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THE FIFTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 24, 2021

Assembly called to order at 11:54 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rajan Zed.

Om

bhur bhuvah svah

tat savitur varenyam

bhargo devasya dhimahi

dhiyo you nah prachodayat.

We meditate on the transcendental glory of the Deity Supreme, who is inside the heart of the earth, inside the life of the sky and inside the soul of the heaven. May He stimulate and illuminate our minds.

varma me dyaavaa-prithivi varmaahar-varmasuryah

varma me vishwe devaah kranmaa maa praapat pratichikaa.

Let the energy derived from the earth as well as from the cosmos, the day and the sun, be all a shield for us. Let all the divine things and beings protect us, so that no evil or misfortune befall us.

atmaupamyena sarvat ra samam pasyati

sukham va yadi va dukham sa yogi paramo matah.

When a person responds to the joys and sorrows of others, as if they were his own; he has attained the highest spiritual union.

ya eko'varno bahudha sakti-yogad varnan anekan nihitartho dadhati

vicaitya ca'nte visvam adau sa devah sa no buddhya subhaya samyunaktu.

He who is one, without any color, by the manifold exercise of His power, distributes many colors in His hidden purpose, and into whom in the beginning and at the end the universe is gathered; may He endow us with a clear understanding.

Om shanti, shanti, shanti.

Peace, peace, peace be unto all.

Om.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag led by students from Ms. Sorani's second-grade class at Richard J. Rundle Elementary School.

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, March 23, 2021

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 9, 35, 58.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 of the 80th Session.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 of the 80th Session.

Resolution read.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Carlton.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Today I rise in support of S.J.R. 8. Especially today, it is so apropos because it is Equal Pay Day. On Equal Pay Day, I usually share a story of my mother. So if you will allow me, this one last time in this Chamber, to share this story.

Growing up, she would tell the story of going to work for the railroad back in about 1954 or 1955. It was an excellent job for a young woman to have. The railroad paid very, very well. If you grew up in St. Louis and went to work for the railroad or for the brewery, you pretty much had it made in the city of St. Louis. But the one thing she had to do was take off her engagement ring every day that she went to work. You could not be engaged and work at the railroad. You would get fired. So she put that engagement ring in a little tissue, inside a little coin purse. A number of years ago, or I think it might have been just last session, we gave out red coin purses to the freshmen for the first year that this Legislature was controlled by a female majority. That was in honor of her having to put that ring away.

My parents married in April of 1956 and my mother continued to take that wedding ring off every day when she went to work. She loved to tease my father that she made more than he did. He had just come back from Korea and they were saving for a house. She was going to keep working because she was making enough money to help save for that house. After she became pregnant with me when she was no longer able to hide that, they asked for her resignation. The reason why she lost her job was she got married and got pregnant. Thank goodness we are not there anymore. That is why I am in great support of this equal rights amendment. We should not have to fight to get good jobs; we should not have to fight to keep good jobs; and we should not have to choose between our career and our family.

On this Equal Pay Day, here are a couple of statistics that go along with this. The year I graduated from high school in 1975—yes, I am old—women earned 59 cents on every dollar that men earned. When I served my first term in the Senate in 1999, we had made it up to 72 cents. When I served my first term in this body, we were up to 77 cents. Today, on average, we are at 82 cents. We are making progress. It is slow but sure, and I am so thankful that my daughters—and maybe someday my granddaughters, if I get lucky enough to have them—will not have to fight to keep their jobs and they will not have to talk about this anymore because they will be at 100 percent.

Roll call on Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 of the 80th Session:

YEAS—30.

NAYS—Black, Dickman, Ellison, Hafen, Hansen, Kasama, Krasner, Matthews, McArthur, O'Neill, Titus, Wheeler—12.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 of the 80th Session having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Senate.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 23, 2021

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 381.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

March 24, 2021

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 241.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblyman Ellison:

Assembly Bill No. 389—AN ACT relating to tobacco products; revising provisions governing the imposition and payment of the tax on certain tobacco products; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 390—AN ACT relating to elections; requiring notice of a contest of an election to be provided to the candidate whose election is being contested; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Anderson:

Assembly Bill No. 391—AN ACT relating to dispensing opticians; authorizing the Board of Dispensing Opticians to employ an Executive Director; providing immunity from civil liability to the Board and any of its members, staff and employees for certain acts; expanding the purposes for which the Board is authorized to accept gifts, grants, donations and contributions; requiring the Board to perform certain duties relating to the issuance, renewal, reinstatement, revocation and suspension of licenses; prescribing requirements for the submission of an application for licensure; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations relating to licensure; prescribing criteria for eligibility for a license as an apprentice dispensing optician; clarifying certain requirements relating to eligibility

for a limited license as a dispensing optician; revising criteria for eligibility for a license as a dispensing optician; removing the authority of the Board to issue a special license as a dispensing optician; reorganizing certain provisions; increasing the amount of the administrative fine for engaging in certain activity without holding a license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 392—AN ACT relating to data collection; requiring the Legislative Counsel Bureau to enter into an agreement with a qualified consultant to analyze certain data submitted to the Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning traffic stops and other stops; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 393—AN ACT relating to criminal justice; requiring the Executive Director of the Department of Sentencing Policy to assist the Nevada Sentencing Commission in carrying out certain duties; revising provisions relating to certain reports prepared by the Commission; authorizing the Commission to adopt qualifications for members of the Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council; revising provisions concerning reports of presentence investigations; revising provisions relating to parolees and probationers; removing and replacing certain obsolete terminology; revising provisions concerning the embezzlement of a vehicle and certain marijuana-related offenses; repealing provisions relating to inquiries to determine probable cause when a probationer is in custody for a violation of a condition of probation; repealing provisions requiring the Chief Parole and Probation Officer of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to adopt standards to assist in formulating a recommendation concerning the granting of probation or the revocation of parole or probation; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 394—AN ACT relating to civil actions; providing that members of a mobile crisis response team are immune from civil liability under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 395—AN ACT relating to crimes; abolishing the imposition of a sentence of death on a person convicted of first degree murder; amending or repealing related statutes pertaining to the existence, imposition and execution of a sentence of death on a person convicted of first degree murder; reducing the sentence of any person sentenced to death to a sentence of imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 396—AN ACT relating to peace officers; revising provisions relating to justifiable homicide; revising provisions relating to the use of deadly force to effectuate an arrest; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 397—AN ACT relating to county clerks; requiring the county clerk to pay certain fees to the county treasurer on or before the fifth day of the month; revising the permissible uses of certain fees collected by a county clerk; eliminating certain provisions related to the issuance of a marriage license during certain office hours or during other hours by a commercial wedding chapel; requiring that a county clerk in certain counties issue a marriage license during certain hours; making various other changes relating to county clerks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 9.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 35.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 58.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Senate Bill No. 83.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly