

THE THIRTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), March 9, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:28 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Bruce Kochsmeier.

Dear God, You have called men and women to do Your work in this place. You have gifted each of them with abilities to serve Your people. As they do this, please let them know how personally You care for them. Let them know that You delight in their efforts. Fill them with a sense of Your purpose. Remind them that they are making a difference in the life of Your people. Encourage them when they are weary. Give them energy and focus and the ability to work well when there is stress. Let all that is done in every part of this Session and building be an offering to You. Gratefully, we pray in the name of the One who came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for us.

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.

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

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:31 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:37 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Initiative Petition No. 1, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

NICOLE J. CANNIZZARO, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 8, 2017

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 36, 126.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 143, 178, 186, 211, 219, 225, 234.

MARK KRMPOTIC
Fiscal Analysis Division

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Goicoechea, Hammond, Harris, Gustavson, Hardy, Settelmeyer; Assemblymen Ellison, Oscarson, Hansen and Wheeler:

Senate Bill No. 252—AN ACT relating to interscholastic activities; requiring the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association to allow, by regulation, a pupil who is enrolled in a charter school, private school or parochial school to participate in a sanctioned sport or other interscholastic event at a public school under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Cannizzaro, Ratti, Woodhouse, Cancela, Ford, Denis, Farley, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom and Spearman:

Senate Bill No. 253—AN ACT relating to employment; establishing the Nevada Pregnant Workers' Fairness Act; requiring certain employers to provide reasonable accommodations to employees and applicants for employment for a condition relating to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, except in certain circumstances; prohibiting certain other discriminatory practices by employers relating to pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition; authorizing the Nevada Equal Rights Commission to investigate complaints of such unlawful employment practices; requiring the Commission to carry out programs to educate employers and others about certain rights and responsibilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Ford, Atkinson, Spearman, Denis, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Frierson, McCurdy II, Neal, Thompson, Carrillo, Flores, Jauregui, Miller and Monroe-Moreno:

Senate Bill No. 254—AN ACT relating to civil liability; removing the provision of law that provides immunity from civil liability in actions involving the use of force in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 36.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 126.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 71.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Senate Bill No. 71 makes various changes to provisions governing licensing and regulation of medical facilities and other related entities. Specifically, the bill includes a program of hospice care in the definition of “medical facility,” enabling such a program to be licensed and regulated as a medical facility; revises the definition of “psychiatric hospital,” eliminating the requirement that residential care be provided at such a facility; requires a person who is employed at or applies for a license to operate a psychiatric hospital that provides inpatient services to children to undergo a criminal background check and prohibits a person who has been convicted of certain crimes from being licensed to operate or be employed at such a facility; and revises the administrative and civil penalties and Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Human Services, may impose against a medical facility or facility for the dependent that violates certain provisions of its licensure.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 71:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 71 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

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

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Asa Gilmore.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Judge Abbi Silver and Margaret Colucci.

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Aileen Azzam, Lisa Fawley, April Kieckhefer, Aspen Kieckhefer, Austin Kieckhefer, Lincoln Kieckhefer and Lucy Kieckhefer.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Friday, March 10, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate