

THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), February 28, 2019

Senate called to order at 11:10 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend JJ Tuttle.

Thank you, O Lord, for giving us another day. Lord, You are ever-present, the source of all wisdom and self-giving love. The sacred scriptures reveal Your continued guidance in human affairs. We thank You for the many blessings You have granted this great State throughout its history.

In these early days of the 80th Session of the Nevada State Legislature, we seek Your mercy and rely on Your revelations to guide and protect this Legislative Body. With renewed standards of ethics and a deeper commitment of accountability, may all who serve in public office be Your steady instruments in unifying, protecting and guiding the people of this State. May it be a Body which increases virtue, greater prosperity and a witness to goodness for the world.

May all that is done this day be done for Your greater honor and glory.

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 COMMITTEE

Madam President:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 17, 93, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JULIA RATTI, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Ratti moved that Senate Bill No. 95 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to peace officers; requiring that a suspended peace officer must be granted back pay under certain circumstances; requiring that the questioning of a peace officer by a superior officer cease under certain circumstances; prohibiting the disclosure or use of a peace officer's compelled statement in certain civil cases; providing, with limited exception, that a video of a police officer is confidential; limiting the time in which a law enforcement agency may initiate an investigation into certain alleged misconduct of a peace officer; prohibiting, with limited exception, a law enforcement agency from reassigning a peace officer while

he or she is under investigation; requiring, under certain circumstances, the dismissal of civil and administrative proceedings against a peace officer; revising provisions related to the questioning or interrogation of a peace officer; requiring, with limited exception, that the face of a peace officer be redacted from a video recorded by a portable event recording device; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Hardy:

Senate Bill No. 243—AN ACT relating to public construction; revising the procedure for determining the prevailing rate of wages; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 244—AN ACT relating to crimes; providing a criminal penalty for violation of a stay away order issued by a court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 77.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Senate Bill No. 77 includes services in the types of purchases a county hospital or a hospital in a county hospital district may make through the purchasing contracts of the company that manages the hospital or through a purchasing group without complying with the competitive bidding requirements in the Local Government Purchasing Act or for public works. If such services are for work on a project that qualifies as a public work, prevailing wages must be paid.

Currently, a county hospital or a hospital in a county hospital district may purchase supplies, materials and equipment through such purchasing contracts.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 77:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 77 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 92.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Ratti and Hardy.

SENATOR RATTI:

Senate Bill No. 92 is one of many bills we will see this Legislative Session which addresses the issues uncovered by our legislative audits of community-based living arrangements. These audits showed unfortunate conditions in which people with serious mental illness were living in congregate group settings. This bill attacks referral entities that hang-out outside hospitals and, upon discharge, refer a person to a congregate living situation which may or may not be a licensed home. The bill requires these referral agencies to become licensed. If implemented, when a hospital refers a person to an agency, it will know it has a qualified discharge and the person is going to an appropriate setting.

This bill deals with the licensing of the referral agencies and requires the Division of Health and Human Services to make a concerted effort to identify unlicensed group settings. This could be done, for example, by scanning Medicaid rolls and identifying that six individuals who are all Medicaid qualified are living at one residence and this residence is not a licensed group home. The Division could then investigate the situation. They could review the business license of a local business to see if it is licensed as a group home and aggressively go after folks who are operating group living arrangements but are not licensed to do so. I appreciate your support on this bill.

SENATOR HARDY:

I stand in support of this bill. One of the things we saw through the interim were pictures that were very disturbing, which were investigated, and allowed for people to be able to do this. As I understand it, this does not increase the number of investigations as much as it allows us to have a burden to do so, as well as to allow the referring agency to have the responsibility to do so.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 92:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 92 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Brooks, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Lia McQueary, Weston Noyes and Garrett Todd.

On request of Senator Cancela, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Faye Fournier, Destiny Max and Makae Pulsipher.

On request of Senator Denis, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jessica Artz, Alayna LaPorte, Drew Olsen, Alexis Robinson and Hayden Story.

On request of Senator Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Laura Leavitt.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ashton Brown, Billie Coleman, Jade Deleon, Emma Holdaway, Paul Holdaway, Julie Krch, Warren Krch, Ashlyn Lusby, Danny Maester, Lisa Maester, Maverick Mangum, Gunner McNutt, Golden McQueen, Janessa Merrill, Skyleigh Oleson and Giann Sedlacek.

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dekkkan Albisu, Austin Mathews and Victoria Soriano.

On request of Senator Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tyler Blanco, Sage Bundy, Jace Clark, Sean Gottchalk and Taylie Hoyt.

On request of Senator Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Annie Black, Guy Heaton, Assemblyman Randy Kirner and Bob Sweetin.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Maritza Filson, Tanner Hartranfit, Marie Lawson and Lori Ramm.

On request of Senator Parks, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Aubrey Durant.

On request of Senator Pickard, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Margaret Hafen, Hyrum Johnson, Michael Kemp and Rebecca Stanton.

On request of Senator Scheible, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Marilyn Harney.

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tyler Bray, Leta Ikonen and Eirelyn Lindsey.

On request of Senator Settelmeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tristan Blake, Bailey Brown, Trevor Burgess, Hunter Drost, Heather Dye, Mackenzie Kephart, Marco Ovando, Shelby Rosebush, Emily Rye and Sarah VanNest.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jacob Budd, Logan Kenison and Dionne Stanfill.

Senator Atkinson moved that the Senate adjourn until Friday, March 1, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate