

THE FORTY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 18, 2015

Senate called to order at 11:35 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senators Segerblom and Smith, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Dixie Jennings-Teats.

O' Gracious One,

We come together in prayer this morning trusting not in our own righteousness but in Thy great and manifold mercies. We pray that our human efforts toward love and compassion in your world might come to fruition in measures to protect the weak, poor and vulnerable in our contributions in our world, remember the efforts over decades in this Country to promote equal rights for all citizens. May we cross any differences in opinion to work together for the good of all.

In the Name of Love, we pray.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 155, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

SCOTT HAMMOND, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 17, 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. 70.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senator Hammond:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study relating to the consolidation, deconsolidation and realignment of the boundaries of school districts in this State.

Senator Hammond moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Assembly Bill No. 70.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 212.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 76.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 52.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Brower.

Senate Bill No. 52 updates the search warrant application process to include new technology such as secure electronic transmissions, otherwise known as email, albeit in a secure fashion.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 52:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Senate Bill No. 52 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 55.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Brower.

Senate Bill No. 55 is another of what you might call a criminal justice fix-it bill that eases the process by which interstate extraditions are done.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 55:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Senate Bill No. 55 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 95.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Ford.

Senate Bill No. 95 allows the county assessor in each of Nevada's counties the option of publishing the list of taxpayers and assessed valuation on an Internet website maintained by the county or the county assessor instead of publishing the list in the newspaper or mailing the list to taxpayers.

If the assessor elects to publish this list on the website, he or she must provide notice through a newspaper advertisement to inform the public that the list has been made available on the

Internet. The assessor must also provide information about the availability of the list on the annual assessed value notice that is sent out to taxpayers on or before December 18 of each year.

Finally, in counties whose population is less than 100,000, the county assessor must also print at least ten copies of the notice that are available to the general public upon request. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2015.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 95:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Senate Bill No. 95 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 159.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Senate Bill No. 159 requires every policy of health, group or blanket insurance; contract for hospital or medical services; and evidence of coverage to include a procedure for the arbitration of disputes related to an independent medical evaluation of a dentist's diagnosis and care of a patient. This bill is effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations or performing any preparatory administrative tasks, and on January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 159:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Senate Bill No. 159 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2.

Resolution read third time.

Remarks by Senators Goicoechea and Ford.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 urges Congress to enact legislation requiring the sharing of federal receipts from all commercial activity occurring on Nevada's public lands within the State and its counties. Significant resources are generated from commercial activity. Typically, the State and local governments are charged with providing the infrastructure and support.

SENATOR FORD:

I have a question about this bill. What is the rationale and intent of the bill? I understand getting receipts is the ultimate outcome, but what is the reason for requesting these receipts?

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Typically, there has been a small program, especially in the geothermal industry, that allowed for a portion of those receipts to be returned back to the county and the State. This occurs predominantly in Churchill County. Over the last four or five years, those receipts have stopped. The bottom line is that 87 percent of Nevada's lands are federally managed, and a lot of commercial activity occurs on those lands.

All we are asking is for some of that to be returned back to the State or local jurisdictions because this infrastructure, typically the county or State, supplies the road services for the commercial activities. This would apply to industries such as logging, mining, grazing, farming, etc. These industries pay into the federal coffers. We would like a portion of the fees generated by the federal government for these public land activities be returned back to the State and the counties to support those activities of local government.

Roll call on Senate Joint Resolution No. 2:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 29.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Spearman.

Assembly Bill No. 29 provides that a for-profit partnership, firm, corporation or association must obtain a certificate from the Aging and Disability Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, in order to provide jobs and day-training services to persons with intellectual disabilities and related conditions. The bill requires existing provisions concerning the use of restraints and interventions, associated with the care and treatment of persons with intellectual disabilities and related conditions, to be applicable to any facility operated or certified by the Division. Such facilities are prohibited from depriving any person their legal rights to due process of law. Also, Assembly Bill No. 29 clarifies that the Administrator of the Division is required to adopt regulations related to administrative procedures of the Division. This measure is effective upon passage and approval.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 29:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Segerblom, Smith—2.

Assembly Bill No. 29 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Roberson moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:55 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:00 p.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 175, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

GREG BROWER, *Chair*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary of the Senate signed Senate Bill No. 101.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Farley, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Cooper Miller and Jordon Saavedra.

On request of Senator Roberson, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jennifer Nordstrom.

Senator Roberson moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate