

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Friday), March 1, 2019

Assembly called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymen Flores and Hambrick, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Richard Snyder.

Almighty God, we thank You for this new day and all the opportunities that it brings. Help us to recognize the good in each other and help us to work together in behalf of the people 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 Government Affairs, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 37, 52, 65, 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 Judiciary, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 9, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

STEVE YEAGER, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 27, 2019

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bill No. 125.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 28, 2019

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 77, 92.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant 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 11:33 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:34 a.m.

Mr. Speaker pro Tempore presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Frierson and Wheeler; Senators Atkinson and Settelmeyer:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution by the Nevada Legislature, the first state in the nation to do so.

WHEREAS, In 1868, when Ulysses S. Grant was elected President of the United States, the country struggled as a nation torn apart by war; and

WHEREAS, Suffrage for black men was allowed in only some parts of the country; and

WHEREAS, To address the problem, an amendment to the United States Constitution was proposed to guarantee suffrage to all black men in all states; and

WHEREAS, William M. Stewart, U.S. Senator from the State of Nevada, prepared the text of the final version of the proposal to declare that “[t]he right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude”; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stewart passionately argued that the amendment to the Constitution was necessary to guarantee that each man has the right to protect his own liberty; and

WHEREAS, On February 25, 1869, the U.S. House of Representatives and on February 26, 1869, the U.S. Senate approved the language proposed by Senator Stewart to be added as the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution upon ratification of the states; and

WHEREAS, Although the Nevada Legislature was required to adjourn by March 4, 1869, Senator Stewart swiftly arranged to send the proposal for ratification in hopes of having his State of Nevada be the first to ratify the measure; and

WHEREAS, Both houses of the Nevada Legislature, during this 4th Legislative Session, approved a joint resolution to ratify the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on March 1, 1869; and

WHEREAS, By the end of the week, six other states had ratified the 15th Amendment and five more had done so by the end of the month; and

WHEREAS, By February 3, 1870, the final necessary ratification was obtained and on March 30, 1870, the 15th Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Although the struggle was not over and some states found ways to continue to exclude the vote of African American men, Nevada has the historic honor of having had its U.S. Senator pen the language of the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and becoming the first state in the nation to acknowledge the right of suffrage to African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Nevada continues to pride itself on diversity and inclusion in all aspects of life and government; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby commemorate the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on March 1, 1869, by the members of the 4th Session of the Nevada Legislature, the first state legislature in the nation to do so; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Assemblyman Frierson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Frierson.

ASSEMBLYMAN FRIERSON:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5 commemorates the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment to the *United States Constitution* by the Nevada State Legislature. The resolution recognizes the role of William M. Stewart, U.S. Senator from Nevada, who prepared the final text of the proposed amendment to declare: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." On March 1, 1869, both houses of the Nevada State Legislature approved a joint resolution to ratify this amendment, making Nevada the first state in the nation to do so.

I just want to thank this body for our support of such an important historical moment for Nevada. The fact that we were the first state to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment, I think reflects Nevada's history and heritage of being a leader and in particular, being a leader in freedom, in supporting our Constitution, and in making sure everyone has a voice. How fitting is it, at a time when we are making history in so many different ways, that we have an opportunity to commemorate the 150th anniversary of our state being the first to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment and the fact that it was a Nevada U.S. Senator who wrote it and finalized it. I think that this reflects that while we do not always agree on how we get there, we all in Nevada have an independent spirit of supporting freedom and of supporting everyone's right to be a part of the process of democracy.

So I am proud to have introduced this and particularly proud to have leadership in all four caucuses sign on to this as a reflection of our unity in protecting freedom and democracy in this country. With that, I urge everyone's support.

Resolution adopted and ordered transmitted to the Senate.

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

Assembly in recess at 11:40 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:40 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Sprinkle, Yeager, Monroe-Moreno, Benitez-Thompson, Carlton and Frierson:

Assembly Bill No. 232—AN ACT relating to hospitals; requiring certain hospitals to participate as a provider in the Medicare program; eliminating the designation of general hospitals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Sprinkle moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Kramer, Hardy and Hafen; Senators Goicoechea, Parks and Settlemeyer:

Assembly Bill No. 233—AN ACT relating to water; revising provisions governing certain assessments on water users; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Kramer moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Monroe-Moreno, Benitez-Thompson, Sprinkle, Fumo, Assefa, Duran, Gorelow, Munk, Peters, Thompson, Watts and Yeager:

Assembly Bill No. 234—AN ACT relating to child care; making various changes concerning the reimbursement provided by the Program for Child Care and Development to pay for the cost of certain child care; requiring the Program to provide an enhanced rate of reimbursement for certain child care provided to a child with a disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Thompson:

Assembly Bill No. 235—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the membership of the Nevada Advisory Commission on Mentoring; eliminating the requirement for the appointment of a Mentorship Advisory Council; requiring the Commission and the Department of Education to work in consultation to provide direction to the coordinator for mentorship programs in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 236—AN ACT relating to crimes; revising provisions relating to preprosecution diversion programs; establishing provisions relating to the duties of the Nevada Sentencing Commission; establishing provisions relating to the calculation and use of the amount of certain costs avoided by this State; establishing the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council; revising the contents required in the report of any presentence investigation; requiring certain judges to receive training concerning reports of presentence investigations; making various changes concerning probation and parole; authorizing a court to defer or suspend judgment on a case in certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to specialty court programs; establishing provisions relating to batterers' intervention programs; reducing the penalty for certain crimes from a category B to a category C felony; revising provisions relating to the crimes of burglary, invasion of the home and housebreaking; increasing the felony theft threshold and revising penalties for various theft offenses; revising provisions relating to habitual criminals; requiring the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission to develop and implement a mental health field response grant program; revising provisions concerning crimes involving controlled substances; repealing

provisions relating to programs of treatment for alcoholics and drug addicts and the civil commitment of such persons; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Yeager moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 77.

Assemblyman Sprinkle moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 92.

Assemblyman Sprinkle moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 125.

Assemblywoman Spiegel moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Hafen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Susan Davila.

On request of Assemblywoman Peters, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kelley Elizabeth, Tyler Parry, and Madeleine Burke.

On request of Assemblyman Sprinkle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to the following students, teachers, and chaperones from Lincoln Park Elementary School: Sam Barajas Hernandez, Damian Betancourt Becerra, Ella Coast, Kevin Dimas Ayala, Landen Donre, Allison Garcia Aceves, Isabella Henry, Edgar Huizar-Gamez, Kieran Jones, Amari Laryea, George Martinez Jacinto, Jahir Murgo Gonzalez, Zamiel Neri, Krish Patel, Noah Smith, Valeria Velazquez Bahena, Emilee Violett, Eva Virgen, Liah Cardenas, Leilani Chicas, Acacia Cihlar, Lillyana Dominguez, Lilly Fuller, Kahanakoa Grow, Alicia Juarez, Rebel Kenney, Sophia Lopez, Geovanny Martinez, Edward Mayo Conreras, Paula Mijangos Ballesteros, Matteo Montgomery, Pamela Ocegueda, Diya Patel, Adaliany Plascencia-Cabrera, Quincy Rodriguez, Jordyn Stallworth, Vanessa Tinajero, Brandon Valencia, and Rachel Venegas Rodriguez.

On request of Assemblyman Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Samantha Gingrich.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Monday, March 4, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly