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CARSON CITY (Tuesday), March 30, 2021

Senate called to order at 11:30 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Nick Emery.

Father God, we thank You for this day. Thank You for each one of these leaders. In Psalm 25:4-5, the prayer is to show me the right path, O Lord. Point out the road for me to follow to lead me by Your truth and teach me, for You are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in You.

God, I echo this prayer that You would show these leaders, their staff and their families the right path to be on. Help them clearly see where they need to go in service to our State and to the various people and families in Nevada. Lead them in Your truth. Help them to learn and grow along the way. God, may they see the value in having a saving hope in You.

I pray that as they use their unique talents, skills and resources for service in this State, that You would ignite their hearts with joy. This role to serve in is hard, filled with criticism, intensity and pressure. Help them to be alive in service to this State by using the very things You have equipped them with from their educational and practical experiences to their knowledge in business, finance and law. Take all that they have encountered, blended with every passion and sacred interest of the heart and use that for the good of our State, I pray.

Hold, bless and encourage these leaders for answering this high calling of service and bless our great State, 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.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Pursuant to Senate Standing Rule No. 134.1(a), Senate Majority Leader Cannizzaro has authorized Senator Spearman to use remote-technology systems to attend, participate, vote and take any other action in the proceedings of the Senate.

Senator Brooks moved that Senate Standing Rule No. 50 be suspended, and that Senate Bill No. 303 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Labor and re-referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Remarks by Senator Brooks.

I am moving to refer this bill so we can send it to Growth and Infrastructure due to its subject matter on solar sales.

Motion carried.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that Senate Bill No. 179 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 404—AN ACT relating to cannabis; authorizing the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability to adopt and enforce regulations relating to cannabis weighing and measuring equipment; requiring the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability to ensure cannabis weighing and measuring equipment are suitable for their intended use, properly installed, accurate and maintained by their owner or user; requiring the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability to inspect and test cannabis weighing and measuring equipment; authorizing the State Sealer of Consumer Equitability to establish an annual fee for all cannabis weighing and measuring equipment; prohibiting a person from having or in his or her possession or selling or offering to sell an incorrect weight or measure for use in a cannabis establishment; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 405—AN ACT relating to public utilities; revising provisions relating to the annual assessment levied to support the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and the Consumer's Advocate of the Bureau of Consumer Protection; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

SENATOR HANSEN:

We are almost at the end of Women's History Month, and I would like to mention several women who were pioneers in Nevada in some areas. The first is Barbara Vucanovich. She was the first female elected to federal office by the State of Nevada and served from 1983 to 1997. Her mother was Hispanic so she also is arguably the first Hispanic woman elected to federal office as

well. She passed away in 2013 at the age of 91. In his eulogy, Governor Sandoval said, "Barbara Vucanovich was the matriarch of her political generation ... Nevada's 'Silver Lady' First and foremost, however, Barbara was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her family was always her priority, even as she served the entire Nevada family in the United States Congress." I had the great opportunity of getting to know her in my political career.

Next is her daughter, another Nevada first, Patty Cafferata. She was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1978. In 1982, she became the first woman elected as Nevada State Treasurer. She later went on to serve as District Attorney in three Nevada counties. She is also an accomplished author and Nevada historian. We may see her soon as the building opens up, as she is still active politically. She is a true pioneer.

The last I will speak of is another Nevada pioneer. She had a tough life. When she was less than one year old, her parents divorced. Her father was an alcoholic, and her mother raised her for almost her entire life in a singlewide trailer, a single mom in a singlewide trailer. Growing up, she remembers frequently eating pancakes, three meals a day and for days at a time, while they waited for her mom's check to arrive. She would buy her school clothes, which were very limited, from K-Mart. Her father would call and promise to show up on a certain day at a certain time. This little girl would dress up and wait in anxious anticipation for the hour to arrive. She would wait out in front of the trailer in the trailer park and watch for her dad. In too many cases, she would wait and wait. Her mom would then bring her into the house and assure her that something important must have come up to keep him from visiting. One time, she had the humiliating experience of having her friends visit her at the trailer and having most of the furniture repossessed. The power was frequently shut off. To this day, when the power flickers, she wonders if she forgot to pay the bill.

It was not all doom and gloom. In about her junior year of high school, her dad through, as he would have told you, the intervention of Jesus Christ, was able to overcome his alcoholism. For the remaining 24 years of his life, he was a very good father to her. As she got older, she also had a tremendous advantage of being a natural beauty, both physically and in personality. She had an almost magnetic personality. Anyone who met her found her to be one of those people who they were automatically attracted to. In her senior year, she was elected homecoming queen by the high school student body. Later that year, her senior class elected her as having the best personality in the class. She also met a young man in her senior year. A couple of years out of high school, they married. She became the mother of four sons and four daughters. She is currently the grandmother of 20 children. She was elected to the Nevada Legislature in 2018, which makes her one of the members of the first, female-majority Legislature. She is also half of another kind of first. She is the first female to serve concurrently with her husband in the Nevada Legislature. At least one Nevada State Senator thinks she is still the most beautiful woman on whole planet. If you have not figured it out, I am talking about Assemblywoman Alexis Lloyd Hansen of District 32. She is a phenomenal example of a truly great, Nevada pioneer woman.

All three of these women have earned a round of applause from us.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

I would like to honor our Lieutenant Governor, Kate Marshall, who is here to lead us in this Senate Chamber. As we honor the women in Nevada, we recognize that you have done many jobs in our State.

Our Lieutenant Governor grew up in a working-class neighborhood, as did many of us. She was the eldest of six children, which probably taught her some hard work. She worked throughout high school, and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of California, Berkeley, with the help of scholarships, Pell grants and student loans. After two years in the Peace Corps, where she was teaching high school in Kenya, she returned to earn a law degree from Berkeley. She next chose public service in the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1997, she was recruited by Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa to lead the Justice Department and come to Nevada to set up the State Anti-trust Office. As a senior deputy Attorney General, she joined in the multistate prosecution of Toys "R" Us, which was a price-fixing scheme. She ensured the merger of the Lucky and Albertson's grocery stores in Las Vegas did not lead to a loss of union jobs. She was elected State Treasurer in 2006 and reelected in 2010. As Treasurer, she got rid of no-bid contracts and off-the-book accounts. She reduced spending, making government more efficient during the

economic downturn in 2009. She successfully managed Nevada's investments so they earned money every quarter.

One of her proudest achievements is, of course, the College Kickstart Program, the first statewide program of its kind. She partnered with local banks to open college-fund savings accounts to every kindergartener in a public school in Nevada. As a kindergarten teacher, I thank you. She currently serves on the Board of the United Way of Northern Nevada and recently ran her own legal consulting business as well. In January 2019, she was sworn-in as Lieutenant Governor. She is a member of Governor Sisolak's cabinet and serves as President of the Nevada State Senate.

Thank you for what you do for us every day. In this Women's History Month, we feel it is important to honor you as well.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, April 1, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate