

THE FIFTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 24, 2021

Senate called to order at 11:36 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Harris, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Don Baumann.

Mighty God, we are grateful for the hope of better days even this year as the war against this pandemic slowly turns a corner. We are so thankful for all who have dedicated themselves to helping others, from the researchers who created the vaccines to the doctors, nurses and all of the frontline workers treating those impacted by COVID and protecting those spared thus far.

We ask You to guide this Body and the people of our State so that together we might help those whose lives have been profoundly impacted by this disease. Please help those attempting to restore their livelihoods and businesses or to obtain a job again. Refresh the souls of those who labor unnoticed, especially caregivers. Encourage those who have been isolated and lonely this past year, especially our elderly.

Continue to comfort the nearly 5,200 Nevada families who have lost a loved one during this pandemic. We ask for Your guidance, direction and wisdom for the Senate today as they do their part to lead our State out of this pandemic.

In the Name of our Helper and Deliverer, the Lord Jesus.

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 THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 23, 2021

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill No. 29; Assembly Bills Nos. 1, 150.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill No. 57.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Cannizzaro moved that Senate Bills Nos. 42, 65, 196 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Neal:

Senate Bill No. 346—AN ACT relating to taxation; providing for the imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of a tax on certain digital products electronically transferred to a purchaser; providing for the imposition, administration, collection and enforcement of a tax on gross

receipts derived from providing direct-to-home satellite television service; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Neal moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

By Senator Scheible:

Senate Bill No. 347—AN ACT relating to higher education; creating the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education; prescribing the membership, duties and compensation of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to develop a climate survey on sexual misconduct; authorizing the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to require the institutions within the Nevada System of Higher Education to administer the climate survey to students; authorizing the imposition of additional requirements for the grievance process at an institution within the System; authorizing the Board of Regents to require each institution within the System to adopt a policy on sexual misconduct, enter into a memorandum of understanding with certain organizations and designate a victim's advocate; prohibiting an institution within the System from imposing certain sanctions on certain students; providing for certain training and programming related to sexual misconduct; authorizing the Board of Regents to require a report from institutions within the System on certain information relating to sexual misconduct; authorizing the Board of Regents to impose a fine in certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Regents to adopt regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Goicoechea:

Senate Bill No. 348—AN ACT relating to emergency management; creating the Office of the Nevada Statewide 911 Coordinator in the Department of Public Safety; requiring the Coordinator to adopt certain regulations; imposing a surcharge on certain devices; imposing a surcharge and an excise tax to fund the Coordinator and the Nevada Public Safety Communications Advisory Committee; creating the Committee; establishing the duties of the Committee; creating the State 911 Account; requiring the appointment of county 911 coordinators; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Goicoechea moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Senator Ohrenschall:

Senate Bill No. 349—AN ACT relating to public health; excluding certain materials from the provisions governing the disposal of solid waste; providing

that an ordinance for the licensing and regulating of farmers' markets may not prohibit the sale of unpackaged produce at a licensed farmers' market; providing that the State Board of Health or a local board of health may not adopt regulations that prohibit the sale of unpackaged produce at a licensed farmers' market; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Denis:

Senate Bill No. 350—AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions governing the calculation of certain tax credits issued to production companies financing or supervising film or other qualified productions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Denis moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

By Senator Pickard:

Senate Bill No. 351—AN ACT relating to renewable energy; imposing a charge on the sale of electricity generated from renewable energy and produced or delivered into this State for resale to the public; requiring the Department of Taxation, in cooperation with the Office of Energy and the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada, to develop a system for determining the amount of the charge and for the imposition and collection of the charge; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Pickard moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 1.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 57.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 150.

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

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

Today is Equal Pay Day. This is the day of the year 2021, if women continued to work in the year 2020, we finally would have earned the same amount of money in the course of that year as our male counterparts. In Nevada, women only earn 83 percent of what their white male counterparts do, and women of color, specifically black and brown women, earn even less. Black women only earn 65 percent compared to white men, and Latinas earn only 54 percent.

Thanks to legislation enacted by previous Nevada Legislatures, Nevada's women are better off than women across the Country and more broadly, but there is still much work to be done. At the current rate, the gender-pay gap nationally will not be closed until 2044. So while we take pause today to recognize Equal Pay Day, let us also take this time to listen to the stories from women across Nevada and understand that we have the ability to make a change for them, our daughters and for our future.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Today is Equal Pay Day, and I wanted to give some perspective in terms of the numbers we are discussing. Today, a woman just starting out will earn \$406,760 less over a 40-year career compared to her male counterpart. For women of color the inequity is even more pronounced. On average, a black woman will earn \$964,400 less over the course of her career than her male counterpart, while a Latina woman earns, on average, \$1.1 million less.

While last Session we took a monumental step in Nevada by passing Equal Pay, it is still critical that we recognize the gender-pay gap still exists in this Country. It is important to note, as of today, a woman who is working full time will earn the same amount as her male counterpart. On Equal Pay Day, I wanted to note and recognize there is still work to be done in this space. We hope to continue that work, here, in this Body.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate