

THE NINETY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), May 11, 2017

Assembly called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymen Hambrick, Thompson, and Woodbury, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Harvey Turner.

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. I come to You on behalf of these leaders who are present in this room that You would grant them wisdom and insight that is beyond them.

Father, I ask that You would lead them in such a way that they give a voice to the voiceless. Guard them from the temptation of making decisions out of self-interest and let them make decisions that will cause human flourishing for those they've been elected to serve. May they always be mindful of the poor, the unborn, the oppressed, the immigrant, and the marginalized. Guard them from the temptation of making decisions that will benefit special interests or favor those who are in a position to advance their political career.

May justice be at the forefront of their minds and may the law that You have written on their hearts be their guide. Thank You that You have given us rulers and authorities, I know that Your Word says that they are ministers of Your common grace to all people. Enlighten their work with divine light.

I pray this in the name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus, who is the King above all Kings, and because his kingdom reigns above all empires of men including the state of Nevada.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 206, 311, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 256, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 177, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JAMES OHRENSCHALL, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 19, 112, 173, 247, 301, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

TYRONE THOMPSON, *Chair*

Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 182, 313, 464, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

EDGAR FLORES, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 91, 131, 237, 295, 318, 483, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MICHAEL C. SPRINKLE, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 29, 133, 230, 240, 277, 279, 338, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 267, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

STEVE YEAGER, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 43; Senate Joint Resolution No. 13, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

HEIDI SWANK, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 13, 15, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RICHARD CARRILLO, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 495, 496, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 49, 414, 474, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 41, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, May 11, 2017

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 17.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

CLAIRE CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate

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

Assembly in recess at 12:22 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:22 p.m.

Madam Speaker pro Tempore presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

Assemblyman Frierson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Frierson.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON:

Today we remember Robert S. Ferraro; a native Nevadan, who had one of the longest and most successful careers in public service in Nevada's history. Bob was born and grew up in Paradise Valley, a beautiful desert oasis about 40 miles north of Winnemucca. He attended a one room school house for his early education and graduated from Humboldt County High School, in Winnemucca, making the eighty mile round trip every day, and earning the reputation of having the fastest car on the road. Bob attended the University of Nevada, Reno, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and a Master's Degree in Agronomy and Range Management and was President of the Young Democrats Club.

In 1966, he moved his young family to Pakistan, working for the United States Agency for International Development. Three years later he took a position as a chemical engineer at PEPCON [Pacific Engineering and Production Company of Nevada] in Boulder City. In 1976, he was elected to the Boulder City Council and began his 31 years of public service that included six terms as Mayor, serving on various boards, including the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; the Boulder City Hospital Foundation; Nevada Development Authority; and the Clark, County District Board of Health.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Bob will always remember him as a happy, optimistic, gregarious person, and a complete joy to be around. We will all certainly miss him, and the State of Nevada will certainly miss him, and I urge you all to join me in supporting this resolution.

Resolution adopted and ordered transmitted to the Senate.

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

Assembly in recess at 12:29 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:31 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 2.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 20.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 27.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 32.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 35.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 40.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 42.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 110.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 140.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 241.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 252.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 324.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 326.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 362.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 454.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 515.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 7.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Kramer.

ASSEMBLYMAN KRAMER:

Senate Bill 7 revises the Nevada Code of Military Justice to provide that in order to be tried or punished for certain offenses committed under the Code, the offense must have been committed while the person was subject to jurisdiction under the Code, whether the person was in duty status or not

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 7:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 7 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Senate Bills Nos. 197 and 198 be taken from the Chief Clerk's desk and placed at the top of the General File.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 197.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Sprinkle.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Senate Bill 197 extends the June 30, 2020, deadline by which the State Board of Finance can issue general obligation bonds to carry out certain projects to improve the environment in the Lake Tahoe Basin until June 30, 2030.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 197:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 197 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 198.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Sprinkle.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Senate Bill 198 extends the June 30, 2019, deadline by which the State Board of Finance can issue general obligation bonds to protect, preserve, and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this state, Question 1 bonds, until June 30, 2024, under the same terms and conditions approved by the voters at the General Election held on November 5, 2002.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 198:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 198 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 16.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Ellison.

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON:

Senate Bill 16 changes the name of the General Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to the Records, Communications and Compliance Division. Testimony indicates that this change more accurately describes the duties and responsibilities of the Division. This bill is effective on July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 16:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 16 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 22.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BILBRAY-AXELROD:

Senate Bill 22 makes various changes relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Administration and the Office of Finance. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 22:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 22 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 44.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Marchant.

ASSEMBLYMAN MARCHANT:

Senate Bill 44 authorizes the Deputy Administrator of the Public Works - Compliance and Code Enforcement Section of the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration to issue to a person certain permits for the planning, maintenance, or construction of buildings and structures on property of the state or held in trust for the state. This bill is effective on July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 44:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 44 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 45.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Brooks.

ASSEMBLYMAN BROOKS:

Senate Bill 45 eliminates the requirement that the State Public Works Division, Department of Administration, periodically inspect all buildings at the state universities and specifically exempts all buildings and physical plant facilities owned by any part of the Nevada System of Higher Education [NSHE] from the requirement of periodic inspections by the Division. Testimony indicated that NSHE had its own personnel perform the work on all of its campuses since 1995.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 45:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 45 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 57.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Kramer.

ASSEMBLYMAN SPRINKLE:

Senate Bill 57 revises provisions governing the Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V & T Railway. Specifically, the bill removes the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe Counties from the governing bodies of the Commission and relieves Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe Counties from any requirement to fund the Commission's budget. However, the provisions of this bill do not apply to impair any existing bond or bond obligations if a county has issued bonds to fund its share of the Commission's budget before October 1, 2017.

It reduces the number of members of the Commission from nine to five; eliminates the authority of the Commission to enter into an agreement with the district attorney or treasurer of Douglas, Lyon, and Washoe Counties as of October 1, 2017; and terminates any agreement between the Commission and those persons as of that date.

This bill is effective on October 1, 2017.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 57:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 57 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 105.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman McArthur.

ASSEMBLYMAN MCARTHUR:

Senate Bill 105 authorizes and requests the Governor to annually proclaim August 9 as “Indigenous Peoples Day” to celebrate the thriving culture and significant value that indigenous people add to the state of Nevada. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 105:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 105 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 148.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Carrillo.

ASSEMBLYMAN CARRILLO:

Senate Bill 148 requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to provide assistance and information relating to aid, benefits, and services to veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender [LGBT] and their spouses and dependents. The Director is further required to assist a veteran who is LGBT in applying for an upgrade to the character of the veteran’s discharge from service or a change in the narrative reason for the discharge.

Finally, the measure prohibits the denial of a veteran’s eligibility for any program, service, benefit, activity, or facility in Nevada for which the veteran would otherwise be eligible solely based on a veteran’s status as a discharged veteran who is LGBT. This bill is effective on July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 148:

YEAS—39.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Thompson, Woodbury—3.

Senate Bill No. 148 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Senate Bills Nos. 160, 175, 202, 412, and 466 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Resolutions Nos. 5, 6; Senate Bill No. 201; Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

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

Assembly in recess at 12:56 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 1:02 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Frierson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Carolyn Ferraro, Greg Ferraro, Joe Ferraro, Tommy Ferraro, Christi Matteoni, Dominic Matteoni, Anthony Matteoni, Allison Matteoni, and Eric Osgood.

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

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to the following students, teachers, and chaperones from Faith Baptist Academy: Adam Breeden, Jonathan Clinger, Rebecca Easley, Mason Hamburger, Matthew Hickey, Monique Knackstedt, Christopher Robinson, and Matt Ransom.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Brad Fiene and Ken Marty.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Friday, May 12, 2017, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory of Robert Stanley Ferraro, and with thoughts and prayers for Gary Milliken.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG

Chief Clerk of the Assembly