

THE EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), May 2, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:22 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Chad Adamik.

God of justice and mercy, thank You for the gift of life and the opportunity to serve the people of this State. Help us to act with character and conviction; help us to listen with understanding and good will; help us to speak with charity and restraint. Give us a spirit of service. Remind us that we are stewards of Your authority. Guide us to be the leaders Your people need. Help us see the humanity and dignity of those who disagree with us and to treat all persons, no matter how weak or poor, with the reverence Your creation deserves.

And finally, Father, renew us with the strength of Your presence and the joy to helping to build a community worthy of the human person.

We ask this as Your daughters and sons, confident in Your goodness and love.

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.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Ford, Roberson, Atkinson, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Farley, Gansert, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 4—Inducting Mike McGinness into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Mike McGinness was born in Fallon, Nevada, in 1947, and graduated from Churchill County High School and the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Mike returned to Fallon and went to work for the local radio station, KVLV AM-FM, beginning a long career of intense involvement in local business and civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, After serving on the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Board and the Churchill County School Board, Mike McGinness was elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1988 and to the Nevada Senate in 1992, and in both houses faithfully represented his constituents for a total of 24 years, serving on more than 50 standing or interim committees of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator McGinness was best remembered for his extensive knowledge of State fiscal affairs, having served for seven Sessions on the former Senate Committee on Taxation, six of which he served as Chair of that Committee, and for one Session on the former Senate Committee on Revenue; and

WHEREAS, As a representative of a large part of rural Nevada, Senator McGinness successfully enacted many measures concerning topics of particular interest to Nevadans living in the less populated areas of our State, including agriculture, mining, water, wildlife and the operations of small local governments; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Senate Republican Caucus turned to Senator McGinness as an experienced, trusted and respected guide to serve as Senate Minority Leader during the 2011 Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, Mike married his high school sweetheart Deanna (Dee) Pearce in 1969 and that happy union was blessed with three children, Ryan, Brett and Shannon; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his many years of devoted service to his community, his district and the people of Nevada, Senator Mike McGinness is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Roberson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Roberson, Kieckhefer, Hardy, Manendo, Denis, Settlemeyer, Gansert and Goicoechea.

SENATOR ROBERSON:

It is an honor and a great pleasure to say a few words about my friend and former colleague, Mike McGinness. Senator McGinness holds a special place in my affections because he was the leader of my caucus during my first session in the Nevada Legislature.

When I arrived here in 2011, I was full of enthusiasm and ideas, but I had a lot to learn. It was Senator McGinness who took me under his wings and showed me the ropes. I will always be grateful for his guidance, advice and his steady hand during my first Legislative Session.

The resolution that has just been read detailed some of Mike's many legislative accomplishments. As is noted there, he served for a combined 24 years in the Assembly and the Senate. During that time, he carried a heavy load. He was a member of more than 50 standing and interim committees. Most of us remember him best for his hard work on the Senate Committee on Revenue and the Senate Committee on Taxation. He was a member of those committees for eight Sessions and served as the chair for six of those Sessions. During that long tenure, he left a deep impression on our State's revenue structure and its fiscal policies.

There are few positions in this body that are more difficult and more thankless than chairing the Tax Committee. A wise man once said that "To tax and to please, no more than to love and to be wise, is not given to men." Being Chair of the Tax Committee is not only technically demanding but it also means making tough, unpopular decisions and disappointing many people.

Though they may not be aware of it, all the people of Nevada owe Mike McGinness a deep debt of gratitude. Tax policy has a profound effect on the financial stability and economic prosperity of the State and its citizens. We can all be grateful to Mike for his diligence, his knowledge, his restraint and his clear-sightedness.

Mike McGinness was born in Fallon, Nevada, and has spent most of his life there. In the very best sense of the word, he is a hometown boy. He graduated from Churchill County High School; attended the University of Nevada, Reno; married his high school sweetheart; took over the family business; raised his children; served on the local school board and the parks and recreation board; and finally, represented his neighbors and friends for 24 years in the Legislature.

Today people talk a lot about globalization and world-class institutions, but the relationships that mean the most to us, the relationships that are most intimate and most satisfying are relationships with family, neighbors and old friends. Mike McGinness wisely understands this and has chosen to stay connected to his roots.

The great English statesman, Edmund Burke, once said:

To be attached to the subdivision, to love the little platoon we belong to in society, is the first principle (the germ as it were) of public affections. It is the first link in the series by which we proceed towards a love to our country and to mankind.

Mike has always been a true son of rural Nevada. He understands its people and knows what they need. They trust and respect him, and he was their voice in Carson City, Nevada, for a long time.

In closing, I urge you to please join with me in expressing, on behalf of this body and the people of this State, our sincere gratitude to a farsighted statesman, a diligent servant of the people and a true Nevadan, Mike McGinness.

Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I am proud to rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 4 inducting former Senator Mike McGinness into the Senate Hall of Fame. Like the Minority Leader, my first Session was in 2011 with Senator McGinness as our leader, and he did not ask much, but he lead by example. I recall the one time he did ask something of me, and I was asked to go into his office. We had a quick meeting, and he asked me if I could do something for him; it was probably the easiest "yes" I have given in my legislative career because I knew Senator McGinness would not lead me astray. His reputation alone was enough to give me certainty that the policy was the right thing for the State of Nevada. I cannot think of another person more fitting to be inducted today into the Senate Hall of Fame. Thank you for your leadership and your guidance and congratulations.

SENATOR HARDY:

When Mike was Minority Leader, during the end game all about taxes and dealing with people in leadership, he went home—home being the radio station—and he and those super-secret negotiations had to make sure he did not broadcast the super-secret negotiations to the people of Fallon. You can imagine what that would have done! He was very good at keeping things close to his vest as well as keeping family close to him. As I was sitting here, I was watching Dee, his soulmate, and Mike holding hands; with that same steady hand that he held his position in this Body, he held his sweet wife. You cannot say anything about Mike without saying something about Dee, how they are one. Truly, they have become one and are an example for so many of us in how many trips they took back and forth to Fallon together, in and out of Carson City, and what an example they are to us as we look at a family that is here with us. Thank you, Mike, and thank you, Dee, for all you have done.

SENATOR MANENDO:

Senator McGinness was always slow and steady. When we had the 21 to 21 tie and were fortunate enough to get a bill out of the Assembly and people were intimidated to go talk to the great Bill Raggio, folks would say, "Go talk to Mr. McGinness, talk to Senator McGinness." There was not one time he did not have his door open. You could catch him in the hallway and say, "Senator, can I just talk to you for a second, we just need your thoughts on something," and he was always willing to do that. He was so respected in this Legislative Building. It is an honor and a privilege to have served with you, sir. You have a wonderful family. The State is better because of you.

SENATOR DENIS:

I also appreciated having served with Mike as a Senator for one Session, but in the time I was in the Assembly, he was always someone I could go to. I think of him as a quiet giant of a man. He is a statesman and a true gentleman, and I appreciated working with him. I, too, support this resolution.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER:

I also rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 4. I cannot let it go without passing; I am now his representative, and I am lucky enough to have him as my constituent. Almost any parade you go to, he will be sitting there, serving pancakes, helping people out, introducing everyone, no matter what party, to each other. He is a quiet giant and a gentle person. His knowledge and his wisdom have always carried the day. Everywhere he goes, Dee's smiling face is there as well. If you have the opportunity, go visit the radio station and see the history, the signatures and the actual vinyl records with autographs, it is phenomenal. There were several times when they did a call of the house and tried to find Mr. McGinness and sent out the Highway Patrol to his house, but he was not there—a tape had gone off the reel, and he had to go to the radio station for several hours. That is just how it is to be part of the working Legislature. As I read the Hall of Fame resolution, I see an error, we chose Senator McGinness, it was a vote. We chose you as our leader because we knew you were right for Nevada. Thank you for your service.

SENATOR GANSERT:

I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 4. I had the privilege of serving in the Assembly when Senator McGinness was here in the Senate, and he was always thoughtful and generous to other Legislators, community members and anyone who came to the Legislature. I would like to

thank him for his dedication to public service, and to his family, for being such a great role model for us all.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Mike McGinness is a great guy. He is the one who started me in this. I was running in Churchill County and did not know anyone but Mr. McGinness in Fallon, so I owe him a great deal. The 2011 is probably the last time both Minority Leaders were representatives of Churchill County and the rurals. We had a lot of long nights during that session as Minority Leader, but we did not have any real donnybrooks. Thank you, Mike and Dee, for your service. Enjoy this; you deserve it.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Ford requested that the remarks of former Senator McGinness be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR MCGINNESS:

I am overwhelmed by the remarks. This is an incredible honor. So many members of the Senate have come before me, and it is an honor to be inducted with an individual like the late Senator Debbie Smith. The last time I spoke to Debbie, we were standing in a line at the gas station where they sell Christmas tree permits, and we discussed those permits and other things. It was an honor to have served with her. I would like to mention some former colleagues I served with; Senator Rawson, Senator Neal; Senator O'Connell; Senator Bernice Martin-Matthews; Congresswoman Dina Titus, Senator Bill Raggio and Carl Bond, who I worked for cultivating sugar beets on a tractor in Fallon. I appreciate the remarks everyone has made, it is overwhelming. There were some days when you did not want to come in here, but you knew you had to make things happen. I appreciate this for my family.

By Senators Ford, Roberson, Atkinson, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Farley, Gansert, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 5—Inducting Debbie Smith into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada and who are selected by current Senators serving in leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smith was born in Tucson, Arizona, in 1956, and moved to Battle Mountain, Nevada, with her family when she was in fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Battle Mountain High School, Debbie married her high school sweetheart, Greg Smith, and they were blessed with three children, Olivia, Ian and Erin; and

WHEREAS, Debbie started early in politics, being elected to the Lander County School Board at just 22 years of age, a position that gave her a deep understanding and appreciation for education issues; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Sparks, Nevada, Debbie served as President of the Nevada Parent Teacher Association, as a member of the National Parent Teacher Association Board and, for 8 years, as Chair of the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Debbie Smith was elected to the Nevada Assembly and, after being reelected in 2004, served continuously until she became a member of the Senate in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senator Smith quickly won the respect and appreciation of her colleagues in the Senate and was chosen to serve as Assistant Majority Floor Leader in 2013 and Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 2015; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her leadership in the Nevada Legislature, Senator Smith was an active participant and leader in the National Conference of State Legislatures and was selected in

2015 by legislators from throughout the United States to serve as President of that organization, the only Nevadan who has ever held that position; and

WHEREAS, Senator Smith was a tireless advocate for education and social services, serving on the committees that oversee those functions for 6 years and chairing the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services for one session; and

WHEREAS, Senator Smith had a thorough understanding of the State budget, serving on the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means for 8 years and on the Senate Committee on Finance for 4 years and chairing each of those committees for one session; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smith is remembered as the successful sponsor for several key pieces of legislation such as Brianna's Law, requiring DNA samples to help track down perpetrators of sexual assault, the bill creating Nevada's 2-1-1 line and the Nevada Dream Tags program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Debbie Smith, who dedicated years of her life to serving the people of the State of Nevada as an advocate for education and as a member of the Assembly and the Senate, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Ford, Ratti, Kieckhefer, Woodhouse, Spearman, Gansert and Denis.

SENATOR FORD:

Words cannot express my feelings as I rise today to speak to this resolution inducting Senator Debbie Smith into the Senate Hall of Fame. The members of this Body who had the chance to serve with her, whether here or in the Assembly, can testify that she truly represented the very best in public service and exemplified the highest ideals of this institution.

Debbie Smith was born in Tucson, Arizona, and moved with her family to Battle Mountain, Nevada, as a young child. As they say, she was not a native Nevadan, but she got here as soon as she could. She entered politics at the very young age of 22 when she was elected to the Lander County School Board. That was the beginning of a passionate, lifelong interest in public education. She went on to be president of the Nevada PTA and a member of the National PTA Board. She was then appointed by Governor Bob Miller and reappointed by Governor Kenny Guinn to chair the Council to Establish Academic Standards, where she served for eight years. Recognizing that education begins in the home, she served as parent involvement coordinator for the Washoe County School District and a member of the Education Alliance of Washoe County.

In 2000, when she ran for the Nevada Legislature for the first time, it was with the hope that she could make a difference in education in this State. As a member of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means for eight years and as a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, she worked tirelessly to ensure that education got the attention and resources that it deserved. She holds the rare distinction of having chaired the "money" committees in both Houses.

In addition to her advocacy for education, Debbie will always be remembered for some key pieces of legislation that she sponsored and pushed through to enactment. These included Brianna's Law, requiring DNA samples to help find perpetrators of sexual assault, the bill that created the Nevada Dream Tags program, and the measure that established Nevada 2-1-1 to connect citizens with information about public services.

Not content to bless just the citizens of Nevada, Debbie was also an avid participant in national organizations, particularly the National Conference of State Legislatures or NCSL. At NCSL, she joined with legislators from across the nation to formulate and promote the same kinds of programs and laws that she advocated in Nevada. Her participation in NCSL culminated in being elected as president of that organization, a unique honor for a Nevada legislator.

As a legislator, Debbie was passionately committed to the ideals of fairness, honesty and transparency in government. She sought to open the doors of opportunity to all our citizens. She endeavored to be a voice for all those whose voices are not always heard.

By adopting this resolution, we express our gratitude to Debbie Smith for a lifetime of selfless service and particularly for the 14 years that she served in the Legislature. Nevada is a better place

to live and the Nevada Legislature is a stronger institution because of her. Please join with me in voting to induct Senator Debbie Smith into the State of Nevada Senate Hall of Fame.

Thank you.

SENATOR RATTI:

I too rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 5. I would not be here today talking about Senator Smith and all of her amazing accomplishments if she had not the support of her husband and her children and her mother and her mother-in-law and all of the brothers and sisters and every neighbor who had been inducted into the Smith family to get it done. Blood or not, Senator Smith had a way of making you feel like you were family, and she had a way of making sure everyone was involved and everyone got credit for the amazing success. It is important we take a minute to recognize that.

We often say people are a mentor, but there are a rare few who prioritize mentorship, even before their own success, and make sure they always have their hand out to bring people up behind them. Senator Smith was the cream of the crop in terms of being a mentor. If you were lucky enough to have that light shine on you and to be the recipient of that mentoring, it made you feel like you were this incredibly special person who could accomplish anything in the world and maybe even had a special spot. Then you would realize, no, every single elected official in northern Nevada was someone she helped to bring up including school board members, city council members and Assembly and Senate members. I know many of you benefited from a moment of her time and advice during her career. I do not think there was anyone who could mentor the way Senator Smith did.

There are two lessons from Senator Smith's life I try to hold close as I make my first foray into this very strange building in this very strange place where we make Nevada laws. The first is, if you work hard and stay true to being a decent human being and treat people well, you can accomplish amazing things through service and improve the lives of those around you. It is hard work being decent and changing the world, but you can do that. The second lesson is that we are not guaranteed another day. While you are doing that, please be sure to understand that you make time for the people who are most important to you and make sure you do not get lost in it all. Treat every day like it may be your last and make sure you make time for the people you love. She did that, and because of that, she has this amazing legacy. I stand here, today, in honor of my friend and mentor, Senator Debbie Smith. Thank you all for being here to do that as well.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I am also proud to rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 5. Debbie's imprint was local, obviously Statewide and national. She went from a local school board when she was 22 to being the Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She had imprints on policy from small schools to legislatures across this country. Often it is the cowboys in this building who get recognized as the champions of rural Nevada, but she carried that mantle as well. She was proud of being an outdoors woman and a sportswoman and carried legislation to further that. She was always on the lookout for issues that were of importance to rural Nevada. I looked to her for guidance and partnership when I entered this building. She was still down the hall, but we could work together on issues that were shared concerns to both of our constituents even though they did not always overlap. That fostered in me, a tremendous amount of respect and friendship that I still cherish to this day. We did a joint fundraiser together a few years ago, a Republican and a Democrat raising money together for our separate teams; this prompted protests from both the left and the right. We figured we had probably hit the sweet spot. That is how she carried herself, and this is something we could all look to emulate.

Her tenure may have been brief in this Chamber, a mere four years, but her legacy will be eternal.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE:

I rise today to honor Debbie Smith as a best friend, a mentor and a Legislator that I have always admired. She was the epitome of knowledge and tenacity; an unparalleled work ethic, grace and dignity. Debbie was right there with me four years ago when my husband's health was failing in the waning days of the 2013 Legislative Session. I hope and I have to believe that I was right there for her, as she coped with her illness and tried to cover some of the legislative bills and Senate

Finance Committee work that she was advocating. All of us were a team rooting with and for Debbie and her family.

Debbie Smith's legacy will be a beacon of light and progress for the children, women and hard-working families of Nevada for years and decades to come. It is so fitting that today, we induct this awesome legislator and woman into the Nevada Senator Hall of Fame. To Erin, Greg and Debbie's family and friends, we appreciate you. Debbie and you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I will love you always, Debbie.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:

There is a saying that on a memorial monument there are two dates, one is the date of sunrise in our lives and the other is the date of sunset, but people always remember what you do on the dash. Debbie did a lot on the dash. I remember in 2012, when I won my primary, Debbie was one of the first people to call me and she offered to do whatever she could to help and support. True to her word, she was always there. Not always as a mentor, but I relished her as my sister, my sister from another mister as they say. She meant more than words can adequately express. I remember the last day of the 2015 session. The day before, we found out Debbie was going to be with us again for the last day, and I wanted to find Erin and let her know that Debbie could use my scooter. I came in that morning and it was all tricked-out and it was a lot of fun to have her with us again. She stayed with us the entire day, the entire day, she finally left 15 minutes before *sine die*. That was a testament to her commitment, not only to this Body, but to what the work means for humanity. Even though she carried a lot of titles, I think all will say amen to this, she was just Debbie. She did not try to lord that over anyone. She used her position to help people. She was unafraid to take on battles that were unpopular and she did it with the type of passion rarely found in so many people that have been in politics as long as she was. She never lost who she was. I remember her saying, "Before I do or say something, I think about what would my mother think if she heard me say this, or what would she think if she saw me do this?" I think her mother is very proud of her as we all are. So often, people seek election and reelection because they have a love for power, and that thirst is usually unquenchable, and you can tell by the way they carry themselves in life; they have that love for power. What I will always remember about Debbie is on her dash, she knew the power of love.

SENATOR GANSERT:

I rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 5. I was privileged to serve with Debbie Smith from 2004 to 2010. When I first started in the Legislature, our offices were adjacent to each other and we both served on the Ways and Means Committee and spent a lot of time together. She had a combination of kindness and strength that is rarely seen. She treated everyone extremely well, but knew if she wanted to get something done she would be determined and resolute. One example of this is Brianna's Law. She and I worked on some DNA laws early in 2005, 2007 and 2009. I left the Assembly, but she continued to work on this issue. It took until 2013 to pass that legislation. She knew it was the right thing to do and she continued to pursue it until she was able to pass it, which was critical for the safety of so many people in our community, particularly young women when there are sexual assaults. I so appreciated that. This year I have been working on legislation around trying to make schools safer. There have been a number of suicides in our schools, which are always awful. Since I had a gap in service, I finally came across the Safe to Tell Program. When I realized she was the person who was pursuing and supporting this program and created the statute around this program it made total sense to me. Once again, she was looking out for the good of our children, the safety of our community and establishing statute that would positively impact our communities on a daily basis.

Her husband Greg and her daughter Erin were here frequently and were always supportive of her. Erin was with her when she was ill and that dedication they had to each other was so memorable and so touching, and that is the kind of family everyone wants to have. We had an example in their family and I feel privileged and honored to have served with her. I appreciate the family shared her with us over the years.

SENATOR DENIS:

I too support Senate Resolution No. 5 and want to remember a dear friend Debbie Smith. I remember being a young father with a daughter in the first grade and going in to volunteer to be a

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) dad. I did not want to just sit around, and got involved and I met Debbie for the first time through a PTA convention in Winnemucca and I could tell she was dedicated to what she was doing, and thus began a great friendship that lasted many years. She wanted to make things better for children here in Nevada. That is why she ran, and I ran a couple of years later. In PTA we say, "Every child, one voice." Debbie lived that. She knew we needed to work together and did everything she could to make things better for our kids here in Nevada and I think she has. She was selfless, and she always did what she thought was the right thing. I learned a lot from her. I appreciated the opportunity to have served with her in various capacities and I look forward to being able to see this picture of her each and every day as we work in the building knowing all the great things she did. While she had many titles, the one things she exemplified was her title as a wife and a mother. Thank you Greg for sharing Debbie with us, her legacy really will live on.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate recess until 12:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 12:16 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:30 p.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Quorum present.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 3.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 37.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Denis.

Senate Bill No. 37 reinstates the \$20 license-plate renewal fee that expired on October 31, 2016 for existing Sesquicentennial commemorative license plates and provides that the renewal-fee revenue collected be equally divided between the Division of Museums and the Division of State Parks, to be used for educational projects and initiatives relating to the history of the State, and other projects relating to preserving, promoting and protecting the heritage of the State. Previously, license-plate renewal fee revenue was used to support the State's sesquicentennial celebration.

The bill also provides that the 150th Anniversary commemorative license plates must no longer be issued. Finally, Senate Bill No. 37 implements The Executive Budget.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 37:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 37 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 38.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Parks, Kieckhefer, Gansert, Woodhouse and Denis.

SENATOR PARKS:

Senate Bill No. 38 authorizes local and other governmental entities to use the services of the Central Mailing Room operated by the Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records. A governmental entity choosing to use these services must pay the cost of such services.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I rise in opposition to Senate Bill No. 38. This is a bill that will expand a governmental entity with the intended purpose of shifting business from the private sector to the government. Written remarks provided by the sponsors and proponents of the bill state: "It is a service requested by Carson City and Washoe County governments and school districts because they are currently contracting the service out to private vendors." The intended purpose is to shift those services from private vendors into the State which I do not think is the appropriate role for the State. The remarks further go on to state: "this expansion will also allow the same to happen in Las Vegas and Clark County..." as they ramp up service, shifting business from private sector, Clark County vendors into the State as well. For those reasons, I am opposed.

SENATOR GANSERT:

It appears the intent is to expand some of the mail centers. Currently, we are moving in the opposite direction; most people are using electronic means to send communications rather than mail so I am not sure we should be trying to expand services which are not ordinarily expanding. Traditional mail is a declining market, and there are alternate methods of communication. This bill would cause the State to be in competition with private vendors, which I think is moving in the wrong direction.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE:

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this measure. This bill is attempting to open the door for those entities who are looking for an opportunity to take advantage of what is available. The entities identified in the bill are open to that as well. I urge your support.

SENATOR DENIS:

When this bill was heard in the Committee on Education, districts discussed that they now have the ability to do this. They will not have to buy new equipment. They have equipment that is not being used that could be further used to provide these extra services.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 38:

YEAS—14.

NAYS—Gansert, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Kieckhefer, Roberson, Settelmeyer—7.

Senate Bill No. 38 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 72.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Ford.

Senate Bill No. 72 increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of funds that may be expended by the Merit Award Board for expenses relating to Board operations and clarifies that an employee suggestion to reduce or eliminate State expenditures or improve State government operations must not have been previously considered by the State agency affected.

Furthermore, Senate Bill No. 72 revises the situations and time periods by which the head of the State agency or designee must report recommendations concerning the employee suggestions and the time period available to the State agency to make its recommendation to the Merit Award

Board. Senate Bill No. 72 also extends the time period in which a qualified award installment must be paid and when the report to the Budget Division of the Office of Finance and the Interim Finance Committee must be provided.

Additionally, Senate Bill No. 72 requires payments to be made after the end of the fiscal year during which the State realized a reduction, elimination or avoidance of State expenditures, instead of 30 days after the end of the fiscal year of the employee suggestion/adoption and specifies award distributions to a group of employees be made in equal proportion to each State employee in the group.

Finally, Senate Bill No. 72 implements Governor's recommended Merit Award Board budget by increasing the amount the Board may expend for operations in a fiscal year. The bill becomes effective July 1, 2017.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 72:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 72 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 1.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 1 requires the Board of Regents, to the extent money is available, to pay certain fees and expenses associated with undergraduate coursework at a Nevada System of Higher Education institution for a dependent child of a public employee who was killed in the performance of his or her duties.

The bill further specifies that if a public employee was killed in the performance of his or her duties on or after October 1, 2013, his or her dependent child is eligible to receive reimbursement for such fees and expenses.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 1:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 1 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Farley moved that Assembly Bill No. 33 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 85.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Spearman.

Assembly Bill No. 85 removes a condition that requires instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques and the use of an automated external defibrillator be provided as part of a course of study in health taught to pupils in public and private secondary schools only to the extent money is available for that purpose, thereby making such instruction mandatory.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 85:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 85 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 385.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Cancela.

Assembly Bill No. 385 requires the Administrator of the Division of State Parks in the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to establish a program for free entrance to State parks and recreational areas for all fifth graders enrolled in a school in the State of Nevada and any accompanying adults.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 385:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 385 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 451.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Segerblom and Kieckhefer.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

Assembly Bill No. 451 requires each person who is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of a school district to complete training for professional development in the first and third years of his or her term. The training must include at least six hours of instruction covering certain topics delineated in the bill.

The bill further requires each school district board member to provide certification of completion of the training. If a member fails to complete the training or provide certification, a notice of noncompliance must be posted online and provided to the other board members.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

I will certainly be supporting Assembly Bill No. 451. It recognizes the need for some change in our school boards, particularly in two of our largest counties. I am glad to see that the Senator from District 3 is interested in professionalizing the boards as well and if you are interested in paying them maybe we can get a few of them appointed as well, it will make a nice compromise for this legislation going forward.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 451:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 451 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 490.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Ratti.

Assembly Bill No. 490 authorizes the Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, with the approval of the Director, to expend up to \$2 million per biennium in principal and interest from the Account for Maintenance of State Park Facilities and Grounds.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 490:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 490 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President 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 Joyce Farnsworth and Ray Farnsworth.

On request of Senator Farley, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Eric D. Hone and Langdon Hone.

On request of Senator Ford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Bruce Bilbrey, David Bilbrey, Ellen Bilbrey and Paul Bilbrey.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Aidan Sei, Blake Sei, Jamie Sei, Katie Sei and Shannon Sei.

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

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Brett McGuinness, George McGuinness, Joey McGuinness and Sara McGuinness.

On request of Senator Ratti, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Janice Flanagan, Lauren Garcia, Erin Smith, Greg Smith, Rob Steiner, Barbara Stove, and Reilly Sutton.

On request of Senator Roberson, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ashley Carrigan, Dee McGuinness, former Senator Mike McGuinness and Ryan McGuinness.

On request of Senator Segerblom, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ken Evans.

On request of Senator Settlemeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske and Tammy Grace.

On request of Senator Spearman, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Leonard Jackson and Ralph Williamson.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dave Niehaus and Renea Niehaus, Henry Pellini, Sue Pellini, Cindy Porath and Larry Porath.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate