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CARSON CITY (Wednesday), April 28, 2021

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

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Chad Adamik.

For this new day, for the gift of this state, and for these moments You give to us, Your trusted stewards, we thank You, Eternal Creator. To You who governs, we pledge ourselves this day to good governance. We recall the ancient text that guides us this very day; do justice, love mercy, walk humbly.

We accept the responsibility before us to use this time well. Grant us, God, to listen with care, speak with boldness and deliberation, and find genuine common ground. Our prayer and hope is that we further this time together what is noble, best, and excellent for all Nevadans. We offer this prayer and hope in the confidence of Your everlasting and ever-present love.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 167, 194, 231, 278, 356, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 461—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General for the cost of replacing standard glass windows

and doors with ballistic glass and frames at the Carson City office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Carlton moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 462—AN ACT making appropriations to the Department of Corrections for an upgrade to and reintegration of certain management systems and for replacement cameras, storage area networks and ovens; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Carlton moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 463—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for an unanticipated shortfall in the Forest Fire Suppression budget account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Carlton moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 452.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 121.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Cohen.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN:

Assembly Bill 121 requires the Secretary of State to allow the Effective Absentee System for Elections [EASE] to be used by an elector with a disability to register to vote, and by a registered voter with a disability to apply for and cast an absent ballot. The measure requires EASE to allow such an elector or registered voter to provide his or her digital or electronic signature on any document or other material that is necessary for the elector to register to vote or for the registered voter to apply for and cast an absent ballot. The measure also revises the deadline by which certain uniformed military and overseas voters may submit an application to register to vote or make a request for a military-overseas ballot.

Further, the Secretary of State is required to establish procedures to be used by local elections officials in accepting, handling, and counting absent ballots received from a registered voter with a disability using EASE.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 121

YEAS—32.

NAYS—Black, Dickman, Ellison, Hansen, Krasner, Matthews, McArthur, O’Neill, Titus, Wheeler—10.

Assembly Bill No. 121 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 147.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Nguyen.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NGUYEN:

Assembly Bill 147 authorizes a board of county commissioners to create the office of county counsel to perform many of the noncriminal duties otherwise assigned to the district attorney. The bill authorizes a county manager, with the confirmation of the board of county commissioners, to appoint a county counsel. The bill also sets forth the qualifications for appointment as county counsel, which are similar to the qualifications required for a candidate for the office of district attorney.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 147

YEAS—30.

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

Assembly Bill No. 147 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 166.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Hafen.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAFEN:

Assembly Bill 166 requires certain persons or committees sponsored by a political party that expends more than \$100 for the purpose of financing a communication through text message to disclose in the text message the name of the person or entity that paid for the communication. This disclosure is required if the text message advocates expressly the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate or group of candidates or solicits a contribution.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 166

YEAS—42.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 166 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 188.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO:

Assembly Bill 188, as amended, abolishes the Commission on Special License Plates and transfers its duties and approval procedure to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Additionally,

the bill, as amended, requires that the Legislative Auditor compile and submit certain reports for charitable organizations that receive certain fees to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature or the Legislative Commission, as applicable.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 188

YEAS—42.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 188 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 202.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblyman Yeager.

ASSEMBLYMAN YEAGER:

Assembly Bill 202, as amended, provides that a qualified organization that operates charitable lotteries or charitable games offering prizes valued at less than \$100,000 annually must register and pay a fee to the Nevada Gaming Control Board once per year prior to operating a lottery or game. The fee, which is to be established by regulations adopted by the Nevada Gaming Commission, must not exceed \$10 per year.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 202

YEAS—33.

NAYS—Black, Dickman, Ellison, Hansen, Leavitt, Matthews, McArthur, O'Neill, Wheeler—9.

Assembly Bill No. 202 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 435.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Cohen.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN COHEN:

Assembly Bill 435 amends the definition of “business entity,” for the purposes of the Commerce Tax, to exclude a person who takes part in an exhibition, trade show, industry or corporate meeting, or similar event held in this state for a purpose related to the conduct of a business, including, without limitation, an organizer, manager, or sponsor of such an event, or an exhibitor at such an event. The provisions of this bill would exempt these persons from paying the Commerce Tax.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 435

YEAS—41.

NAYS—Benitez-Thompson.

Assembly Bill No. 435 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Senate Bill No. 349 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Senate Bill No. 349 be rereferred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly