

THE FIFTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 27, 2019

Senate called to order at 11:20 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Cancela, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Jedidiah Maschke.

O merciful Father in Heaven, all rule and authority over the nations comes from You to punish evildoers and to praise those who do good. Graciously, regard those who make, administer and judge the laws of our State and Nation as Your servants.

Grant Your mercy especially upon our Senators and all who serve in our State Legislature. May all who receive the sword as Your servants bear it according to Your will and command. Enlighten them, defend them, and grant them wisdom and understanding so that under their just governance, all Nevadans may be protected from harm and directed to live in righteousness, quietness, prosperity and unity.

Protect and prolong their lives that we, with them, may show forth the praise of Your Name through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President pro Tempore and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 488, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Re-refer to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

DAVID R. PARKS, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 55, 232, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MELANIE SCHEIBLE, *Chair*

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 324, 440, 458, 466.

MARK KRMPOTIC
Fiscal Analysis Division

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Parks moved that Senate Bill No. 488, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Dondero Loop, Ohrenschall, Parks, Spearman, Washington and Woodhouse:

Senate Bill No. 489—AN ACT relating to the state business portal; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to provide that certain licenses to conduct a business in this State all expire on the same date; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Harris, Spearman, Scheible, Parks, Cannizzaro, Denis, Dondero Loop, Ohrenschall, Washington and Woodhouse:

Senate Bill No. 490—AN ACT relating to government contracts; requiring the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs to conduct a study relating to disparities and unlawful discrimination on the basis of race or gender in the awarding of purchasing and public works contracts by the State or a local government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Washington, Denis, Brooks, Cannizzaro, Dondero Loop, Ratti, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Bill No. 491—AN ACT relating to salvaged vehicles; authorizing a salvage pool to tow and store certain abandoned vehicles and providing that such a salvage pool has a lien on the vehicle for the costs of towing and storage; revising provisions relating to obtaining a salvage title for a vehicle that is the object of certain insurance settlements; revising provisions relating to the issuance of a salvage title by the Department of Motor Vehicles; revising provisions relating to a lien on certain vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 274.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Scheible.

Senate Bill No. 274 revises terms of imprisonment for the category B felony of discharging a firearm in certain circumstances. The maximum term of imprisonment for willfully and maliciously shooting into an aircraft, occupied building, train, vessel or other structure from outside the structure or vehicle is raised from six years to ten years. The term of imprisonment for shooting from inside a structure or vehicle is revised downward from 2 to 15 years to 1 to 10 years, bringing the penalties for the 2 similar crimes into conformity with each other.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 274:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Cancela.

Senate Bill No. 274 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 331.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Spearman.

Senate Bill No. 331 designates the portion of Interstate Highway No. 11 situated in Nevada as the Purple Heart Highway. The Director of Nevada's Department of Transportation must erect and maintain suitable markers reflecting this designation along that portion of the highway. The Director is authorized to accept gifts, grants and donations to help pay the costs of such markers and maintenance.

The Badge of Military Merit was established in 1782, later becoming the Purple Heart in 1932. It is frequently described as the military's oldest medal. It is now awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wounds or death as a result of an act of any opposing armed force, as a result of an international terrorist attack or as a result of military operations while serving as part of a peacekeeping force. I urge my colleagues' passage.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 331:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Cancela.

Senate Bill No. 331 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President pro Tempore and Secretary signed Senate Resolution No. 4; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 of the 79th 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 Paramjeet Bains, Former Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and Cindy Reiman.

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

On request of Senator Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Alyssa Adams and Ellen Richardson-Adams.

On request of Senator Pickard, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jessica Josphe and Dr. Steven Spinster.

On request of Senator Ratti, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jill Ross and Erin Woodlan.

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

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Nicole Clifton and Megan Madole.

On request of Senator Settlemeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Richard Bryan.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Amy Bass, Katie Bass, Marisa Ceravntes, Dr. Paula Cook, Amie Duford, Will Edwards, Dr. Wolfgang Gilliar, Scott Goodsell, Julie Therien, Dr. Philip Tobin and Dr. Philip Tompkins.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 28, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Approved:

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President pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

Secretary of the Senate