

**THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Tuesday), February 28, 2017

Assembly called to order at 11:58 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblyman Wheeler, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Chuck Durante.

Happy Mardi Gras! Today many people of all faiths join in this celebration on the Christian calendar, Fat Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

In that awareness and Spirit, let us pray:

O God of Abundance, we thank You for the gift of another day and for the many joys and pleasures of all You have created in this life.

As many in our land and in our world celebrate abundance today, help all of us to be aware of the call to share the abundance, more than we need, with those who exist in constant need, that the fat of abundance may lighten the load of those who live in the despair of ashes.

Send Your Spirit to guide us in sharing Your abundant love in our words and actions without care for race or creed or gender or language. Help us to reach out especially to those with whom we struggle, to mend fences, to work together, and to bring about lasting goodness in our homes, our neighborhoods, our cities, and our state.

Bless and guide the good work of the Nevada Legislature today in all things.

We make this prayer as a people of thanksgiving.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson 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.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 2.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Daly.

ASSEMBLYMAN DALY:

Assembly Bill 2 expands benefit eligibility provided by the Patriot Relief Account to all members of the Nevada National Guard who experience economic hardship, by removing the requirement that monetary relief may only be paid to active service members. The bill also limits the payment of benefits from the Patriot Relief Account to the extent money is available in the Account.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 2:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Wheeler.

Assembly Bill No. 2 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 9.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Kramer.

ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER:

Assembly Bill 9 seeks to revise the position of the Administrator of Securities to Deputy of Securities. This bill does not change the scope of the position but merely amends the title and gives the person holding this position the authority to work in the stead of the Secretary of State. Assembly Bill 9 would allow the Las Vegas office to have additional deputy coverage to help serve southern Nevada. I would like to add that this is not a new position. It is a net zero position by making the Securities Administrator a Deputy of Securities. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 9:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Wheeler.

Assembly Bill No. 9 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 13.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BILBRAY-AXELROD:

Assembly Bill 13 changes the name “state business registration” to “state business license.”

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 13:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Wheeler.

Assembly Bill No. 13 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 19.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman McCurdy.

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY:

Assembly Bill 19 requires the Department of Veterans Services to submit to the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs certain statistical information concerning veterans’ services and requires that certain regulatory bodies collect and report to the Interagency Council statistical information concerning the number of veterans and service members who have applied for, have been issued, or have been denied a license. The measure reduces from annually to biennially the frequency with which the Interagency Council must submit to the Governor and the Legislative Commission a report of its activities, including the statistical information required to be provided by various state agencies and regulatory bodies.

Finally, the bill changes from annually to biennially the frequency with which certain reports of activities must be submitted by the Nevada Veterans Services Commission and the Women Veterans Advisory Committee; provides that both reports must be submitted to the Governor, the Interagency Council, and the Legislative Commission; and changes the deadline by which the Nevada Veterans Services Commission must submit its report to coincide with the reporting deadline for the Interagency Council and the Advisory Committee. This bill is effective on July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 19:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Wheeler.

Assembly Bill No. 19 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

#### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Mr. Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

Today is the last day of Black History Month, and I personally am acutely aware of the enormous meaning of that for this 79th Legislative Session. When I got here six years ago, there were just a handful of African-American legislators working hard just to be heard. Today Nevada enjoys a rich, diverse legislature: black, white, Latino, male, female, gay, and lesbian. Today I am serving as Nevada's first African-American Speaker alongside Majority Leader Aaron Ford in the Senate.

Today the Majority Leader and I work not just to be heard, but to represent all of Nevada so that everyone we serve can be heard. This year there are also four African-American chairpersons of committees and a more diverse group of advocates appearing before those committees. We have a burgeoning Nevada Black Legislative Caucus striving to bring a valuable perspective to the legislative process. With all of that progress, I cannot forget that we have this opportunity and the obligation to handle it responsibly, not just for our own sakes, but for the sake of breaking down barriers for tomorrow. Today I could not be more proud, yet I could not be more humble.

#### ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY:

Assemblyman Woodrow Wilson was the first African American elected to the Nevada State Legislature in 1966. He served as director of the Las Vegas Chapter of the NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People] from 1955 to 1956. Later he served on the Clark County Commission and remained an active figure in the black community until his passing in 1999.

#### ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

I am excited to share the firsts of African-American women in our body. Our very own Assemblywoman Dina Neal was the first African-American woman elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 2010. This is her fourth full session with the Nevada Legislature, and she is currently the chairwoman of the Assembly Committee on Taxation. She is the daughter of former state Senator Joe Neal from North Las Vegas. She is a native Nevadan and proud to be a product of our Clark County School District. She earned her bachelor's degree in political science from Southern University and her juris doctorate from Southern University Law Center. I am very proud to serve with her.

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER:

I am honored to acknowledge another first for women in the Nevada State Legislature. Senator Bernice Mathews was the first African-American woman elected to the Nevada State Senate in 1994. She served six regular sessions and five special sessions. She was a registered nurse, a former Reno City Councilwoman, a member of numerous associations in the community, and a recipient of several prestigious awards, including Business Woman of the Year.

## ASSEMBLYMAN THOMPSON:

I am honored to share with our body African-American firsts in leadership. Steven Horsford was elected by his peers to serve as the first African-American Majority Leader in 2008. He then went on to be the first African-American Congressman in Nevada, representing the 4th Congressional District.

I also want to mention Senator Aaron Ford, our second Majority Leader who is in his second term as a state Senator. He received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M University in 1990 and then earned a master's degree from George Washington University. He went on to earn a master's as well as his law degree and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Ford is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Assemblyman Jason Frierson is the first African American elected as Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly. He was the student body president at UNR, where he also played football. He was a member of the charter class and first graduating class of the UNLV Boyd School of Law, where he also served as the student body president. He has served as a Deputy Attorney General and as a Deputy Public Defender, helping the most vulnerable in our community.

## ASSEMBLYWOMAN NEAL:

I am honored to serve as the Chairwoman of the Nevada Black Legislative Caucus. We have nine members, which is awesome, and we have a very unique bond. We formed our official status last year; we launched our website on January 18. If you want to write this down it is [www.nvblc.org](http://www.nvblc.org). Check us out.

It has been an interesting journey to be in this building and to be a part of Black History Month because of my dad. I have had the privilege of being in this service while my dad is still alive. He was the first African American elected to the Senate in 1972, the year I was born. To have the benefit of having him still in my presence at age 83 has been significant. This building is like déjà vu. I want to give a shout out to him because he watches us every day. Literally, I get a call every day.

In closing, we have much to be proud of in this state and especially to be in such a diverse state legislature. We thank you for your indulgence as we have shared some of the highlights of black history in the Nevada State Legislature.

## GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Bobzein and Naomi Duerr.

On request of Assemblyman Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cathy McAdoo.

On request of Assemblyman McCurdy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kanani Espinoza.

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

On request of Assemblyman Oscarson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Hannah Straub.

On request of Assemblyman Sprinkle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tammie Hefty and Sabrina Spurlock.

On request of Assemblyman Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to John J. Lee.

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

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON  
*Speaker of the Assembly*

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*