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Senate called to order at 11:19 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Jerome Washington.

Almighty and powerful God, we come before You this day to give You thanks for all that You have done for us. As we join in peace and unity, we ask You to look over the leaders of those who are called to serve in the Senate, Assembly and the House of Representatives, as well as the President of this great Nation.

Be their guiding light of wisdom and knowledge as they serve as a voice for Your people, and give them clarity of vision and discernment as they address the matters concerning our State and Nation.

Please teach us to think clearly, wisely and carefully and to make rational and sound decisions with courage and reasoning for the good of all, rather than our vested interests, and to deal charitably with one another that we may all continue in peace and unity.

As we come together for this Veteran's and Military Day at the Legislature, we thank You for those who have served our Nation, defending the freedoms You have blessed us with. We ask You to continue to look over those who, even now, guard the gates of freedom both in peace and at war.

We ask You to be a comforter to those mothers, fathers, spouses, children, family members and friends whose loved ones have paid the ultimate sacrifice and who have heard the final call of duty. Let us not forget these loved ones, but allow us to hold them up in prayer, love, peace and in charitable service.

As I close, may we now have a moment of brief silence for those missing in action, those held prisoner of war and our departed comrades. May they rest in peace.

These and all other necessary blessings we ask Thee, Great and Sovereign God.

AMEN.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Remarks by President Marshall.

We are delighted to have the Nevada Army National Guard Color Guard with us today. The team members for our Color Guard are: Sergeant Jorge Wilson, Staff Sergeant Michael Kostak, Specialist Christina Aguilar and Specialist Christopher Thompson.

Presentation of the Colors by the Nevada Army National Guard Color Guard.

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.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 19, 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. 8, 11, 12, 189.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Ratti has approved the addition of Senator Harris as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 117.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that Senate Bills Nos. 137, 244 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Spearman, Parks and Assemblywoman Krasner:

Senate Bill No. 368—AN ACT relating to victims of crime; eliminating the statute of limitations in civil actions to recover damages for certain sexual offenses; establishing a rebuttable presumption in civil actions concerning unwelcome or nonconsensual sexual conduct by a person in a position of authority over an alleged victim; revising provisions relating to confidential communications between a victim's advocate and certain victims; authorizing a child adjudicated delinquent for certain unlawful acts who was a victim of sex trafficking or involuntary servitude to petition the juvenile court to vacate the adjudication and seal all records relating thereto; eliminating the statute of limitations for sexual assault and various other sexual offenses; authorizing the imposition of an additional penalty against a person in a position of authority over another person who commits a sexual offense against the other person; establishing the Sexual Assault Victims' DNA Bill of Rights; increasing the time within which an extended order of protection against a person who allegedly committed a sexual assault may remain effective; increasing the term of imprisonment and authorized fine imposed upon a person who possesses a visual presentation depicting sexual conduct of a person under 16 years of age; exempting persons under 25 years of age from arrest or punishment for unlawful prostitution; revising provisions relating to sexual conduct between a law enforcement officer and a person in his or her custody; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a State Plan for Services for Victims of Crime; transferring the administration of the process governing the application and determination of eligibility for compensation from the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime from the Department of Administration to the Department of Health and Human Services; authorizing the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt certain

rules and regulations; revising provisions relating to investigations by an administrator of a public school into a report of bullying or cyber-bullying; revising provisions relating to facilities that offer services to persons with an intellectual disability or developmental disability; revising provisions relating to the testing of a person alleged to have committed a sexual offense; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Senate Bill No. 369—AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; prohibiting a pharmacy benefit manager or manufacturer from increasing the effective price of a prescription drug for a pharmacy benefits plan during the plan year; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senators Ohrenschall, Parks, Cancela, Spearman, Brooks, Dondero Loop, Washington, Woodhouse and Assemblywoman Martinez:

Senate Bill No. 370—AN ACT relating to health care; requiring the State Plan for Medicaid to provide certain benefits for screening and treatment of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senators Brooks, Spearman and Cancela:

Senate Bill No. 371—AN ACT relating to manufactured homes; revising requirements relating to the maintenance of a manufactured home park or repair of a manufactured home in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Seevers Gansert:

Senate Bill No. 372—AN ACT relating to certain professions; requiring a person who desires to practice as a school psychologist to be licensed as a school psychologist by the Board of Psychological Examiners; requiring one member of the Board to be a licensed school psychologist; requiring a person who desires to practice as a school counselor to be licensed as a school counselor by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors; requiring two members of the Board to be licensed school counselors; providing that a licensed social worker may

receive an endorsement from the Board of Examiners for Social Workers to practice as a school social worker; prohibiting the Commission on Professional Standards in Education from issuing certain endorsements through regulations; requiring certain monies received from the Federal Government by a school district, charter school or university school for profoundly gifted pupils to be used for providing mental health services to pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Bill No. 373—AN ACT relating to contractors; revising provisions governing investigations of contractors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Bill No. 374—AN ACT relating to reclamation; authorizing a county to charge and collect a fee for the maintenance of certain public roads; requiring the Governor or his or her designee to prepare an annual report concerning certain memoranda of understanding entered into with the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service; excluding certain land from the definition of “small exploration project” and “small mining operation”; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Bill No. 375—AN ACT relating to state business licenses; exempting certain persons and entities who operate home-based businesses from the requirement to obtain a state business license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Woodhouse and Denis:

Senate Bill No. 376—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Harris:

Senate Bill No. 377—AN ACT relating to industrial insurance; authorizing the use of money in the Fund for Workers' Compensation and Safety in the State Treasury to make certain payments; eliminating the authority of the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to make certain payments from the Uninsured Employers' Claim Account in the Fund for Workers' Compensation and Safety; revising provisions providing for an annual increase in benefits for permanent total disability; authorizing assessments against certain employers to defray the costs of certain compensation for permanent total disability; repealing provisions authorizing annual payments to certain persons who are entitled to compensation for permanent total disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Cancela:

Senate Bill No. 378—AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; establishing the Prescription Drug Affordability Board and the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council; imposing certain requirements to prevent conflicts of interest involving a member of the Board; authorizing the Board to employ certain persons; requiring the Board to impose an assessment on manufacturers of prescription drugs; authorizing the Board to review the prices of certain prescription drugs; providing for the confidentiality of certain information used in such a review; authorizing the Board to prescribe an upper payment limit for a prescription drug that meets certain requirements after such a review; authorizing written appeals to the Board; requiring the Board to submit an annual report to the Legislature; revising provisions concerning coverage of prescription drugs under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senator Hammond:

Senate Bill No. 379—AN ACT relating to electronic gates; revising provisions regarding electronic gates that provide access for vehicular traffic and the safety standards with which such gates must comply; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 380—AN ACT making an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Small Business Enterprise Loan Account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 381—AN ACT relating to industrial insurance; establishing the substantive right of an injured employee to choose a treating health care provider under the Nevada Industrial Insurance Act or the Nevada Occupational Diseases Act; revising provisions governing the panel of treating physicians and chiropractors established by the Administrator of the Division of Industrial Relations of the Department of Business and Industry to require the inclusion of certain health care providers; authorizing the Administrator to select a rating physician or chiropractor for an injured employee upon request; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 382—AN ACT relating to real property; revising provisions governing deeds of trust; revising provisions governing notice requirements for certain mechanics' liens; revising provisions relating to how a mortgage of real property is not deemed a conveyance; revising provisions relating to recording estates in property; revising provisions relating to common-interest ownership; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senators Scheible and Ratti:

Senate Bill No. 383—AN ACT relating to sexual conduct; establishing a rebuttable presumption in civil actions concerning unwelcome or nonconsensual sexual conduct between a law enforcement officer and a person in his or her custody; revising provisions relating to sexual conduct between a law enforcement officer and a person in his or her custody; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senators Parks, Ohrenschall and Assemblyman Kramer (by request):

Senate Bill No. 384—AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; removing the period within which a prosecution for perjury or subornation of perjury must be commenced in certain circumstances; revising provisions governing the conduct of discovery in criminal actions; establishing provisions relating to the

filing of a petition for a hearing to establish the factual innocence of a person based on newly discovered evidence; creating the Public Integrity Unit Commission; establishing provisions relating to the duties and authority of the Commission; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senators Parks, Spearman, Brooks, Hardy, Harris and Ohrenschall:

Senate Bill No. 385—AN ACT relating to insurance; providing for the regulation of persons who offer, sell, solicit or negotiate coverage of personal property storage insurance; providing for the issuance and renewal of limited licenses for such persons; providing for a producer of insurance to hold a line of authority for personal property storage insurance as a limited line; authorizing certain fees; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 8.

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

Assembly Bill No. 11.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 12.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 189.

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

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 of the 79th Session.

Resolution read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate recess until 4:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:47 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 4:45 p.m.
 President Marshall presiding.
 Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Madam President:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 214, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, and re-refer to the Committee on Finance.

MOISES DENIS, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Denis moved that Senate Bill No. 214, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6—Urging Congress to take any action necessary to ensure cooperation between this State, the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service in carrying out a program of mining reclamation in this State.

Senator Hansen moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Settlemeyer, Hardy, Goicoechea, Pickard, Kieckhefer, Hansen and Spearman:

Senate Bill No. 386—AN ACT relating to the taxation of property; revising the requirements to receive a partial exemption from certain property taxes for certain persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

By Senators Kieckhefer and Ratti:

Senate Bill No. 387—AN ACT relating to anatomical gifts; providing for the certification of procurement organizations; requiring the collection of certain information relating to the procurement of organs, tissues and eyes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 388—AN ACT relating to public records; providing for the designation of certain public records and portions of public records as confidential; requiring a governmental entity to grant a request to copy such records under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Pickard, Hardy; Assemblymen Hardy, Kramer, Edwards, Krasner, Leavitt, Roberts and Yeager:

Senate Bill No. 389—AN ACT relating to apiaries; prohibiting a person from owning or possessing an apiary within certain areas of this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Bill No. 390—AN ACT relating to livestock; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations requiring the owner or operator of a farm or other facility that raises poultry to obtain a permit to slaughter and sell the poultry under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations relating to the production, handling and sale of eggs in this State; authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations requiring the licensing of each custom slaughter establishment and mobile slaughter unit in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senator Cannizzaro:

Senate Bill No. 391—AN ACT relating to courts; revising provisions relating to deputy marshals in certain courts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Woodhouse:

Senate Bill No. 392—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; transferring the Office of the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels from the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry to the Office of the Attorney General; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senator Hammond:

Senate Bill No. 393—AN ACT relating to health care; clarifying provisions concerning payments for treatment relating to mental illness or the abuse of alcohol or drugs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 394—AN ACT relating to rules of the road; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to prepare and disseminate information to the public regarding new and amended traffic laws and certain other relevant information; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 395—AN ACT relating to tow cars; authorizing a tow car to display nonflashing blue lights in certain circumstances; removing certain provisions regarding notification of nonconsensual tows in certain circumstances; authorizing certain agreements and payments between property owners and tow car operators in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 396—AN ACT relating to drivers' licenses; revising provisions governing the use of a driver's license from another jurisdiction for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Brooks:

Senate Bill No. 397—AN ACT relating to contractors; setting forth requirements for contractors entering into certain contracts for work concerning completed single-family residences; authorizing a contractor, under certain circumstances, to perform work for which the contractor does not have a license in the applicable classification or subclassification; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Ratti:

Senate Bill No. 398—AN ACT relating to local government; providing that the powers of a board of county commissioners to address matters of local concern include certain powers relating to affordable housing; providing that the powers of the governing body of an incorporated city to address matters of local concern include certain powers relating to affordable housing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Hammond and Pickard:

Senate Bill No. 399—AN ACT relating to licensed automobile wreckers; revising provisions governing when licensed automobile wreckers may process certain motor vehicles as parts or scrap; revising provisions regarding the liability assumed by such a licensed automobile wrecker for such processing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senators Goicoechea and Settelmeyer:

Senate Bill No. 400—AN ACT relating to public livestock auctions; revising the amount of certain surety bonds required to be submitted to the Director of the State Department of Agriculture by an applicant for a license to operate a public livestock auction; requiring each holder of a license to operate a public livestock auction to submit to the Director an annual audit of the licensee's custodial consignment account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Goicoechea:

Senate Bill No. 401—AN ACT relating to contractors; revising the “handyman” exception to the applicability of the statutes governing contractors; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Woodhouse:

Senate Bill No. 402—AN ACT relating to educational programs; providing for the issuance of a special license plate indicating support for educational programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; imposing a fee for the issuance and renewal of such special license plates; revising provisions related to the promotion and recognition of educational programs in this State that teach science, technology, engineering and mathematics; making appropriations to the Office of Science, Innovation and Technology to fund certain programs and activities relating to science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 403—AN ACT relating to education; requiring each public and private school to provide certain information to a pupil or the parent or legal guardian of a pupil before providing technology to a pupil or allowing a pupil to use a school service; requiring a pupil or parent or legal guardian of a pupil to consent before providing technology to the pupil or allowing the pupil to use a school service; revising provisions relating to school service providers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Madam President announced that if there were no objections, the Senate would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 4:54 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 5:05 p.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

The Sergeant at Arms announced that Assemblywoman Torres and Assemblyman Roberts were at the bar of the Senate. Assemblywoman Torres invited the Senate to meet in Joint Session with the Assembly to hear United States Senator Catherine Cortez Masto.

Madam President announced that if there were no objections, the Senate would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 5:06 p.m.

IN JOINT SESSION

At 5:10 p.m.

President Marshall presiding.

The Secretary of the Senate called the Senate roll.

All present.

The Chief Clerk of the Assembly called the Assembly roll.

All present except for Assemblymen Hambrick, Wheeler and Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod, who were excused, and one vacant.

Madam President appointed a Committee on Escort consisting of Senator Ohrenschall and Assemblywoman Nguyen to wait upon the Honorable United States Senator Cortez Masto and escort her to the Assembly Chamber.

United States Senator Cortez Masto delivered her message as follows:

MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE OF NEVADA
80TH SESSION, 2019

It is great to be here with all of you. I want to say first, thank you so much to the Governor. We had an incredible conversation today. Thank you, Lieutenant Governor, for having the time to meet with me. Thank you to the Senate President pro Tempore Denis, Speaker Frierson, Majority Leaders Cannizzaro and Benitez-Thompson, Minority Leaders Settlemeyer and Wheeler. Thank you to my Congressional colleague, Mark Amodei. It is good to see you, my friend. Let me just say thank you also to all the members of the Senate and Assembly for allowing me to address the Legislature this evening. It has been an incredible opportunity so far. I would also like to recognize our Constitutional Officers who are here and the Justices of the Nevada Supreme Court that I know represent us so well for all of their leadership. I would also like to recognize the dedicated men and women who work behind the scenes to support the Legislature and Executive Officers and act as the solid foundation of our State's government. I have to thank all of you for your commitment to Nevada. I look forward to years of partnership as we work to address the challenges and opportunities facing our beloved State.

I do not have to tell all of you, we are so lucky to call ourselves Nevadans. Our State is blessed with pristine landscapes, abundant natural resources, world-class tourism and a growing economic diversity. Yet, we can all agree what makes the Silver State special is its people. From our world-class hospitality workers to our industrious farmers and ranchers, to our servicemen and women, to our tech entrepreneurs, our hardworking immigrant families, including DREAMers and Temporary Protected Status recipients, Nevada's people make us strong.

Today, Nevada is among the most diverse states in America, and this Chamber is a reflection of that rich diversity. It is also a reflection of the power of Nevada's women. I must tell you, as I walk the halls of Congress, I am proud to represent the first state with a female-majority Legislature and Supreme Court and one of just a handful of states to be represented by two female United States Senators. Nevadans truly understand our diversity is our strength. We understand we all win when we work together. This is how innovative problem-solving happens, which is why the groundbreaking laws passed in this Legislature will improve the lives of Nevadans.

As Legislators, we are working together each day to ensure every Nevadan gets a fair shot at success. While success looks different for every Nevadan, most of us would agree on the basics. Success is the peace of mind of a steady paycheck, a roof over one's head, access to quality, affordable health care and being able to provide for your family, seeing your children succeed above and beyond yourself. Success is being able to have a secure retirement and live out your golden years with dignity.

Sometimes, ensuring Nevadans get a fair shot means working together to help those who are struggling, like the Marvel and Cartwright families. I met Pete Marvel and his wife in Beowawe during one of my annual rural tours. Many of you may know Pete is a rancher, but he shared a

story that will sound familiar to many Nevadans. Despite working hard, last year the Marvels saw their finances and lives thrown into chaos by something completely out of their control: a wildfire, specifically, the Martin Fire. For Nancy Cartwright of Las Vegas, it was her late husband's unexpected cancer diagnosis. The Cartwrights struggled with the high cost of prescription drugs, hundreds of dollars a week. They lost their home and life savings fighting cancer. When Nevadans face unforeseen hardship, they need the support of their neighbors, their communities and their government. And you know what? Working together, we help Nevadans like the Marvels and Nancy during their difficult times.

This is what I have set out to do in the United States Senate every day. I am working with my Republican colleagues and putting forth commonsense solutions that provide that fair shot for Nevada families. This is what I strive for as I meet Nevadans. From parents to business owners, to conservationists to miners, every voice is important; everyone has something to contribute. We may not always see eye to eye, and that is okay. What matters is our commitment to Nevada and our willingness to work together. It is our partnerships that can strengthen our State, keep us moving forward and allow us to address the issues that matter most to Nevadans. We can build a healthier Nevada with greater opportunities for everyone, and it starts by listening.

The one concern I hear most as I travel across our State is that Nevadans are worried about not having access to health care; it does not matter if you are from Winnemucca, Las Vegas, West Wendover or Reno. We must work together to strengthen our health care system, to make it more affordable and accessible, not work to dismantle it. Nevadans do not want to go back to the days when our State had one of the highest uninsured rates in the nation and you could be denied coverage for having a pre-existing condition.

I am proud we are fighting together to ensure this does not happen in the Silver State, which is why I want to thank Attorney General Ford for working with Governor Sisolak and joining a lawsuit that is fighting attempts by Washington to take away the pre-existing condition protections thousands of Nevadans rely on. I commend the Legislators here for working to strengthen protections and improve coverage for low-income children and for working in a responsible way to achieve the goal for every Nevadan to have affordable health care. Understand, health care is the number one issue in Nevada. It does not matter if you are a Democrat or a Republican; we all want our families to be healthy. That is what this is about.

I am bringing this example with me to Washington, building on State Senator Yvanna Cancela's historic effort to bring greater transparency to drug pricing. As I sit on the Senate Finance Committee, I am proud to introduce bipartisan, prescription-cost-reporting legislation to reduce drug costs for American taxpayers. I promise you this: I am committed to continue fighting by your side to improve the Affordable Care Act and expand the number of health care options available to patients and families, especially in Nevada's rural communities. This is a commitment we all can make.

A healthy Nevada also means protecting our environment and our beautiful open spaces. This is one area in which our federal/state partnership has made the difference. There is no better example of our collaboration than Nevada's unified response to this Administration's decision to secretly ship plutonium to Nevada. Working with Nevada's delegation to provide oversight in Congress, I am holding the Department of Energy accountable for playing games with Nevada's safety. I have made it clear I am going to continually object to the appointment of all nominees to the Department of Energy until I have a commitment from that Department that they will not send another shipment of plutonium to our State and give us a removal timeline for the existing plutonium on the site. When it comes to Yucca Mountain, we will continue working together to make Nevadans' voices heard on this issue and make sure Yucca Mountain stays dead.

However, this is not the only threat we have to Nevada. Last year, our State experienced its share of wildfires that left environmental and economic devastation in its path. As I fight to ensure Nevada receives the federal assistance it needs to recover from these devastating wildfires, and as I fight to hold FEMA accountable for its negligent response to the Sugar Loaf Fire, I know I have strong partners in the Nevada Legislature. I know that Assemblywoman Swank and Senator Goicoechea are leading the charge to find innovative solutions to contain wildfires early and make our landscapes more fire resistant.

We are working across all levels of government to address the root cause of these natural disasters. I will say it: climate change. Whether it is coming together at the Tahoe Summit to

strengthen key partnerships to protect Lake Tahoe or leading the nation in advancing renewable energy, we will continue to prioritize conservation while creating good-paying jobs for Nevadans. We will continue to follow the example of leaders like Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton and promote the growth of our outdoor economy.

Nevada is a leader in innovation. In the Senate, I have introduced legislation that ensures we continue to see strong economic development and job creation for Nevadans. My agenda is based on what I have seen right here in Nevada; I call it the Innovation State Initiative. I have developed legislation and fought for grant opportunities to encourage the development of smart technology, expand access to broadband in underserved communities throughout rural and urban Nevada and put guardrails in place to protect workers and ensure the responsible use of technology that continues to diversify our economy. As part of this effort, I passed legislation to extend the Nevada Unmanned Autonomous Systems test site for five more years and to create the Rural Broadband Integration Working Group, which will tackle barriers for the expansion of broadband in our rural communities. My bills will make sure Washington listens to the challenges and barriers rural communities are facing. Accessing broadband is vital for the economy of the future, for how our kids learn, how our seniors can see their doctors and how our State will continue to lead America in innovation and the use of smart and responsible technology.

It is so exciting what we are doing right here in Nevada. That being said, I also know as we move into the 21st Century, this technological age, we must bring our workforce along with us. This requires investment in workforce development to ensure our children have the education to compete for jobs in their future and that our existing workforce has access to new training opportunities.

I recognize with rapid economic growth comes growing pains for our State. This is why we are working together to find innovative solutions to one of Nevada's greatest challenges, ensuring hardworking families in our State can afford to live in their communities. If working families in Nevada are to have a fair shot, we must address the lack of affordable housing. Our State faces a shortage of 81,787 affordable rental homes for low-income renters. Families who could purchase a home are often priced out of the market. Affordable housing is key to providing stability and economic security for Nevada families, allowing them to build wealth and plan for the future. I know that Senator Ratti and others have led the fight for affordable housing here in Nevada, and they have been clear about where the federal government has fallen short. This is why I cosponsored the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, legislation that would provide 1.3 million more affordable rental homes nationwide in the next ten years; I fought to bring federal funds to support Nevadans experiencing homelessness and ensure that critical support agencies working in our State have the funds necessary to serve Nevadans who need a hand-up. I will continue to work with Senator Ratti and all of you to ensure Nevada gets all of the resources and support it needs to tackle this housing crisis.

The challenges our State face are many and great; I believe we are up to the task. I am grateful to have you as partners as we work toward our goals. I know that we will continue to collaborate and innovate, and I look forward to fighting alongside members of the Nevada Legislature, our Governor, our Lieutenant Governor and the Constitutional Officers to do right for the people of Nevada. When Nevadans have a fair shot at success, our communities, our economy and our State will thrive. Thank you for everything you are doing on behalf of this great State.

I have just one final thing to say: be proud of the work you are doing every single day. Every time you walk into this capitol, it is on behalf of the people of Nevada. When I walk into the Nation's Capital, I think about who we are representing. I am proud to see the diversity amongst all of you, and I am proud to say I am a Nevadan in this great Silver State. God bless all of you and the work you do.

Thank you. Have an incredible Legislative Session.

Senator Cancela moved that the Senate and Assembly in Joint Session extend a vote of thanks to United States Senator Cortez Masto for her timely, able and constructive message.

Motion carried.

The Committee on Escort escorted United States Senator Cortez Masto to the bar of the Assembly.

Assemblyman Daly moved that the Joint Session be dissolved.
Motion carried.

Joint Session dissolved at 5:34 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 5:39 p.m.
President Marshall presiding.
Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Denis, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Erik Alvarez, Raul Alzado-Vega, Pandora Herrera, Steve Ranson, Nathan D. Wetzel and Tony Yarbrough.

On request of Senator Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Elizabeth Bickle, Dan Davis and D'Nese Davis.

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dielle Telada, Luis Vega, Christopher Wahle and Richard Wilson.

On request of Senator Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Becca Chapman, Ken Miller, Emma Nugent, Hannah Starks, Emmalee Sutton, Eddie Williams and Henrietta Williams.

On request of Senator Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Fred Doten, David French, Leonard Garcia, Alexandra Knowlton, Michael E. O'Connell and Robert Turner.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Hieu Le, Christopher Schroeder and Memoree Torrison.

On request of Senator Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Noah Grise, Natalie Luthy and Angela Torres.

On request of Senator Ratti, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy Atterberry, Kenna Blanken, James Cavanaugh, James R. Madsen, Sheri Masini, Kat Miller, Robert Ratti and Sheri Ratti.

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ellen Darrah, Brooke Lopez, Alex Mejia, Cierra Randall, J.R. Stafford, Sandra TenBoer and Christy Tolotti.

On request of Senator Spearman, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Alyssa Jolleen Alhm, Erik Alvarez, Katherine A. Baran, Elizabeth Bickle, Peggy Bohn, Blake Boles, Stephanie Bravo, Jaime Breidenthal, Kaya Burdette-Wanamaker, William Burks, Marvin Christy, Nancy Cardona Cortez, Luis Cruz, Bishop DeVault, Elizabeth DeSpirito, Larry K. Dunn, Jeanette Rae Evans, Maria Flores, Amy Gloeckner, Jordan Gonzalez, Helen Griffin, Catherine Grush, Susan Haas, Brooklyn Hanks, Meshach Hawkings, Ted Henson, Gil Hernandez, Emily Howarth, Xiomara Ibarra, Dennis L. Johnson, Andrew LePeilbet, Monica Madrid, Codie McCoy, Mike Moeini, LaToya Miller, Norbert W. Monohan, Leonard Munoz, Mike Musgrove, Andrew Pawlowski, Gerald Phillips, Bobbie Oates, Elena Ramirez, Rebecca Rash, Mitch Roach, Dominique Rose, Jim Saad, Ken Salazar, Emma Scobee, Lou Solsbury, Renee Thayer, Terrance Thomas, Candise Tracy, Fred Wagner, Prescilla Winningham and Aiden Zeteda.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate