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CARSON CITY (Wednesday), May 12, 2021

Assembly called to order at 12:21 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Karen Foster.

Spirit of love and life, we give thanks this day for these mountains and this desert and the people of Nevada. We give thanks for the opportunity to make life better and to relieve suffering for Nevadans.

May we allow our hearts to be engaged and moved by our neighbors who are hungry, by those who have no homes, who struggle with mental illness, who have health issues, who continue to struggle with losses and ramifications due to COVID. For we have been entrusted with our fellow human beings. It is they who call us to our best and highest selves. May our care and compassion guide us. In the many names of the Holy we pray.

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 Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 122, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

SANDRA JAUREGUI, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 173, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

SHANNON BILBRAY-AXELROD, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 41, 62, 168, 357, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 9, 332, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

STEVE YEAGER, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 191, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 461, 462, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 216, 256, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 37, 61, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 192, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 404, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

COMMUNICATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

Nevada Legislature
401 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER CANNIZZARO AND SPEAKER FRIERSON:

I respectfully request the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Nevada Legislature. As United States Senator for Nevada, I look forward to sharing both information from the halls of Congress, as well as information regarding the communities that affect Nevada's future.

I am honored and grateful for this opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
JACKY ROSEN
United States Senator

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 480—AN ACT relating to criminal defense; revising various provisions relating to the appointment of attorneys; removing limitations on fees earned by certain attorneys; revising provisions relating to claims for compensation and expenses made by certain attorneys; creating the Special Account for the Support of Indigent

Defense Services; revising certain deadlines for requirements placed on boards of county commissioners relating to the transfer of responsibility for the provision of indigent defense services to the State Public Defender; 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. 481—AN ACT relating to crime; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services, to the extent that money is available for this purpose, to designate a statewide center to provide assistance to certain victims; authorizing the Administrator of the Division to accept any gift, grant, donation, bequest or other source of money for the purpose of carrying out duties related to the center; 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. 451.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 453.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 454.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 455.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 456.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 458.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 460.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 464.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 465.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 466.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 467.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 468.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 469.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 470.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 474.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 475.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 476.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 8.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 19.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 32.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 42.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 108.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 148.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 161.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 400.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 12, 2021

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bill No. 108.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

Assemblywoman Carlton moved that Senate Bill No. 108 be taken from the General File and rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bill No. 450 be taken from its position on the General File and placed at the top of the General File.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 450.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywomen Nguyen and Tolles.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NGUYEN:

Assembly Bill 450 directs the Governor to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study concerning opportunities to align the need for workforce training and the programs offered by community colleges in Nevada to meet the needs of the evolving economy of the state. The bill establishes the membership of the committee, establishes the subjects that the committee is required to study, and requires the committee to report its findings to the Governor, the chair of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, and the Legislature on or before August 1, 2022.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES:

I definitely support the efforts to align workforce with our community colleges and have in the past. I will continue to in the future. However, I believe that those duties are best fit within the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation so I will be a no.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 450:

YEAS—28.

NAYS—Black, Dickman, Ellison, Hafen, Hansen, Kasama, Leavitt, Matthews, McArthur, O'Neill, Roberts, Titus, Tolles, Wheeler—14.

Assembly Bill No. 450 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

Assembly Bill No. 348.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Carlton.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

Assembly Bill 348, as amended, transfers the Patient Protection Commission from the Office of the Governor to the Office of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services and revises provisions governing the composition and operation of the Commission. The bill, as amended, also designates the Commission as the sole state agency responsible for administering

and coordinating matters relating to the participation in the Peterson-Milbank Program for Sustainable Health Care Costs.

There has been a lot of conversation about this bill and folks are asking some questions, so I just want to make sure I get a few things on the record. Some concerns were raised in the original committee hearing, so adjustments were made. When this idea first arose out of last legislative session, a working group was working on developing this Commission. Then when we saw the administration had a proposal in their budget, we just went with that one. So, they set it up.

We always know that the first time we set up a commission it is not necessarily going to be the most perfect thing. It is trial and error. I have found in my many years in this building that when you try to adjust these commissions, there is always this natural tug and pull among folks because everybody thinks that their representative should be on that commission. We cannot put everyone on a commission. What we need to do is make sure it is balanced, that everyone has a voice.

The biggest bone of contention that I have heard on this is whether it is between for-profit or nonprofit. That is not what this Commission is about. This Commission is about patients, whether they are in a for-profit or whether they are not, whether they are being treated with Medicaid, whether they are in a federally qualified health facility, whatever their health care universe happens to be. This is about patient protection.

I was not really happy, and a number of people had some concerns with the first round of this Commission. We are trying to make adjustments. We are trying to get there. We have had open conversations with folks. People still want to get their folks on this Commission, but we cannot put everyone in the world on it or nothing would ever get done. So, I have made commitments to folks that I still have an open door. We are still having conversations. I just wanted to put that on the record. Ultimately, this is not about for-profit or nonprofit. This is about patients.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 348:

YEAS—26.

NAYS—Black, Dickman, Ellison, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Kasama, Krasner, Leavitt, Matthews, McArthur, O’Neill, Roberts, Titus, Tolles, Wheeler—16.

Assembly Bill No. 348 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bill No. 349; Senate Bills Nos. 21, 146, 156, 177, 251, 309, 364, 376, and 398 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Senate Bills Nos. 25, 35, and 74.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly