

# NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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## SENATE DAILY JOURNAL

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### THE FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), April 1, 2019

Senate called to order at 12:01 p.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Chris White.

Lord, please help us to always be wise in all that we do and all that we say. We give You this day, and I pray we strive to put You first in all things. Proverbs 14:8 tells us the wise look ahead, but the fools attempt to fool themselves and will not face facts.

Lord, we hope, we pray for all of the men and women here today looking ahead for our great State and the wonderful people in it. Guide them and help them to look ahead for us.

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 Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 146, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MOISES DENIS, *Chair*

#### MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 29, 2019

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 206; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 79th Session.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 21 of Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

~~[Sec.] Sec. 21. [Limitation on recognition] Recognition of marriage. [Only a marriage between a male and female person shall be recognized and given effect in this state.]~~

1. *The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriages and issue marriage licenses to couples regardless of gender.*
2. *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 such a refusal.*
3. *All legally valid marriages must be treated equally under the law.*

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

Motion carried.

Senator Ratti moved that Senate Bill No. 224 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

Pursuant to Senate Standing Rule No. 112.4, Senator Spearman requested her name be removed as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 413.

#### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 499—AN ACT relating to water; creating the Advisory Board on Water Resources Planning and Drought Resiliency within the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 206.

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

Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 54.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 62.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

#### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Cannizzaro requested that her remarks be entered into the Journal.

Today is Census Day, which marks one year until the beginning of the 2020 Census. I applaud the Governor for taking decisive action to make sure every Nevadan is counted by creating the Complete Count Committee. In recent years, Nevada has experienced a population boom. More and more people are moving to our great State to take advantage of economic opportunities and enjoy Nevada's vast and natural beauty. From 2017 to 2018, Nevada was the fastest growing state in the country. Ensuring every Nevadan is counted in the 2020 Census is critical to our success in the coming decade. Nevada's population, as reported, will determine the number of seats our State

will be allotted in the United States House of Representatives. It will determine how our congressional and State legislative districts will be redrawn to account for population growth since 2010. As a result, an accurate count on the census will be a significant factor in the makeup of our State's democracy for the next 10 years. Equally as vital to Nevada's future, the census will determine how much federal funding our State receives for roads, schools, hospitals, job training, economic development programs and so much more. At stake is the distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states and counties. We need to have an accurate count of our State's population in order to make sure Nevada gets its fair share.

We must do all we can to ensure every Nevadan is counted in the 2020 Census. Nevada's unique population also leads to unique challenges in making sure we have an accurate count. In my Senate district alone, 30 percent of the population lives in "Hard to Count" neighborhoods. If our count is short, we risk our State missing out on so much. That is why I ask that we, as Legislators, encourage our constituents to fill out their census forms and return the completed data. An accurate census count will determine our success as a State in the coming decade, and, as elected officials, we must do all we can to position our State for progress and prosperity.

#### 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 Jeri Burton, Jacqueline Cope, Matt Kimball, Daniel Kruger, Virginia Kruger, Nancyann Leeder and Radhika Poachampally-Kunnel.

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

On request of Senator Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Wendy Bozak.

On request of Senator Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Peyton Barsel and Kelly Knight.

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Lucy Kieckhefer.

On request of Senator Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Monika Payne, Jerry Robbins and Donna West.

On request of Senator Pickard, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Mary Dungan.

On request of Senator Spearman, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Keishe Caruthers and Paula Novack.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Aubrey Arreola, Marc Arreola, Jerry Gerber and Julie Pazina.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT  
*Secretary of the Senate*