

THE THIRTIETH DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), March 7, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:08 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Rabbi Evon J. Yakar.

Good morning, to all of you and thank you for the honor of being here, today. Even more, I express my gratitude to you for your efforts on behalf of the citizens of the State of Nevada.

On Sunday, Jews around the world will mark the holiday of Purim, celebrating the heroine Esther from the biblical narrative bearing her name. It is a tale rivaling some of the greatest stories. It is full of good versus evil, life and death, and the triumph of the spirit. Each year, when we recount this story and read the Scroll of Esther, we are reminded of one character who does not appear; God is absent throughout the entirety of the account. As Esther garners the courage to stand up for her identity as a Jew, to save her people, she does so drawing on her own strength, sharing the truth and exposing the reality around her. It is a moment in our history when we recognize the imperative to seek the truth around us and to stand up for our beliefs, our values and life.

While God, at least by name, does not appear in the Book of Esther, it is the Divine acting through each of us that helps us discover the truth and to know the realities of our lives. We ask that the same power that Esther held may be found in each of us, may it be found in each of you as you do this sacred work of governance. As this time of year in the Jewish calendar draws near, may this Legislative Body honor the power invested in it by seeking truth, by standing up for beliefs and values that ensure a healthy, vibrant and sound tomorrow for all the citizens of the State of Nevada and our Nation.

We pray: HaMakom—May the One Who is Ever Present grant each of us the power to discern truth and to honor it; may we know the strength implanted within us all to stand for our beliefs and our values.

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 Health and Human Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 71, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 120, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Re-refer to the Committee on Finance.

PAT SPEARMAN, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Spearman moved that Senate Bill No. 120, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Harris and Gansert:

Senate Bill No. 237—AN ACT relating to the protection of children; requiring a court to determine at a hearing on protective custody whether there is a plan to address the safety of a child in his or her home that satisfies certain requirements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Harris:

Senate Bill No. 238—AN ACT relating to real property; revising provisions requiring certain mortgagees and beneficiaries of a deed of trust to provide certain contact information to the Division of Financial Institutions of the Department of Business and Industry; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Harris:

Senate Bill No. 239—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; revising provisions authorizing an employee, agent or community manager of a unit-owner's association to enter the grounds of certain units under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Harris moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Senator Harris:

Senate Bill No. 240—AN ACT relating to gaming; defining the term "other event" for certain purposes relating to gaming; providing that certain laws governing pari-mutuel wagering on a race or sporting event apply to pari-mutuel wagering on certain other events; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Harris moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Senators Woodhouse, Ratti, Cannizzaro, Cancela, Parks, Atkinson, Denis, Farley, Ford, Manendo, Segerblom, Spearman; Assemblymen Carrillo, Monroe-Moreno, Diaz, Neal and Fumo:

Senate Bill No. 241—AN ACT relating to education; providing for the establishment of the State Seal of STEM Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; providing for the establishment of the State Seal of STEAM Program to recognize pupils who have attained a high level of proficiency in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Woodhouse moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Senator Harris:

Senate Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to college savings plans; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Nevada to delegate certain powers and duties relating to the Nevada Higher Education Prepaid Tuition Program to the State Treasurer; authorizing certain qualified beneficiaries to apply unused prepaid tuition benefits toward graduate-level studies; transferring the duty to adopt regulations governing the Nevada College Savings Program from the State Treasurer to the Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Harris moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Senators Kieckhefer and Roberson:

Senate Bill No. 243—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the election of the board of trustees of certain school districts; providing for the appointment of certain trustees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Senators Ratti, Cannizzaro, Ford, Goicoechea and Assemblywoman Swank:

Senate Bill No. 244—AN ACT relating to historic preservation; providing notice and consultation with Indian tribes with regard to native Indian human remains and other cultural items under certain circumstances; requiring the Museum Director of the Nevada State Museum and the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to adopt regulations concerning the process for repatriation of such human remains and other cultural items; revising the membership of certain related boards and commissions; increasing the penalties for the defacement of prehistoric sites, historic sites and Indian burial sites; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Senators Parks, Ratti and Assemblyman Kramer (by request):

Senate Bill No. 245—AN ACT relating to counties; requiring the board of county commissioners of each county to create an account in the county general fund for the acquisition or improvement of technology used in the

office of the county treasurer; requiring a portion of the commission reserved from the personal property tax of each county to be accounted for separately in that Account; revising the authority of a county treasurer to use a facsimile signature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Parks moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 35.

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. 43.

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. 133.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

Resolution read second time and ordered to third reading.

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 NAIOP representatives Rod Martin and Bryan Richards.

On request of Senator Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to NAIOP representatives Elizabeth Fielder and Jay Heller.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate