

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), March 1, 2021

Senate called to order at 11:10 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Jeff Paul.

O Lord, our Governor, bless the leaders of our land in this pixilated, pandemic age, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. To all staff in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.

To our Senators and to those who make laws in our State, give them courage, wisdom and foresight to provide for the needs of all of our people and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.

In Your Name, we pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President pro Tempore and Secretary are authorized to make necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 35, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DINA NEAL, *Vice Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 9, 62, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MELANIE SCHEIBLE, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 25, 2021

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 26, 2021

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill No. 110.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Hardy has returned to full participation in the Senate Chamber, and the use of remote-technology systems to attend, participate, vote and take any other action in the proceedings of the Senate is no longer necessary.

Senator Harris has approved the addition of Senator Buck as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 150.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Senate Bill No. 154—AN ACT relating to Medicaid; requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver to receive federal funding for coverage of the treatment of the substance use disorder of a person in an institution for mental diseases; authorizing the Department to apply for a waiver to receive federal funding for coverage of the treatment of certain mental health conditions of persons in an institution for mental diseases; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources:

Senate Bill No. 155—AN ACT relating to the Division of Water Resources of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; revising the name and qualifications of the executive head of the Division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Donate moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Senate Bill No. 156—AN ACT relating to mental health; revising certain requirements for an endorsement as a crisis stabilization center; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senator Seevers Gansert:

Senate Bill No. 157—AN ACT relating to education; removing the prohibition against a scholarship organization using certain donations to provide a grant on behalf of a pupil other than a pupil who received such a grant in the immediately preceding school year or for whom the scholarship organization reasonably expects to provide a grant of the same amount for each school year until graduation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Seevers Gansert moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Senate Bill No. 158—AN ACT relating to public welfare; revising requirements for a relative of a child in foster care to be eligible for assistance from the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senator Ratti:

Senate Bill No. 159—AN ACT relating to real property; establishing procedures relating to the finality of a nonjudicial foreclosure sale of a single-family residence; requiring the trustee of a single-family residence sold at a nonjudicial foreclosure sale to maintain an Internet website and telephone number under certain circumstances; prohibiting the bundling of multiple properties for the purpose of a nonjudicial foreclosure sale; revising the information required to be contained in a notice of a nonjudicial foreclosure sale that is sent to the tenants and subtenants of a single-family residence; increasing the civil penalty for failing to maintain a vacant property acquired through a residential foreclosure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 110.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 58.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Brooks moved that Senate Bill No. 58 be taken from the General File and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Hansen requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

On Friday, I joined half-a-million Nevadans when I got my COVID-19 vaccination. Over the weekend, I have given this a tremendous amount of thought because, whether we realize it or not, we are participating in something almost miraculous. In the late 19th century, a terrible virus hit the United States. For the next 60 years, hundreds of thousands of Americans suffered from a disease called polio. It was not until 1950, when a young man named Jonas Salk started looking

at this problem. In 1955, he came up with the vaccine almost all of us received as children. Today, because of the brilliant work of Jonas Salk, no one is deathly afraid of polio.

We are today going through a pandemic. Our Majority Leader pointed out that half-a-million Americans have died prematurely from COVID-19. On March 13 of last year, President Trump declared a national emergency. On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid and Relief and Economic Security Act was passed, and the President and Congress pumped \$2.2 trillion into our economy. This is what is keeping the State of Nevada afloat right now. That amount is almost 10 percent of the gross domestic product for our entire Nation.

President Trump then called together a brilliant team. It was like having 1,000 Jonas Salks, and they were the most brilliant people in America. He put together Operation Warp Speed. From May 15, 2020, until January 1, 2021, President Trump charged them with coming up with a vaccine for all Americans. Everything that man did in his entire administration was immediately attacked. He was mocked and told by all of the naysayers it could not be done, but when the people in research and development, the engineers and the scientists put their minds to work, the American spirit rose to the challenge. Like with the polio vaccine, almost everyone in this room has benefitted from what happened with Operation Warp Speed.

This vaccine does for us what the polio vaccine did in the 50s. One year from now will we be talking about 500,000 Americans who died from COVID-19 during this year? No. In fact, we will say that because of Operation Warp Speed, the vaccine and the brilliant people in the American scientific community, we are now safe. I want to take a minute to give some perspective to that. I got to know some of the last victims of polio, the horrible crippling disease that was caused by a virus. It took 60 years to get to the shot that, today, all of us have received. In less than one year, we have conquered a pandemic that killed half-a-million Americans and many others worldwide.

I wish Donald Trump were in this room because I would look him in the eye and say, thank you, sir. I would thank him for having confidence in the American people, the American free-enterprise system and the American research and development community. I would thank him for throwing that challenge out there and watching those people rise to that challenge.

The more I thought about that over the weekend, the more I realized this is only a tiny slice of what we should be thanking that man for. When Donald Trump took office, he cut literally thousands of pages of regulations and rules, things that were harming our economy and holding it back. I would thank him for doing that because we had the greatest economic recovery in American peacetime history. Unemployment set record lows for blacks, Hispanics, women and senior citizens. Everyone in the United States benefitted from that cut in regulations.

He also freed up the American system when it came to energy. The cost of energy is now less expensive than it was in the 1960s. I want to thank Donald Trump for the Keystone XL Pipeline, and for the tens of thousands of union craftsmen, prevailing-wage jobs he created. For the first time in decades, the American middle class saw a substantial rise in income. You can attribute all of this to a man who has been vilified, mocked and treated as a pariah in spite of the most amazing accomplishments I have seen in my lifetime, and you could argueable say in the 20th or 21st centuries.

Operation Warp Speed was one of the most magnificent humanitarian accomplishments of all time. Not only did we in America benefit from it but also the entire world has benefited. If President Trump were here, I would say, I salute you, sir, because while you were manning your post as the captain of the ship of state, you faced a hurricane of vicious, constant hate and attacks on your personality, your way of life and your family. President Trump was never given a minute of slack, yet he stood at his post and did what needed to be done. Will he now get any credit for saving unknown millions of lives by rushing through Operation Warp Speed?

President Trump, I know for a fact that I speak for the 512,000 Nevadans who voted for you in 2016 and the 670,000 Nevadans who voted for you in 2020. I speak for the 74-million Americans who voted for you at the national level when I say, thank you, sir. I salute you for your accomplishments, for rejuvenating the American spirit, for rejuvenating the American energy sector, for the rising tide of American prosperity and getting us out of ridiculous, one-sided trade deals. We had a mythology of free trade and flooded our markets with Chinese Communist slave-labor and child-labor goods. Thank you for restoring the American manufacturing sector, sir. I salute you and want to let you know you did a fantastic job. Millions of Americans appreciate your accomplishments. I thank you for Operation Warp Speed and for saving hundreds of

thousands of lives by rushing that virus-fighting vaccine into production. Thank you in advance for all of the people who will not die of COVID-19 because of your faith in the American way of life and in our engineers, scientists and research and development people. I most humbly appreciate the fact that while you were the President of the United States, I was honored to be a citizen of this great Nation. I appreciate and understand all of your accomplishments in those four brief years in the face of unrelenting personal attacks during that entire time.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Approved:

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President pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

Secretary of the Senate