

# NEVADA LEGISLATURE

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## ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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### THE SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), February 2, 2021

Assembly called to order at 11:58 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present and one vacant.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Kathy Morris.

We thank You O God for this day and for this Assembly. We thank You for the many ways they serve our state and for the time, energy, and passion they have to help all Nevada citizens. Today, as six more weeks of winter is predicted, we are mindful of those in our communities who are struggling to find warmth and housing, work and food. Guide this Assembly in their work to help improve life for the residents of our state. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they ponder new laws. Help them to listen and to learn from one another, and bring among them a spirit of collegiality and cooperation. Keep them safe from all harm. Bless them, their families, and all whom they serve.

We ask Your comfort on this day for all of the family and friends of Robin Bates who served as the Sergeant at Arms. Thank You for all of his work and for all of the love and care he had for his co-workers, family, and friends. Let him rest eternally in Your peace.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 1, 2021

*To the Honorable the Assembly:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bill No. 1.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ  
*Assistant Secretary of the Senate*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 1, 2021

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 45.

SARAH COFFMAN  
*Fiscal Analysis Division*

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Nguyen and Roberts:

Assembly Bill No. 87—AN ACT relating to land use planning; authorizing cities and counties to establish a simplified procedure for the vacation and abandonment of certain easements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Flores moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Watts, Nguyen, González, Peters, Torres, Anderson and Flores:

Assembly Bill No. 88—AN ACT relating to governmental entities; requiring the board of trustees of a school district, governing body of a charter school or governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to adopt a policy prohibiting the use of certain racially discriminatory identifiers; authorizing the board of trustees of a school district, governing body of a charter school or governing body of a university school for profoundly gifted pupils to use an identifier associated with a federally recognized Indian tribe in certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to prohibit the use of certain racially discriminatory identifiers; requiring the Nevada State Board on Geographic Names to recommend changes to the names of geographic features or places that are racially discriminatory or named after certain persons; requiring the Board to report annually to the Legislature or the Legislative Commission, as applicable, on any recommendations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Titus and Watts:

Assembly Bill No. 89—AN ACT relating to wildlife; authorizing the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to establish a program which authorizes a person to transfer his or her tag to hunt a big game mammal to a qualified organization for use by certain persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Watts moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 1.

Read first time.

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Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered first reading, rules further suspended, and Senate Bill No. 1 be declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

This is the bill that will fund the legislative session.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 1:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

VACANT—1.

Senate Bill No. 1 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

Today we are in this Chamber sharing in our grief at the loss of Sergeant at Arms Robin Bates. He was our friend, our trusted confidant, and our biggest cheerleader. His laugh was immediately recognizable when it rang through these halls—it was bold, loud, and joyful.

Robin gave us many reasons to laugh with him, too. He was well known for his pranks and was particularly good at playing the long game. Many of the staff and legislators in the building have stories about how Robin would build up for weeks what turned out to be a prank, then reveal the joke with a hearty laugh.

Robin joined the Sergeant at Arms office in 2001 and immediately professionalized it. He wanted the office to reflect the seriousness of the work done here. He proudly upheld the traditions of the Assembly and represented this House with distinction and honor, both here and nationally. We will all smile when we hear our friend call us into the Chamber he loved so much. He was truly the heart and soul of this Chamber.

Robin passed peacefully last night from COVID-19, at home, surrounded by his wife and two sons. We will celebrate Robin's life later this session when his family can also join us.

We want to thank the Sergeant at Arms staff and Robin's family for generously letting him be such a wonderful part of this institution.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

I know that we are going to be celebrating the wonderful and rich life of Mr. Bates at another time with his family present. I just want to put on the record how deep our sympathy runs for his family and friends. We know he has friends who are present here and family that might be watching, but also other friends that are out there.

If you did not have a chance to know Mr. Bates, please learn a little bit about him—a rich individual, his life, and his passions. If you are someone who has been here long enough, you might have gone on the prison tour with him and heard some wonderful stories about Nevada history, about some of the events that happened at the prison, about his life and career and commitment to this state. He was such an amazing individual.

I think what so many of us are going to remember about him is his kindness. I saw him diffuse situations that could have easily become pretty unsavory, pretty rowdy, pretty loud, and it was because of his demeanor. He was always kind and always respectful. Of course, his voice is the voice that we hear when we are called to the Chamber.

I look forward to celebrating him later but I would be remiss if I did not put a couple of those comments on the record. He was not just a Sergeant at Arms, he was a friend and I am so sorry for what you all are feeling today. I am sorry we had to wake up to this news.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory of Assembly Sergeant at Arms Robin Bates.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON  
*Speaker of the Assembly*

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*