

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), February 24, 2015

Senate called to order at 11:52 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Smith, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Bruce Henderson.

Lord, back in the day, it was someone's responsibility in the family to go around the house and wind the clocks. It was not just a ritual or a tradition, it was a necessity.

Father, what we do at the opening of each daily session is not just ceremony or tradition or ritual. It is a necessity. So, we pause and ask You to wind us up and keep us going. Thank You.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 23, 2015

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 75.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senator Segerblom:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 10—Requesting the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences to conduct an independent scientific and economic analysis of the management of the Colorado River.

Senator Segerblom moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Woodhouse, Parks, Ford, Segerblom, Spearman, Denis, Kihuen and Manendo:

Senate Bill No. 189—AN ACT relating to public health; requiring the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a standardized system for the collection of information concerning the treatment of trauma; creating the Fund for the State Trauma Registry; requiring certain insurers to assess an annual fee on certain policies of insurance for deposit into the Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Woodhouse moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senators Spearman, Segerblom, Woodhouse, Kihuen, Ford, Atkinson, Denis, Manendo, Parks; Assemblymen Spiegel, Benitez-Thompson, Thompson, Neal, Kirkpatrick, Elliot Anderson, Araujo, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Diaz, Flores, Joiner, Munford, Ohrenschall, Sprinkle and Swank:

Senate Bill No. 190—AN ACT relating to employment; making it an unlawful employment practice for an employer, employment agency or labor organization to discriminate against a person for inquiring about, discussing or disclosing information about wages in certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to unlawful employment practices; revising provisions governing the filing of complaints of employment discrimination with the Nevada Equal Rights Commission; revising the relief that the Commission may order if it determines that an unlawful employment practice has occurred; revising provisions relating to the time in which an employee may seek relief in district court for a claim of unlawful employment practices; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Spearman moved that Senate Standing Rule No. 40 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 75.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 37.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 96.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 115.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 124.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 134.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 136.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 20.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Parks and Denis.

SENATOR PARKS:

Senate Bill No. 20 removes the Commission for Cultural Affairs from the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and reestablishes the Commission as an advisory board of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. This bill also changes the name of the Commission for Cultural Affairs to the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation. This bill is effective on July 1, 2015.

SENATOR DENIS:

As the testimony was being given for this bill, was an explanation given for moving it from the Department of Tourism to Conservation? I am trying to understand the nexus between arts and conservation.

SENATOR PARKS:

I also was somewhat confused when I first read this bill and heard the Committee testimony. In recent years, we did some major reorganization of State agencies due to the downturn in the economy. This bill is to realign the State division that deals with cultural centers and historic preservation, a division now located within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Commission on Cultural Affairs is currently located with the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs. We are taking this advisory body and changing its name, thus aligning it with the division and the department to which the agency reports.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 20.

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Smith.

Senate Bill No. 20 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bills Nos. 33, 125.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Woodhouse requested that her remarks be entered in the Journal.

My guest, Liz Vohwinkel, has served as Senior Director of Major Gifts at United Way of Southern Nevada since 2013. In her role, Liz champions philanthropy and personal giving and serves as an advocate for UWSN's community based agenda focused on the impact areas of Health, Education and Financial Stability. Liz has been a resident of Southern Nevada since 1994 and resides in Las Vegas with her husband Rory, a Nevada native and attorney.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Charlyn Osborn.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Mike Bajorek and Greg Korte.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Liz Vohwinkel.

On request of President Hutchison, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Demi Falcon.

Senator Roberson moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, February 25, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate