

THE FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Friday), March 29, 2019

Assembly called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

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

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Richard Snyder.

Almighty God, we thank You for being with us in this new day. Inspire with Your wisdom all those who do the work of the people of Nevada in this, the People's House. Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag led by Jacob Arant.

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. 21, 143, 245, 381, 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 Growth and Infrastructure, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 98, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DANIELE MONROE-MORENO, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Taxation, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 113, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DINA NEAL, *Chair*

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

Assembly in recess at 12:19 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:23 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

March 21, 2019

DEAR SPEAKER FRIERSON & MAJORITY LEADER CANNIZZARO:

I respectfully request the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Nevada Legislature on Monday, April 15, 2019.

As the Representative for Nevada's 4th Congressional District, I look forward to sharing both information from the halls of Congress, as well as information regarding the communities that affect Nevada's future.

I am honored and grateful for this opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
STEVEN HORSFORD
Member of Congress
4th District, Nevada

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March 29, 2019

THE HONORABLE JASON FRIERSON, *SPEAKER*, State of Nevada Assembly, Legislative Building,
401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

DEAR SPEAKER FRIERSON:

I am writing to request the honor of speaking before both houses of the Nevada State Legislature at 5pm on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. My Las Vegas office will be coordinating the details of my visit. Please call Mike Vannozi at (702) 963-9336 if you have any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
SUSIE LEE
Member of Congress

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, March 27, 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. 274, 331.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 27, 2019

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 487.

Also, the Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bills Nos. 486 and 489.

CINDY JONES
Fiscal Analysis Division

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bill No. 277 be withdrawn from the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bill No. 277 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Joint Resolution No. 9 be rereferred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblywoman Munk:

Assembly Bill No. 493—AN ACT relating to mental health; providing for the certification of basic skills trainers and providers of psychosocial rehabilitation by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; providing for the certification of behavioral healthcare peer recovery support specialists by the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 274.

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

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 331.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 206.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman McCurdy.

ASSEMBLYMAN MCCURDY:

Assembly Bill 206 requires the chief of the Division of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety—as part of the emergency management planning process—to develop written plans for the mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from

emergencies or disasters. Further, the bill prescribes the contents of each of these plans and requires the chief to annually review each plan and revise as necessary. This measure also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a written plan to address behavioral health needs in an emergency or disaster. Finally, the bill repeals the Committee on Training in Search and Rescue and transfers its duties to the Board of Search and Rescue. This bill will become effective on July 1, 2019.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 206:

YEAS—40.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Hansen—2.

Assembly Bill No. 206 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 79th Session.

Resolution read third time.

Remarks by Assemblymen Jauregui, Tolles, and Edwards.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN JAUREGUI:

Assembly Joint Resolution 2 proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* to provide that the state of Nevada and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriages of and issue licenses to couples, regardless of gender. All legally valid marriages shall be treated equally under the law. The resolution also proposes to repeal existing provisions that only a marriage between a male and female person may be recognized and given effect in Nevada. Finally, the resolution specifies that religious organizations and members of the clergy have the right to refuse to solemnize a marriage, and no person has the right to make any claim against a religious organization or member of the clergy for refusing to perform a marriage.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES:

I want to publicly thank the original sponsor and the current sponsors for bringing this bill back before this Legislature. I have many good, personal friends in the LGBT community that this is very important to. I also have friends in the faith-based community that had concerns about unintended consequences. I appreciate the amendments and I proudly support this resolution.

ASSEMBLYMAN EDWARDS:

I rise in what I consider a resolved conundrum. On the one hand, many of you know I do not like reworking things that I think are resolved and I think the Supreme Court actually did resolve this. On the other hand, you know that I like making sure that state law and the *Nevada Constitution* are consistent with the federal laws and the *U.S. Constitution*. What really tilts the balance for me is the fact that we do have the religious protections in this bill. I think they are a great addition, I think they are wise and prudent, and therefore I will be supporting it.

Roll call on Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 79th Session:

YEAS—38.

NAYS—Ellison, Wheeler—2.

EXCUSED—Hambrick, Hansen—2.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 79th Session having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 of the 79th Session.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Backus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Marc McDermont.

On request of Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Steve Valente.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Regina Daniel and Reginald Daniel.

On request of Assemblyman Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tara Zimmerman.

On request of Assemblyman Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cory Baird, Ashley Godine, and Jordan Stevenson.

On request of Assemblyman Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jorge Padilla.

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

On request of Assemblywoman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Shannon Shepard and Sonya Toma.

On request of Assemblyman Kramer, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Warren Goss, Debbie Spencer, and Jennifer Kelly.

On request of Assemblywoman Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cindy Oesterle-Prescott, Stephen Schumacher, and Atty Garfinkel-Berry.

On request of Assemblyman Leavitt, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to the following students, teachers, and chaperones from Ullis Newton Elementary School: Sage Hafen, Rylan Richter, Logan Bushman, Kacey Rutz, Jaelyn Yurtinus, Wyatt Scow, Jessica Almendarez, Breckin Koster, Eribella Demar, Mackenzie Stubbs, Wesley Agan, Forest Linares, Sadie Boyd, Zivah Martin, Kenya Cervantes, Khloe Monroe, and Phillip Randolph.

On request of Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Joseph Abraham and Yonas Debesai.

On request of Assemblywoman Peters, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Delvon Howard and Janet Serial.

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jacob Arant and John Arant.

On request of Assemblywoman Tolles, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Matt Montgomery, Tiffany Montgomery, and Mathew Montgomery Jr.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David King, Travis King, and Beverly King.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Monday, April 1, 2019, at 11:30 a.m., where it would reconvene in the old Assembly Chamber in the historic Capitol Building.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly