

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 6, 2019

Senate called to order at 11:32 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present and one vacant.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Jeff Paul.

Almighty God, send down upon those who hold office in the State of Nevada, our Senators and Members of the Assembly, the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice that, with steadfast purpose, they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people.

In Your Name, we pray.

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 Growth and Infrastructure, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 42, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

YVANNA D. CANCELA, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 5, 2019

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 9, 52, 65.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Ohrenschall has approved the addition of Senator Pickard as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 245.

Senator Parks moved that Senate Bill No. 113 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Goicoechea and Assemblyman Ellison:

Senate Bill No. 253—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the suspension and admonition of a licensed employee of a school district; requiring the superintendent of a school district to provide written notice and the opportunity for a hearing before suspending a licensed employee of the district; authorizing a superintendent to suspend without pay

a licensed employee who has been charged with certain crimes and benefits until the final disposition of the criminal charges; making certain other revisions relating to the suspension of licensed employees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 9.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 52.

Senator Ratti moved that Senate Standing Rule No. 40 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 65.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 10.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Goicoechea and Settlemeyer.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Senate Bill No. 10 increases the amount a member of a board of trustees of a general improvement district may be compensated annually from \$6,000 to \$9,000. The measure further increases the amount a member of a board of trustees of a general improvement district that is granted certain powers relating to sewer, waste and water may be compensated annually from \$9,000 to \$12,000. Compensation is defined as salary and wages. There was no opposition to the bill in testimony.

SENATOR SETTELMAYER:

Having represented the county with the largest number of general improvement districts in the State, I am curious if this allows stacking. We have people who serve on multiple general improvement districts in my county, and I would like to know the answer to this question.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I did not bring this bill forward. As I interpret it, yes, it would allow a person to serve on more than one general improvement district.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 10:

YEAS—18.

NAYS—Hansen, Settlemeyer—2.

VACANT—1.

Senate Bill No. 10 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 17.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hammond.

Senate Bill No. 17 revises provisions relating to the enforcement of child-support obligations. The bill requires, under certain circumstances, the district attorney or other public agency collecting child-support to report to the Department of Wildlife the name of a person who, after receiving notice, fails to comply with a subpoena or warrant related to paternity or child-support proceedings or who is in arrears in child support payments. Upon receipt of such a report, the Department must suspend a person's license or permit to hunt, fish or trap unless he or she provides certain proof of compliance with the subpoena or warrant or satisfaction of the arrearage.

Finally, the bill removes the exception to suspend licenses or permits that expire less than six months after issuance, making any license or permit to hunt, fish or trap subject to suspension for failure to comply with a subpoena or warrant related to paternity or child-support proceedings or due to arrearage in child-support payments.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 17:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

VACANT—1.

Senate Bill No. 17 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 75.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Ohrenschall and Seevers Gansert.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

Senate Bill No. 75 establishes a procedure for pursuing the redemption of unclaimed United States savings bonds by the State Treasurer. Under this proposed procedure, a savings bond that has been abandoned and unclaimed for three years escheats to the State, and all property rights and legal title to and ownership of the bond and its proceeds vest in the State. After redeeming the bond, the net proceeds are to be deposited in the State General Fund for credit to the Abandoned Property Trust Account.

Additionally, the State Treasurer, in his or her capacity as administrator of unclaimed property, is authorized to pay certain persons who have filed a claim to the proceeds of such escheated and redeemed bonds. This bill passed unanimously in the Judiciary Committee.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I had a question regarding this bill relating to whether the administrator must or may pay the claim, less expenses. I would like to thank the State Treasurer for coming over on short notice and clarifying that the administrator has a fiduciary responsibility to pay the claim if it has been validated. The "may" pertains to whether the expenses or costs could be charged to provide those funds as they have to go through a process to be able to take unclaimed property. I would like to thank the Treasurer for this information, and I will be supporting the bill.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 75:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

VACANT—1.

Senate Bill No. 75 having received a two-thirds majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 175.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Parks.

Senate Bill No. 175 eliminates the authority of a public body to contract with a design-build team for the design and construction of a public work that has an estimated cost of \$5 million or less. There was no opposition to the bill in testimony.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 175:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

VACANT—1.

Senate Bill No. 175 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Woodhouse gave notice that the Nevada Senate Democratic Caucus elected Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro as the Majority Floor Leader of the Senate as a result of the resignation from the office of Senator Kelvin D. Atkinson.

Remarks by Senators Woodhouse and Cannizzaro.

SENATOR WOODHOUSE:

I am honored today to stand before you and inform the Body that the Nevada Senate Democrats have unanimously elected Senator Nicole Cannizzaro as our Majority Leader. Senator Cannizzaro is a revered member of the Nevada State Senate, and our caucus is united behind her. There is no one better suited to lead us following Senator Atkinson's departure. In both her job as a prosecutor and as a Senator, she has a long record of accomplishments while maintaining a reputation for being fair and balanced. Senator Cannizzaro has proven time and again she is a champion for hardworking Nevadans. This is why we have chosen her as our next Majority Leader. We have full confidence in her ability to lead us going forward. Please join me in recognizing and honoring Senator Cannizzaro as our Majority Leader.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I have asked my colleague from District 13, Senator Julia Ratti, to serve as Assistant Majority Leader for the remainder of the 80th Legislative Session. I know everyone in the Legislative Body is aware of her accomplishments: her prowess; her keen eye for policy and procedure, and her ability to lead in not only a heart-felt and compassionate way but also in a smart and insightful way. Please recognize my colleague and thank her for being willing to come on this journey with all of us and certainly with me.

I would also like to recognize my colleague from District 10, Senator Yvanna Cancela, who will be filling the position of Co-Majority Whip. She will be part of an incredible leadership team. Her ability to tackle big pieces of policy and speak for working Nevadans is exceptional. I thank her for being willing to step into this position for the remainder of this Legislative Session.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Patricia Elliot, Mourad Ratbi, Zaib Shaikh, Beril Unver and Arwen Widmer.

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

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

On request of President Marshall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Glynn Boltman.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate