body. I have been offended by some of the slaps at mining today. I represent 38,000 square miles of Nevada, seven counties in which mining has a large presence. I stand here today for those in those communities that work underground, that work above ground, that work long days, that are compensated by fair companies who pay them on average \$90,000 a year. Over 33,000 jobs in Nevada are in mining. On top of the net proceeds tax, which is an industry specific tax that only three other businesses in this state pay, mining also pays the modified business tax and the property tax. They did not get a tax credit or an abatement on property taxes. They pay sales tax and then on top of all those taxes that go into the state coffers they pay the net proceeds on minerals and royalties taxes.

In the communities where these mines reside, they are huge partners. They give to the schools, they buy buses for the teams, they offer apprenticeship programs, and they offer scholarships. They walk the talk. And in the vastness of this state—I have been all over, across hills and valleys, it is a beautiful sagebrush green state—the footprint of mining is less than a half a percent of 1 percent of the 70 million acres of land that we have in Nevada. The actual usage is even smaller than that.

I just wanted to put on the record that mining has been a great contributor to the state of Nevada. Historically we are the Silver State. The President needed our state for the war effort to win in the Civil War and to defeat the scourge that slavery was. We have played a part in that and mining was a part of that as well. I stand here as a proud Nevadan, a proud member of a mining heritage, and grateful that the mining industry is willing to make this accelerated net proceeds payment.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BILBRAY-AXELROD:

I apologize that I cannot be there in the Chamber. As a third generation Nevadan—my father was born in Las Vegas in 1938—I think I am very aware of what mining has and has not done for this state. And it is high time, as southern Nevadans especially with 78 percent of the state population, we recognize that it is time they pay their fair share. Honestly, this bill does not do nearly enough, not nearly enough. Thank you for what you have to say about mining, and I am so happy that they are here in Nevada and rake the earth. But this is our state, this is all of our state, and they do things that are not right and you know it. It is high time they pay. This is not the end of it.

Assemblyman Yeager moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 10 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly