Dear Heavenly Father, as the men and women of the Senate gather today to discuss various things, we ask that Your mighty hand be in all that they do. May all of the members of the Senate work together and spur one another on as they work toward a solution. Let there be teamwork and understanding. Let there be cohesion and caring not only for each other but for our communities, our State and our country. Lord, we ask for Your continued presence in the daily challenges we face as individuals and as a country. Last but not least, Lord, I ask that You give all of the members of the Senate an extra dose of courage as they face hard decisions and challenging situations. Shower them with Your guidance and Your grace.

In Jesus’ 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 and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

MESSAGES FROM ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 16, 2021

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 145.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 83, Amendment No. 21, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendment.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly
MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Spearman 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.

By Senator Ratti:
Senate Joint Resolution No. 8—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to revise provisions relating to the assessment and taxation of property which is sold or transferred.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 1 of Article 10 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. 1. The Legislature shall provide by law for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation, and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property, real, personal and possessory, except mines and mining claims, which shall be assessed and taxed only as provided in Section 5 of this Article.

2. Shares of stock, bonds, mortgages, notes, bank deposits, book accounts and credits, and securities and choses in action of like character are deemed to represent interest in property already assessed and taxed, either in Nevada or elsewhere, and shall be exempt.

3. The Legislature may constitute agricultural and open-space real property having a greater value for another use than that for which it is being used, as a separate class for taxation purposes and may provide a separate uniform plan for appraisal and valuation of such property for assessment purposes. If such plan is provided, the Legislature shall also provide for retroactive assessment for a period of not less than 7 years when agricultural and open-space real property is converted to a higher use conforming to the use for which other nearby property is used.

4. Personal property which is moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Nevada, or which was consigned to a warehouse, public or private, within the State of Nevada from outside the State of Nevada for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Nevada, whether specified when transportation begins or afterward, shall be deemed to have acquired no situs in Nevada for purposes of taxation and shall be exempt from taxation. Such property shall not be deprived of such exemption because while in the warehouse the property is assembled, bound, joined, processed, disassembled, divided, cut, broken in bulk, relabeled or repackaged.

5. The Legislature may exempt motor vehicles from the provisions of the tax required by this Section, and in lieu thereof, if such exemption is granted, shall provide for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation of motor vehicles, which rate shall not exceed five cents on one dollar of assessed valuation.

6. The Legislature shall provide by law for a progressive reduction in the tax upon business inventories by 20 percent in each year following the adoption of this provision, and after the expiration of the 4th year such inventories are exempt from taxation. The Legislature may exempt any other personal property, including livestock.

7. No inheritance tax shall ever be levied.

8. The Legislature may exempt by law property used for municipal, educational, literary, scientific or other charitable purposes, or to encourage the conservation of energy or the substitution of other sources for fossil sources of energy.

9. No income tax shall be levied upon the wages or personal income of natural persons. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, and except as otherwise provided in subsection 1 of this Section, taxes may be levied upon the income or revenue of any business in whatever form it may be conducted for profit in the State.

10. The Legislature may provide by law for an abatement of the tax upon or an exemption of part of the assessed value of a single-family residence occupied by the
owner to the extent necessary to avoid severe economic hardship to the owner of the residence.

11. For the purposes of assessment and taxation of property:
   (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, for the first fiscal year after the sale or transfer of real property, the real property sold or transferred shall not be eligible for any adjustment provided by the Legislature by law based on the age of improvements to the real property or any abatement that prevents the taxes upon the real property from increasing by more than a percentage established by the Legislature by law. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to real property for which the Legislature has provided by law for an exemption of the tax on property.
   (b) For any fiscal year following the first fiscal year after the sale or transfer of real property to which the provisions of paragraph (a) apply, any adjustment provided by the Legislature by law based on the age of improvements to the real property must be determined as if the improvements were new improvements on the date of the sale or transfer.

12. The Legislature shall provide by law for definitions of the terms "sale" and "transfer" as necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection 11.

And be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Senator Ratti moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

By Senator Kieckhefer:
Senate Joint Resolution No. 9—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the constitutional provisions governing the Legislature’s authority to apportion Senators and members of the Assembly among counties or legislative districts of the State and create an Independent Redistricting Commission vested with the power to apportion Senators and members of the Assembly in the Legislature and members of the United States House of Representatives among districts established by the Commission.

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That a new section, designated Section 5A, be added to Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 5A. 1. There is hereby created within the Legislative Department of the State Government the Independent Redistricting Commission. It shall be the duty of the Commission in the year 2031, and after each subsequent decennial census of the United States, to apportion the number of Senators and members of the Assembly among legislative districts established by the Commission and to apportion the number of representatives in the United States House of Representatives among congressional districts established by the Commission.

2. The Commission is composed of seven members who are registered and eligible to vote in this State and who meet the qualifications established in subsection 4. The Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the Assembly and Assembly Minority Leader shall each appoint one commissioner.

3. The four commissioners appointed pursuant to subsection 2 shall appoint three additional commissioners, each of whom must not have been registered or affiliated with the largest or second largest political party for at least 4 years immediately preceding his or her appointment, according to voter registration data published by the Secretary of State as of January 1 of the redistricting year, and none of whom, if registered or affiliated with a political party, is affiliated or registered with the same political party as another commissioner.
4. Within 4 years immediately preceding his or her appointment and during his or her term, a commissioner may not be:
   (a) A registered lobbyist;
   (b) A candidate for a federal, state or partisan local office;
   (c) An elected official to a federal, state or partisan local office;
   (d) An officer or member of the governing body of a national, state or local political party;
   (e) A paid consultant or employee of a federal, state or partisan local elected official or candidate, political action committee, committee sponsored by a political party or committee that seeks to influence elections to federal, state or partisan local offices;
   (f) An employee of the State of Nevada, except for employees in the Judicial Department of the State Government, the Armed Forces or a state institution of higher education; or
   (g) Related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person disqualified under paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive, of this subsection.

5. The term of office of each commissioner expires once the Commission has completed its obligations for a census cycle, but not before any judicial review of the redistricting plan is complete, or upon the release of the subsequent decennial census of the United States, whichever is earliest.

6. All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public. The Commission shall ensure that the public has opportunities to view, present testimony and participate in hearings before the Commission. All Commission materials are public records.

7. The Commission shall adopt rules to govern its administration and operation.

8. The powers granted to the Commission are legislative functions not subject to the control or approval of the Legislature and are exclusively reserved to the Commission.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That a new section, designated Section 5B, be added to Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution to read as follows:

Sec. 5B. 1. The Independent Redistricting Commission shall draw districts for a redistricting plan using the following criteria, in the order listed:
   (a) Districts comply with the United States Constitution and applicable federal law.
   (b) Districts have an approximately equal number of inhabitants.
   (c) Districts are geographically contiguous.
   (d) Districts are not drawn with the intent or result of denying or abridging the equal opportunity of racial or language minorities to participate in the political process or elect representatives of their choice, whether by themselves or voting in concert with other persons.
   (e) Districts do not unduly advantage or disadvantage a political party, when considered on a statewide basis.
   (f) Districts reflect county, city and township boundaries, to the extent practicable.
   (g) Districts do not divide communities of interest, to the extent practicable. Communities of interest are areas with recognized similarities of interests, including, without limitation, racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, geographic or historic identities, but not including communities based on political affiliation.
   (h) Districts are reasonably compact.
   (i) Districts are politically competitive, to the extent practicable without impairing compliance with paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive. A district is politically competitive if there is a reasonable potential for the party affiliation of the district’s representative to change at least once between each federal decennial census.

2. Not later than July 1, 2031, and not later than 180 days after each subsequent decennial census of the United States, the Commission shall approve a redistricting plan for the Nevada State Senate, the Nevada State Assembly and all congressional districts in this State, after providing public notice of each proposed final plan and allowing sufficient time for public review and comment. The Commission may only approve a final plan with at least five affirmative votes, including at least one from a commissioner registered with the largest political party, one from a commissioner registered with the
second largest political party and one from a commissioner not registered or affiliated
with the largest or second largest political party, according to voter registration data
published by the Secretary of State as of January 1 of the redistricting year.

And be it further
RESOLVED, That a new section, designated Section 5C, be added to Article 4 of the Nevada
Constitution to read as follows:
Sec. 5C. If any part of this amendment is declared invalid, or the application thereof
to any person, thing or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the
remaining provisions or application of this amendment which can be given effect without
the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this amendment are
declared to be severable. This section shall be construed broadly to preserve and
effectuate the purpose of this amendment.

And be it further
RESOLVED, That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution be amended as follows:
Sec. 5. Senators and members of the Assembly shall be duly qualified electors in the
respective counties and districts which they represent, and the number of Senators shall
not be less than one-third nor more than one-half of that of the members of the Assembly.
It shall be the mandatory duty of the Legislature at its first session after the taking of
the decennial census of the United States in the year 1950, and after each subsequent
decennial census, to fix by law the number of Senators and [Assemblymen, and apportion
them among the several counties of the State, or among legislative districts which may
be established by law, according to the number of inhabitants in them, respectively.]members of the Assembly.

And be it further
RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution
to the Nevada Secretary of State.
And be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee
on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Motion carried.

By Senators Ohrenschall, Donate, Lange, Denis; Assemblywomen Carlton
and Martinez:
Senate Joint Resolution No. 10—Urging Congress to protect the public
lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and
Rainbow Gardens.

Senator Ohrenschall moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee
on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Senator Ohrenschall has approved the addition of Senator Donate as a
sponsor of Senate Bill No. 228.

Pursuant to Senate Standing Rule No. 112.2, Senator Lange requested her
name be removed as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 221.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
By Senators Pickard, Buck, Goicoechea and Hardy:
Senate Bill No. 264—AN ACT relating to traffic laws; prohibiting trucks
and truck-tractors over a certain weight from using the left lane on two-lane
same directional highways; prohibiting trucks and truck-tractors over a certain
weight from using the left lane on three-lane same directional highways; prohibiting trucks and truck-tractors over a certain weight from using a lane designated for the preferential or exclusive use of high-occupancy vehicles when there is only one such lane; making exceptions under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure. Motion carried.

By Senators Buck, Hammond, Pickard, Hardy, Goicoechea, Settelmeyer; Assemblymen O’Neill, Kasama and Wheeler:

Senate Bill No. 265—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the board of trustees of certain school districts and the governing body of certain charter schools to encourage the development of work-based learning programs in certain industries; requiring the board of trustees of certain school districts and the governing body of certain charter schools to give priority for participation in a work-based learning program to certain pupils; requiring the board of trustees of certain school districts and the governing body of certain charter schools to post certain information on their Internet websites; providing that a pupil may only earn elective course credit for participation in a work-based learning program; providing for a credit against taxes imposed on certain taxpayers if a taxpayer employs certain persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education. Motion carried.

By Senator Goicoechea:

Senate Bill No. 266—AN ACT relating to industrial insurance; revising provisions governing claims for compensation; revising provisions governing an employer’s duty to file a report of industrial injury or occupational disease; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor. Motion carried.

By Senator Spearman:

Senate Bill No. 267—AN ACT relating to workplace diversity; requiring the Department of Taxation to develop a survey to collect data and information concerning diversity and equality in the workplace; requiring corporations in this State that employ 500 or more people to use the survey to submit annual reports to the Department; requiring such a corporation that has an Internet website to make its reports available on the website; requiring the Department to make the survey, the annual reports submitted to the Department and aggregate data relating to such reports available on its Internet website; requiring the Department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and make the report available on
its Internet website; authorizing the Department to adopt regulations; requiring the Nevada Commission on Minority Affairs and the Nevada Commission for Women to assist the Department in developing the survey; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senator Harris:
Senate Bill No. 268—AN ACT relating to state financial administration; requiring the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, to the extent of available resources, to perform a budget stress test biennially and submit and cause the posting of a report of the results of the test; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senators Kieckhefer and Seevers Gansert:
Senate Bill No. 269—AN ACT relating to insurance; imposing requirements governing the recovery of overpayments under a plan that provides dental coverage; prohibiting a dental insurer or the administrator of a plan that provides dental coverage from denying a claim for which prior authorization has been granted except in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.
Motion carried.

By Senators Seevers Gansert, Hardy, Hammond, Kieckhefer and Settelmeyer:
Senate Bill No. 270—AN ACT relating to elections; prohibiting certain constitutional officers from soliciting or accepting political contributions during certain periods; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

By Senator Hammond:
Senate Bill No. 271—AN ACT relating to midwives; establishing and prescribing the duties of the Board of Certified Professional Midwives; providing for the licensure of midwives and the issuance of permits to apprentice midwives; prescribing requirements relating to the practice of midwifery; authorizing the imposition of disciplinary action against a midwife or apprentice midwife under certain circumstances; exempting a midwife or apprentice midwife from certain civil damages; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 145.
Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 25.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 31.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hansen.

Senate Bill No. 31 revises provisions relating to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History. The bill expands the definition of a "record of criminal history" to refer to any prosecuting attorney rather than only to a district attorney.

The bill eliminates the requirement for the Repository to prepare and post certain reports on its website. Instead, the Repository must provide electronic access to this statistical data on its website and include data on certain orders for protection and on crimes against older or vulnerable persons.

The Repository is also required to provide to an entity authorized to review such records the criminal history of a person generally, rather than limiting the information provided to convictions only or to incidents for which the person is currently involved in the criminal justice system.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 31:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 31 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 90.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Senate Bill No. 90 requires a healthcare licensing authority and health authority that determines as a result of an investigation that there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a healthcare provider has committed a violation to refer to the investigation as a review and evaluation in all records maintained by the authority. An investigation recorded as a review and evaluation is not an investigation for purposes related to education, employment, liability or health insurance, or professional licensure or credentialing.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 90:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 90 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.
Senate Bill No. 103.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by Senator Scheible:
Amendment No. 32.
SUMMARY—Prohibits certain insurers from discriminating based on the breed of dog at a property. (BDR 57-826)
AN ACT relating to insurance; prohibiting certain insurers from discriminating based on the breed of dog at an applicable property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Legislative Counsel’s Digest:
This bill prohibits an insurer from refusing to issue, canceling, refusing to renew or increasing the premium or rate for certain policies of insurance on the sole basis of the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog that is harbored or owned on an applicable property unless the particular dog is known to be dangerous or vicious or declared to be dangerous or vicious pursuant to the public health laws of this State.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 687B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, an insurer shall not:
   (a) Refuse to issue; 
   (b) Cancel; 
   (c) Refuse to renew; or 
   (d) Increase a premium or rate for, a policy of insurance based solely on the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog that is harbored or owned on an applicable property.
2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not prohibit an insurer from:
   (a) Refusing to issue; 
   (b) Canceling; 
   (c) Refusing to renew; or 
   (d) Imposing a reasonable increase to a premium or rate for, a policy of insurance based on sound underwriting and actuarial principles on the basis that a particular dog which is harbored or owned on an applicable property is known to be dangerous or vicious or has been declared to be dangerous or vicious in accordance with NRS 202.500.
3. An insurer may not ask or inquire about the specific breed or mixture of breeds of a dog which is harbored or owned on an applicable property except to ask if the dog is known to be dangerous or vicious or has been declared to be dangerous or vicious in accordance with NRS 202.500.
4. As used in this section, “policy of insurance” means:
   (a) A policy of homeowner’s insurance;
(b) A policy of renter’s insurance;
(c) A policy of insurance which covers a manufactured home or a mobile home; and
(d) An umbrella policy as defined in NRS 687B.440.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Scheible moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Scheible.

This amendment clarifies that a vicious or dangerous dog may be deemed as such via the Nevada Revised Statutes or any other means. It also moves the text of this bill from Chapter 691A to 687B pursuant to the legal counsel we have received on this bill.

Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Cannizzaro requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENIOR CANNIZZARO:

Today is Veteran’s and Military Day at the Legislature. Every Legislative Session, the third Wednesday in March is designated as Veteran's and Military Day by Nevada Revised Statute 236.047. This day provides the opportunity for our veterans and members of the United States Armed Forces, including those who are on active duty or in the Guard or Reserves, who serve in Nevada to interact with Nevada's elected leaders. This year, we will be doing this virtually. Veteran's and Military Day at the Legislature is jointly coordinated in partnership with the Nevada Department of Veteran's Services, the Nevada National Guard and the United Veteran's Legislative Council. Today, we will have a video presentation to help us honor all of our veterans and military members.

SENIOR SPEARMAN:

I would like to give special thanks to all of those who have served and their families. It is said that when we serve, our family serves as well. I would like to give special thanks to the Blue Star families. These families have loved ones currently serving. I also offer special thanks to our Gold Star families, who have given this country the life of a loved one. I thank those who have gone to war and returned but who still have not adjusted. War is a horrible thing. I hope we never have to go again, but if we do, we will. Sometimes we may forget the sacrifices given. Today, I hope we will take a minute to acknowledge the special sacrifice, knowing that all gave some, but some gave all.

SENIOR HARDY:

Today is also Submarine Day. Submarine Day celebrates the day John Philip Holland, an Irish engineer, first successfully demonstrated his submarine called the Holland VI. On St. Patrick's Day, 1898, the submarine made her first successful submerged run, which impressed observers from the United States Department of the Navy. John Phillip Holland designed submarines that, for the first time, made use of internal combustion engines on the surface and electric battery power when submerged. He was truly a renewable-energy-source kind of man. The Assistant of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, recommended purchase of the Holland VI.

SENIOR BUCK:

I want to salute all of my colleagues who are veterans and all members of the military sacrificing and fighting for our country here and abroad. My oldest two sons are serving our country and this great State. My oldest, Collen Larson, a Green Beret, Army Ranger, has served three stints overseas and another son, Colbie Larson, is in the Army Reserves. I thank all military members for their sacrifice to serve our country.
**Senator Hansen:**
I agree with my colleague from District 5. My son-in-law, Major Chris Gurries, is stationed at Langley Air Force base. My daughter-in-law, Jessica Hansen, is a First Lieutenant in the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. Her husband, my son, Forrest Hansen, is a Navy SEAL. I have three Blue Stars in my family at this time. My daughter-in-law and son-in-law are also graduates of the United States Naval Academy. This is a special day for me. I would like to thank all of the people who have served, as well as my three family members, for honoring our country and our flag.

**Senator Pickard:**
I join in and support the comments previously made. I would like to honor my stepson, Dean Bartschi, who is currently serving in the United States Air Force. He is a recent graduate of the Air Force Academy but was an enlisted man before that. He was one of four active military members who were a direct report to the Academy. He now is one of ten in the Air Force who has been assigned to its helicopter training program. This is a small and elite group, and we are certainly proud of him and the service he has given to our country.

**Senator Cannizzaro:**
I ask to adjourn in honor of a friend to me in this building, a Nevadan we have unfortunately lost recently a long-time, former Nevada lobbyist, Fred Hillerby. I would like to adjourn in his honor and in honor of the many families who have served and had family members serving.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn in memory of Fred Hillerby and in honor of all of those who have served in the Armed Services and their families until Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved: Kate Marshall

*President of the Senate*

Attest: Claire J. Clift

*Secretary of the Senate*