

**THE NINTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Tuesday), February 14, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:13 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Tribal Elder, Dinah Pete.

Our Father, God, and Jesus, our Brother, look down upon us; watch over all of us; be with all of our relatives, all of our leaders and all different tribal members. We pray that our leaders be strong and make the right decisions for everyone.

Bless the land we walk on, the water and the air. 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 pro Tempore and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

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SENATOR AARON FORD  
SPEAKER JASON FRIERSON

Nevada Legislature 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

RE: State of the Judiciary Address—2017 Legislature Session

DEAR SENATOR FORD AND SPEAKER FRIERSON:

Pursuant to past protocol, I would like to request permission, as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2017, to address a joint session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary on March 8, at 5:00 p.m. The court is hosting a reception for legislators at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Your joint consideration of this request would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL A. CHERRY  
*Chief Justice*

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 7.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Senate Bill No. 7 removes the requirement that a person must be in a duty status, instead requiring that the person was subject to jurisdiction under certain provisions of the Nevada Code of Military Justice, in order to be tried or punished for certain offenses under the Code. The bill further provides that any person who is subject to the Code commits the offense of waste, spoilage or destruction of property, other than military property, regardless of whether the person was in a duty status at the time he or she committed the offense. This bill further clarifies changes made to the Code in the past two Sessions by Senate Bill 18 of the 77th Session and Senate Bill 90 of the 78th Session.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 7:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 7 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 58.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Ratti.

Senate Bill No. 58 revises provisions governing certain State veterans' organizations. Specifically, the bill: adds the Administrator, Division of Human Resource Management, Department of Administration, as a member of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs; requires the Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Veterans Services to aid, assist, encourage and cooperate with certain State veterans' service organizations, and increases from 9 to 11 the number of members of the Nevada Veterans Services Commission by adding: a member who is a member of the Women Veterans Advisory Committee, and a member who is enrolled as a student at an institution of higher education in this State in a program for a baccalaureate or higher degree and who possesses an honorable discharge from some branch of the military and naval service of the United States.

We heard testimony that the Commission wanted to expand and be more inclusionary. I make this motion in honor of my cousin, Sheri Masini, who is a 26-year veteran of the Air Force. When she returned and enrolled in school, she shared with me she had a difficult time connecting with veterans' organizations. This is a great step forward.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 58:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 58 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 70.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Goicoechea.

Senate Bill No. 70 expands the entities to which the Director of the Department of Veterans Services is authorized to transfer abandoned or unclaimed property to include the Nevada State Museum, the Nevada Historical Society and any other governmental agency or nonprofit entity, including without limitation, a veterans' organization and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The measure authorizes the Director to destroy, or otherwise dispose of, such property that is not transferred. The Director must establish and post on the Department's website an internal policy regarding the transfer, destruction or other disposal of such abandoned or unclaimed property.

Many of these are small items that are left at shrines, statues or places like the Vietnam Memorial. They may have some significance, but, like the comment made at one of the Committee meetings about how many Singer sewing machines you can have at the Nevada State Museum, you can only have so many in one place. This allows the Director to try to give these items away without having to dispose of them. If they cannot do anything else, in the end, they have the right to dispose of them.

Mr. President pro Tempore announced that if there were no objections, the Senate would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 11:24 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:25 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Quorum present.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 70:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 70 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Atkinson, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Blake Mahaffey and Kiara Tingey.

On request of Senator Cancela, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jenessa Owen.

On request of Senator Farley, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Sydney Felton and Krystal Riccio.

On request of Senator Ford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Janel Meldrum.

On request of Senator Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Sandra Mitrovich.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Elvira Murphy, Macro Ovando and Paul Tsosie.

On request of Senator Gustavson, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ben Ballard, Kerstin Christiansen and Amber Torres.

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Teresa Praus.

On request of Senator Parks, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to William Anderson.

On request of Senator Ratti, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to John Hansen.

On request of Senator Segerblom, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Calista Cruz, Debra Harry, Vinton Hawley and Alan Mandell.

On request of Senator Settlemeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Melinda Fagundes, Neil Mortimer and Chairwoman Thom.

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

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Approved:

DENIS MOISES

*President pro Tempore of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

*Secretary of the Senate*