

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), February 23, 2015

Assembly called to order at 11:44 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblywoman Woodbury, who was excused.

The Assembly observed a moment of silence in memory of Ed Vogel, who covered the Legislature for the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* from 1985 to 2011.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Ken Haskins.

Our heavenly Father, as we begin a new and busy week, we invoke Your presence. We are in need of Your guidance—a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to see clearly and focus upon the important, rather than the pressing issues. Grant these legislators wisdom and all things necessary to make good decisions which benefit all Nevadans. I pray in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson 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 was referred Assembly Bill No. 29, 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 was referred Assembly Bill No. 12, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

IRA HANSEN, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 20, 2015

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 33, 125; Senate Bill No. 41.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Resolution No. 4—Providing for the appointment of an additional attaché for the Assembly.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Tara Sandoval is elected as an additional attaché of the Assembly for the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Paul Anderson.

Resolution adopted.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 22, 2015

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bills Nos. 71 and 86.

CINDY JONES
Fiscal Analysis Division

February 23, 2015

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 93, 99, 103, 107, 110, 126, 127 and 130.

MARK KRMPOTIC
Fiscal Analysis Division

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Wheeler, O'Neill, Dickman and Seaman:

Assembly Bill No. 189—AN ACT relating to special license plates; authorizing the Commission on Special License Plates to investigate and request an audit of certain charitable organizations which receive additional fees collected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for special license plates; revising provisions regarding the application submitted to the Department by certain persons seeking a special license plate intended to generate financial support for an organization; revising provisions requiring certain charitable organizations which receive additional fees paid for special license plates to provide certain documents and records annually to the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Wheeler moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Kirner, Wheeler, Hickey, Jones, Dickman, Ellison, Hansen and Oscarson:

Assembly Bill No. 190—AN ACT relating to public employees' retirement; providing for the establishment of a hybrid retirement program for certain public employees; requiring the program to include a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan; setting forth the required provisions of each plan; requiring certain public employers under certain circumstances to make additional contributions to the Public Employees'

Retirement System to reduce the unfunded liability of the System; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Kirner moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Paul Anderson and Kirkpatrick; Senators Hammond and Roberson:

Assembly Bill No. 191—AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions relating to the imposition by certain counties of additional taxes on fuels for motor vehicles; providing that the boards of county commissioners of certain larger counties may continue the imposition of certain additional taxes on fuels for motor vehicles if a ballot question authorizing such additional taxes is approved by a majority of the voters in the county; providing for the imposition by the boards of county commissioners of certain counties of additional taxes on fuels for motor vehicles if a ballot question authorizing such additional taxes is approved by a majority of the voters in the county; requiring the approval by voters of additional ballot measures to continue the imposition of the additional taxes; providing that money collected from certain of the additional taxes must be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the State Highway Fund, accounted for separately in the State Highway Fund and used by the Department of Transportation only to finance projects for the construction, maintenance and repair of state highways in the county in which the tax is collected; repealing certain provisions relating to a ballot question providing for the imposition by the State of certain additional taxes on fuels for motor vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 41.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

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

Assembly in recess at 11:55 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:17 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that the action whereby Assembly Bill No. 190 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor be reconsidered.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that Assembly Bill No. 190 be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 10.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 123.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that Assembly Bill No. 10 be taken from General File and rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 75.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Silberkraus.

ASSEMBLYMAN SILBERKRAUS:

Assembly Bill 75 changes from \$2,500 to \$15,000 the threshold increase in annual gross operating revenue resulting from a proposed rate change that would require a utility to file a rate change application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, rather than submitting a letter of advice that the utility plans to change its rates. Additionally, the bill will require the letter of advice to include a certification or affidavit from the utility that the proposed change meets the threshold requirement. The bill will be effective July 1 and passed out of committee unanimously.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 75:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Woodbury.

Assembly Bill No. 75 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

ASSEMBLYMAN HICKEY:

I rise in memory of Ed Vogel. Ed reported on this body for the *Las Vegas Review Journal* for 27 years, since 1985. A long-time colleague of Ed's said this about him: A true professional, Ed wrote balanced stories which contained accurate quotes. He had a great sense of humor, a passion for open government, and compassion for those in pain. He enjoyed exposing hypocrites and unethical behavior. He was a reporter.

Ed adored his wife Carol and cherished his children. Maybe the greatest kudo given Ed Vogel was given by former editor of the *Review Journal* Michael Hengel who said this: “Ed was a great journalist and among the best state house reporters Nevada has ever produced.” Ed Vogel was elected to the Nevada Newspaper Hall of Fame in 2012. Thank you Mr. Speaker as we remember Ed on this day.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

It is my honor today to introduce all the guests that we have in the room. Grass Roots Lobby Day has gone on in this state since 1991, and I have had the honor and pleasure of working with this group, as it has evolved, ever since 1999. They are here in Carson City to observe and learn about our legislative process and learn to advocate for the issues that are all important to them. Yesterday 200 people attended workshops and training sessions, and today they are here in the Legislature to put that training into practice. They have been attending committee meetings this morning where bills are heard on their issues, and they are doing meetings with all the different legislators. This event is sponsored by the Nevada Women’s Lobby and a number of their partnering organizations. Grass Roots Lobby Day has encouraged many citizens to become actively involved in the legislative process. In fact, over the years several Grass Roots Lobby Day participants have successfully run for office and served in this body, either in this august room or the room down the hall. Today’s participants include many students and others for whom this is their first visit to the Legislature, and I think it is remarkable that this is their first visit here. Please welcome them today. My remarks will be in the journal, and we will make sure that their names are included the journal. Thank you all for being here. There are good days in this building and this is one of them.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Elliot Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Melissa Clary, Jamie Shanklin, Jessica Guerra and Jessica Chong.

On request of Assemblyman Paul Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jesy Simons and Mike Bajorek.

On request of Assemblyman Araujo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Delores Rael and Alexander Ros.

On request of Assemblyman Armstrong, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Andrew Davey.

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jacqueline Cope, Sarah Galetti, Joanna Harrison, and Hillary Mirabal.

On request of Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Samantha Fredrickson and Peggy Lee.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Julie Gonzalez and Fabiola Pavel.

On request of Assemblyman Carrillo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Brenda Aguilar, Yeseria Valencia, and Lynn Scombordi.

On request of Assemblywoman Diaz, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Miriam Villedas.

On request of Assemblywoman Dickman, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Wendy Boszak, Tara Littlefield, and Maddie Poore.

On request of Assemblywoman Fiore, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Linda Cirillo, Renota Byers, and Denise Gerdes.

On request of Assemblyman Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Frank Blakeney, Judy Welch, and Valerie McNay.

On request of Assemblyman Gardner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Darcy Escher and Stacy Newman.

On request of Assemblyman Hambrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alana Bannourah, Edith Byrd, and Laura Deitsch.

On request of Assemblyman Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Teresa Twitchell and Jeannette Soriano.

On request of Assemblyman Hickey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Serena Evans and Sharon Ing.

On request of Assemblywoman Joiner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Shevawn Von Tobel, Sonya Giroux, and Jennifer Marbley.

On request of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Leslie Sipat and Trebor Lauri Gibson.

On request of Assemblyman Kirner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Joyce Destefanis, Rosemary French, and Madison McKenzie.

On request of Assemblyman Moore, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Christine Smith and Alexa Sweeney.

On request of Assemblywoman Neal, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Grace Viado and Marla Turner.

On request of Assemblyman O'Neill, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kate Morra and Robin Mazy.

On request of Assemblyman Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alejandra Pulido.

On request of Assemblyman Oscarson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bailey Watkins and Pamela Roberts.

On request of Assemblywoman Shelton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lizabeth Bonilla, Kayla Ashby, Miriam Cadenas, and Jina Quaranto.

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

On request of Assemblywoman Spiegel, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Malinie Nitivong, Camille Owens, and Stephanie Buford.

On request of Assemblyman Sprinkle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy Hollinger and C. J. Miller.

On request of Assemblyman Stewart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Margaret Prior, Sara Lemma, and Jodi Tyson.

On request of Assemblywoman Swank, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Maria Yolanda Arriaga and Blakeley Griffith.

On request of Assemblyman Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Matthew Marx and Ryan Sanshuck.

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gloria Madrid, Denise Duarte, and Marlene Adrian.

On request of Assemblyman Trowbridge, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Danielle Schiller, Gaylyn Daniels, and Rose Jones Wade.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Melanie Meehan-Crossley and Caroline Panches.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved:

JOHN HAMBRICK
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG

Chief Clerk of the Assembly