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CARSON CITY (Thursday), February 16, 2023

Assembly called to order at 11:37 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Kelcey West.

Let us bow to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to the God whom David praised and Daniel promoted, for Your grace that is sufficient and for Your mercy that endures forever. We seek with a revived spirit of expectation and restored spirit of hope that we are moving closer to that day when we will all be free.

As we also gather to celebrate history, we thank You for allowing us, throughout the dispensations of time, to successfully walk across systemic seas on dry land and to survive nights spent in dense field with lawless lions. We thank You, Lord, because we are standing and serving in Carson City. We thank You for raising up this assembly of leaders, like You raised up that assembly of judges for such a time as this.

Master, we ask that You would give this Assembly the strength to move the mountains that our ancestors had to climb. Give them the ability to do that which is needed again for such a time as this. And, Master, we will be careful—not if but when victory is won—to give You all the praise, the honor, and the glory.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Jauregui 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 15, 2023

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 124.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 81st Session.

Resolution read.

Remarks by Assemblyman Watts.

ASSEMBLYMAN WATTS:

Assembly Joint Resolution 10 of the 81st Session proposes to amend both the Ordinance of the *Nevada Constitution* and the *Nevada Constitution* itself to remove language authorizing the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment. The resolution was approved by the 81st Session of the Legislature in 2021. If approved in identical form during the 2023 Legislative Session, the proposal will be submitted to the voters for final approval or disapproval in the 2024 General Election.

It is an honor today to be gathered here and to be surrounded in the halls and in the Chamber by so many who are gathered to celebrate the rich culture and accomplishments of Black Americans. I am wearing a pin from the Moulin Rouge, the historic establishment in Las Vegas that is just one part of that amazing history. I think it is also important to note that for many of us here today, history begins on slave ships. The Spanish brought African slaves to St. Augustine, Florida, in 1565. The English ship known as the White Lion initiated the Black slave trade in America in 1619, when about 20 Africans were sold on the shores of Virginia.

We were not the only ones to face these horrors. This resolution was heard just a couple of days ago, on Nevada Tribes Legislative Day. Indigenous people were also enslaved by English colonizers. But it is important to understand that most of the Black people in this Chamber and in the halls today are descendants of slaves, myself included. Ours is a history of resistance and resilience in the face of generations of trauma so intense that it is hard to truly fathom. Today, we say no more. We say never again.

May the passage of this resolution, and the unequivocal rejection of slavery and involuntary servitude in this state, be one more step forward in a journey toward justice and joy for all. Today, let us make history together.

Roll call on Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 81st Session:

YEAS—42.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 81st Session having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Senate.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bill No. 24.

WAYNE THORLEY
Fiscal Analysis Division

Mr. Speaker announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 11:52 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:55 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Hibbetts, Yurek and D’Silva and Senator Pazina:

Assembly Bill No. 180—AN ACT relating to collective bargaining; requiring the Government Employee-Management Relations Board to establish separate bargaining units for certain supervisory employees who are peace officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Torres moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Hibbetts and Yurek:

Assembly Bill No. 181—AN ACT relating to concealed firearms; revising the requirements pertaining to demonstrating competence with handguns for an active peace officer who applies for a permit to carry a concealed firearm; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywomen Brittney Miller, Anderson and La Rue Hatch:

Assembly Bill No. 182—AN ACT relating to education; requiring a person to hold a baccalaureate degree before obtaining certain licenses to teach or enrolling in an alternative route to licensure; requiring a person who holds an endorsement in certain fields of specialization to teach only in such a field; adding a license to serve as a substitute teacher as a kind of teaching license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 183—AN ACT relating to child welfare; requiring certain entities in the juvenile justice system and the child welfare system to screen certain children for commercial sexual exploitation; requiring such entities to take certain actions if the results of a screening indicate that a child is a victim of commercial sexual exploitation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Brittney Miller moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Watts, C.H. Miller, Yeager, Kasama and Marzola; Senators Harris and Pazina:

Assembly Bill No. 184—AN ACT relating to air pollution; creating the Account for Clean Trucks and Buses; creating the Clean Trucks and Buses

Incentive Program; establishing various requirements for the Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Cohen moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 124.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Speaker requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG:

“History” is derived from the ancient Greek word “historia.” It means “inquiry; knowledge acquired by investigation.” It is the systematic study and documentation of human activity. Today marks the 16th day of Black History Month, an idea conceived in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Its purpose is to note the contributions of Black Americans which, during his time, were basically ignored in history books. The importance of this month is to recognize the accomplishments of people of African descent, from Ghana, Botswana, Senegal, Cameroon, Congo, and all of those faraway places in Africa where they came from as enslaved people, but who embraced the hope, freedom, and justice that this country has promised and all the contributions that they often gave their lives for—for a dream to be realized.

Today, we are hosting many special guests. They will be acknowledged later, but at this time, I am going to acknowledge Torrey Russell, who is the Director of Broadway in the Hood. They will be giving a performance today during our Black History Month luncheon. Please join us immediately after floor in Room 3100. We will have exhibits, we will have this incredible artistic performance, and we will have amazing food honoring the deep and rich history of Black culinary excellence in America.

ASSEMBLYMAN C.H. MILLER:

In this very special month, on this day, we have special guests in the house. It is important that, while we talk about Black history and serving in this female-majority Legislature, we acknowledge that women in leadership, especially Black women in leadership, is a normal thing in Nevada.

I want to first introduce a few people, then we are going to present a brief proclamation. I have one of perhaps less than 20 Black chiefs of staff in our federal House sitting with me today. I have beside me Congressman Steven Horsford’s Chief of Staff, Asha Jones. Sitting beside her is Qiava Martinez, Chief Sales Officer for the Las Vegas Raiders, and also Piper Overstreet-White, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Las Vegas Raiders.

Sitting with the first African-American woman to serve in a leadership role in the Nevada Assembly and the first Black woman to be Speaker Pro Tempore, Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, we have our first championship professional sports team. We have Ms. Natalie Williams, General Manager of the Las Vegas Aces, and Assistant Coach Charlene Thomas-Swinson of the Las Vegas Aces. We are excited and honored to have you here.

We have a proclamation that I am going to read. It says:

WHEREAS, Nevada is the epicenter to many guest treasures but one of the things it is becoming quickly recognized for is its ceiling-breaking hiring and forward thinking in the arena of sports; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA)’s Las Vegas Aces played their inaugural season in Las Vegas, achieving mild success, but it was not until 2021 when the Aces named Yolanda

Nicole “Nikki” Fargas team president that the franchise began to flourish by winning the WNBA championship in 2022, making them the first Nevada based sports team to win a major professional championship; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, only a few years after the Aces moved to southern Nevada, the National Football League (NFL)’s Las Vegas Raiders played their inaugural season at Allegiant Stadium and named Sandra Douglass Morgan president in 2022—becoming the first Black woman to be named president of a NFL team; and

WHEREAS, These two landmark hires are emblematic of the important progress and transformative growth organizations are realizing that can lead to success in our great State; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is made up of a diverse citizenry with a unique sports fanbase, it is incumbent upon industry leaders to continue to ensure that opportunities are available for all residents and equality in hiring is reflected at all levels and sectors of business; and

WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Raiders and Las Vegas Aces have made historic strides in areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion, in addition to, providing combined team outreach efforts to local schools and community groups; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That Nevadans are encouraged to join us in recognizing the history making accomplishments of the Las Vegas Raiders and the Las Vegas Aces, as we celebrate the 3rd biannual Nevada Black Legislative Caucus Black History Summit; and be it further

PROCLAIMED, With the ascension of Black women to prominent leadership roles, the Las Vegas Raiders and the Las Vegas Aces have cemented a permanent place in Nevada’s history.

DATED this 16th day of February, 2023.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN BRITTNEY MILLER:

I would like to acknowledge our Black northern Nevadan leaders who are here with us today on the floor. First, we have Judge Ken Howard, who is the first African American to serve as a judge in northern Nevada and also the first African American to serve as student body president in a northern Nevadan high school.

We have Marilyn Howard, one of the first African-American women to teach in the Washoe County School District. She also held a zero period—I want you to understand, when we say “zero period,” that often means before school, after school, unpaid, and completely voluntary—cooking class to make sure that low-income students could start the day with a meal.

Mr. Lonnie Feemster, our past president of the NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People] in the north and a longtime civil rights advocate and community activist.

We also have Ms. Coni Taylor, cofounder of the Northern Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society and cofounder of ACCEPT [Access for Community and Cultural Education Programs and Trainings], the first agency in northern Nevada to provide HIV/AIDS education and support for African Americans.

We also have Ms. Shirley Ann Thomas, the first African-American woman to teach and coach middle school in the Washoe County School District. She spent her career at the most diverse school in the district, becoming a mentor and role model for the young African-American students there.

We have Ms. Mary Cooper on behalf of Reverend Onie Cooper. Reverend Cooper was the state cochair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, which worked to get the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday recognized in Nevada. He was a leader in the fight for civil rights in northern Nevada as early as the 1960s.

Please acknowledge our Black northern Nevadan leaders. We have many friends, family, community organizers, and supporters here today on the floor. If you are here today to celebrate Black history—and I say Black history, but Black history is continuing to be made—by partaking in our Black history summit, please stand up and be recognized today.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Natha Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lonnie Feemster, Dwight Stewart, and E. Marie Hughes.

On request of Assemblywoman Shea Backus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Yvette Williams.

On request of Assemblyman Max Carter, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Steve Shell.

On request of Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Katie Waechter.

On request of Assemblywoman Venicia Considine, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Karl Catarata and Jesus A. Palma.

On request of Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gerald Mayes.

On request of Assemblyman Rich DeLong, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sarah Hartzell.

On request of Assemblywoman Jill Dickman, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Janet Glaitli.

On request of Assemblywoman Bea Duran, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. Sara Hunt.

On request of Assemblywoman Cecelia González, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lauren Chapple-Love.

On request of Assemblyman Ken Gray, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Robin Reedy.

On request of Assemblyman Bert Gurr, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Marianne McKowan.

On request of Assemblyman Gregory Hafen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jessica Medina.

On request of Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. Michelle McGuire.

On request of Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jessica Flood-Abrass, Judge Kenneth Howard, and Marilyn Howard.

On request of Assemblyman C.H. Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Qiava Martinez, Piper Overstreet, and Asha Jones.

On request of Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Asia Duncan and Ashley Dotson.

On request of Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Natalie Williams, Charlene Thomas Swinson, and Jo Cato.

On request of Assemblywoman Erica Mosca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Laura Yanez.

On request of Assemblyman Duy Nguyen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Trinh Dang.

On request of Assemblyman P.K. O'Neill, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Thalia Maya.

On request of Assemblyman David Orentlicher, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Ashley Floyd.

On request of Assemblywoman Sarah Peters, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Laurie Drucker, Casey Drucker, Mary Cooper on behalf of Onie Cooper, and Patricia Y. Gallimore.

On request of Assemblywoman Shondra Summers-Armstrong, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Richard Hodgson and Torrey Russell.

On request of Assemblywoman Angie Taylor, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Conie Taylor and Shirley Thomas.

On request of Assemblywoman Clara Thomas, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alicia Smith.

On request of Assemblyman Howard Watts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kelcey West, Patrina McKinney, and Will Rucker.

On request of Assemblyman Steve Yeager, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Aimee D'Errico.

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved that the Assembly adjourn until Monday, February 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE YEAGER
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly