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CARSON CITY (Wednesday), February 10, 2021

Assembly called to order at 11:56 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Washoe Tribal Elder Steven James.

Yása' wádi' 'ingaw wá' lew lé:bi' 'ida'

Tomorrow we will arrive, and

Hút' iwe' Wá:šiw 'itlu diwgayay 'ašilu' Waši:šiw k'e'

All things in our language, the Washoe People's language, we will speak as Washoes

Hamušúk k'e' 'ida k'eši' ganílúliški'

[Washoes] they lived here and did all things as they will always be

Húnga leya wa'ašilu'i:bi'e:sa' wá'ašilu k'eng

How we speak it here, it didn't come from somewhere else, here it will only be

Ke' gangilu k'éle'. Waši:šiw k'e' k'eng

I always was this way, only the Washoe-People-From-Here

Dida:mal 'išge' k'e' hut'inga'é:s Waši:šiw

Listen and hear it not all things Washoe

K'eng Waši:šiw wágayay k'eng

Only the Washoe-People-From-Here will speak this way

Didá:mala' hák'wa' lúlišgi didá:mal 'iš

I heard it this way a long time ago

Lésa' hak'Le béngīl gabišgi k'éle'

Me too—I will try in the future—it will be

Dingami:ming hak'a' diwgayáy'a'

Our children together will speak again

'Aš gi:sa giw hamup'ayé:s gabišgi k'éLa'

And all of them (the children) they will not forget in the future—it will be that way

Li:yungil k'e' Waši:šiw wa' 'itde ganílúlišgi'

A long time ago the Washoe People lived here on the land

Yása' get bengīl gabišgi k'élē'

Later we tried to speak for the future here

Waši:šiw k'é'a 'ungašilu 'i:bi'es k'uláygi wá'

The Washoe People aren't going anywhere in the future

'Itdé' gangilúlišgi 'aš diwgáyay gabišgi k'éla'

This has always been our home, and we are going to speak this way for the future.

Dinga'letišnga

That's all I'll say

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.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By the Committee on Natural Resources:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2—Recognizing that forest health and water quality are inextricably linked.

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

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblyman Yeager:

Assembly Bill No. 107—AN ACT relating to civil actions; revising the procedure for determining whether a person may prosecute or defend a civil action without paying costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Yeager moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Brittney Miller:

Assembly Bill No. 108—AN ACT relating to governmental administration; creating the Nevada Office of the Inspector General; setting forth the powers and duties of the Inspector General and employees of the Office; requiring a state agency or local government to cooperate with and provide assistance to the Inspector General in carrying out those duties; prohibiting retaliation against certain persons who make a lawful complaint concerning fraud, waste, abuse or corruption in a state agency or local government; prohibiting certain acts to deter or prevent the Inspector General or an employee of the Office from performing his or her duty; imposing increased penalties for certain acts

of assault or battery of the Inspector General or an employee of the Office; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 109—AN ACT relating to education; revising requirements for teachers who provide instruction at a charter school; 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 Frierson and Brittney Miller:

Assembly Bill No. 110—AN ACT relating to lobbying; revising the definition of the term “lobbyist” for the purpose of determining the applicability of certain provisions governing lobbyists; revising provisions relating to the registration of lobbyists and the filing of certain reports concerning lobbying activities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Mr. Speaker announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 12:05 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 7:18 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 106, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered second reading, and that Assembly Bill No. 106 be declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 106.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblymen Roberts, Monroe-Moreno, Titus, and Carlton.

ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERTS:

I rise in support of Assembly Bill 106. Nevada businesses have been devastated by this pandemic over the last year and this bill is timely in providing the needed support to get a lot of these folks back on their feet. I urge my colleagues to vote in support as well.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

I rise in support of Assembly Bill 106. Thousands of small businesses and nonprofits are still reeling from the financial implications of this pandemic. This \$50 million in additional PETS [Pandemic Emergency Technical Support] funding will provide aid to thousands of small nonprofits and small businesses and the families that depend on them for a paycheck and the dignity that comes with it.

The Periwinkle Group is a Black, female-owned strategic communications and marketing business that has also been assisting families to connect with services during this pandemic. She is also one of my most active and community-focused constituents. The Cosmetology Institute of Las Vegas has struggled to stay afloat as they helped people who were displaced transition into, and see themselves in, a new and rewarding career in the beauty industry. The Urban Chamber of Commerce has been coordinating virtual town halls and seminars to help countless numbers of small businesses complete the application process for a PETS grant, people like Ms. Trina Jiles, owner of the Gritz Café. And last but not least, the Empower Café is a small business whose business model is providing employment training and job opportunities for people with different abilities. They may not have been able to secure employment elsewhere.

These businesses are not just brick and mortar, they are people. They are people who make up a community, who make up a city, who make up our state. By providing direct relief to business owners and nonprofits, we can help our community businesses keep their rent paid, their lights on, and workers on the payroll.

We all read the stories and see on the news that communities of color have been hit especially hard by COVID-19. These are not just statistics, these are people. Our black and brown families are in crisis. We need to do all we can to help lead them through it. This program will be the help that they need, and I encourage my colleagues to pass A.B. 106.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

I rise in support of Assembly Bill 106. Small businesses have taken the brunt of this health and economic pandemic. We had the fastest growing economy in the country prior to this mandatory shutdown. Our understanding of the virus has come a long way since the initial two weeks when our state and nation shut down to slow the spread and flatten the curve nearly a year ago. It is necessary to keep our state open for business and get unemployed or underemployed people back to work. We must safeguard livelihoods by using our knowledge of spread mitigation and work toward vaccine integration.

I am in support of the \$50 million in funding to help our small businesses that have been impacted by our blanket restrictions since last spring. I encourage the Governor to loosen up the restrictions on them and allow people to make a living. All Nevada businesses are essential, and we will continue to promote pro-business legislation that will lead to Nevada's comeback. I encourage my fellow members to support A.B. 106.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I rise in support of Assembly Bill 106. Nevada families, small businesses, and nonprofits are looking to us for help through this crisis. This week was a good week, Mr. Speaker. We were able to take the first steps in delivering for them. This week we were able to provide Nevada

families with \$124 million more in rental assistance, and small businesses and nonprofits with this additional \$50 million in grants to help them keep their doors open.

I know there is much more work to do to help Nevadans recover from the impacts of COVID-19, but the work we did this week makes a real difference in the lives of our friends and our neighbors, our fellow Nevadans. I know this because I have seen it. When the closure happened and the small restaurants needed to close, they did not just think of themselves. They reached out to food banks and food pantries to make sure that the food that was in their pantries and in their fridges and freezers went to those places and even delivered it to some of the food banks and food pantries. They were facing a crisis, yet they thought of those people who were going to be hungry in the near future when the Strip closed down. I want to thank them especially for thinking of all of us and making sure our constituents were fed.

The COVID-19 pandemic has put much more strain on a lot of the services provided by nonprofits in our communities. It is critical that these organizations stay open, and the additional \$50 million through this PETS grant will do just that. I say this a lot, but I will say it again: I have been in this building a long time. This grant is the largest small business and nonprofit assistance program that I have seen in my career here. Supporting this bill is going to be one of the easiest votes that I think I will ever cast in this building in 22 years. And, Mr. Speaker, I think the one thing that makes my heart glad is knowing that we are all in this together and we are going to get out of this together.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 106:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Krasner.

Assembly Bill No. 106 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly