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CARSON CITY (Friday), March 3, 2023

Assembly called to order at 11:43 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblywomen Gallant and Summers-Armstrong who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Kathy Morris.

Good and gracious God, we thank You for the beauty of the earth and for the breath of life within us. Guide this Assembly today as they do the work set before them. Grant them wisdom and understanding as they listen and learn. We thank You for all the mentors and teachers and educators who have passed on knowledge to them which has led them to this place. We ask today that You would bless all teachers and educators, parents, and grandparents and so many others who work to foster learning within the children and young people of our state. Keep our children and young people safe so that they may continue to grow in their wisdom and knowledge. Give this Assembly clarity as they make decisions important for the future of so many in our state. Thank You for their willingness to serve.

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, March 2, 2023

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 91, 132.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Resolution No. 5—Providing for the appointment of an additional attache for the Assembly.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Claudette Thompson is elected as an additional attache of the Assembly for the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Assemblywoman Gorelow moved the adoption of the resolution.

Resolution adopted.

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 2, 2023

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bills Nos. 141, 148, 149, 182, 217, 221.

SARAH COFFMAN
Fiscal Analysis Division

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved that the person as set forth on the Nevada Legislature's Press Accreditation List of March 3, 2023, be accepted as an accredited press representative, assigned space at the press table in the Assembly Chamber, allowed the use of appropriate broadcasting facilities, and that the list be included in this day's journal.

KXNB & KOLO: Luis Latino.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 213 be withdrawn from the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 213 be rereferred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblywoman Mosca:

Assembly Bill No. 241—AN ACT relating to education; requiring pupils enrolled in a public high school to be enrolled in the courses and credits required to obtain a college and career ready high school diploma; establishing exceptions to the requirement for a pupil to be enrolled in such courses and credits; 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 Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions relating to the authorized methods of voting in an election under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to accommodations for certain voters who are elderly or have a disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Gorelow moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 243—AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; revising provisions relating to certain vacancies in Joint Interim Standing Committees of the Legislature and the use of alternate committee members; transferring certain duties of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs; revising the deadline to submit an application to serve on the Nevada State Teacher Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force; repealing the requirement that the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services review certain regulations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Gorelow moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Torres:

Assembly Bill No. 244—AN ACT relating to health care; establishing the substantive rights of a person compelled to submit to a mental or physical examination under certain circumstances; authorizing a person who has been aggrieved by the violation of certain rights to institute an action for injunctive and other appropriate relief; repealing provisions relating to a mental or physical examination required of certain persons in a civil action; 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 Torres, Marzola, González, Kasama, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, D'Silva, Duran, Hafen, McArthur, C.H. Miller, Newby, Nguyen, Peters, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor and Watts and Senator Krasner:

Assembly Bill No. 245—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the board of trustees of each school district to enter into a memorandum of understanding with an organization that assists victims of sexual misconduct; revising provisions governing the SafeVoice Program; creating the Commission on Higher Education Campus Safety; revising provisions governing certain programming related to sexual misconduct which institutions in the Nevada System of Higher Education may be required to provide to students and employees; abolishing the Task Force on Sexual Misconduct at Institutions of Higher Education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Torres, Marzola, Watts, González, Anderson, Backus, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brown-May, Carter, Cohen, Considine, D’Silva, Duran, Brittney Miller, C.H. Miller, Mosca, Newby, Nguyen, Peters, Summers-Armstrong and Taylor:

Assembly Bill No. 246—AN ACT relating to elections; requiring the Secretary of State, county clerks and city clerks to ensure that voting materials and certain other elections information are posted on certain Internet websites and made available in certain languages; requiring the Secretary of State and certain county or city clerks to establish a toll-free telephone number which may be used for a person to receive language interpretation or translation assistance relating to an election; requiring such telephone number to be posted at each polling place and on certain Internet websites and included on sample ballots; requiring the Secretary of State to include certain information related to a registered voter’s preferred language on an application to register to vote; requiring county and city clerks to make a good faith effort to appoint election board officers who are bilingual; revising the information relating to registered voters that is required to be included on the statewide voter registration list; requiring, under certain circumstances, a mechanical voting system to list offices, candidates and ballot measures in a voter’s preferred language; creating and setting forth the membership and duties of the Language Access Advisory Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Gorelow moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen La Rue Hatch, Kasama, Carter, Considine, Koenig, Nguyen, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor and Thomas:

Assembly Bill No. 247—AN ACT relating to education; establishing committees to write and prepare college and career readiness assessments in mathematics, reading and writing and requiring the administration of such assessments to certain pupils in grades 11 and 12; requiring a pupil to obtain a passing score on each college and career readiness assessment to obtain a standard high school diploma; revising provisions governing the use of pupil growth in evaluating the performance of teachers; eliminating required end-of-course finals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Hafen and Koenig and Senator Titus:

Assembly Bill No. 248—AN ACT making an appropriation for allocation to the Nevada Health Service Corps to obtain matching federal money for the purpose of encouraging practitioners of certain health professions to practice in underserved areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources:

Assembly Bill No. 249—AN ACT relating to agriculture; authorizing the use of hemp in certain commercial feed under certain circumstances; prohibiting, with certain exceptions, the manufacture, distribution or sale in this State of commercial feed containing hemp for consumption by any livestock other than horses; authorizing the State Department of Agriculture and the Director of the Department to take certain actions against an applicant for a license to manufacture, distribute or be a guarantor of commercial feed or a licensee for certain violations relating to commercial feed containing hemp; providing that certain commercial feed containing hemp shall not be deemed adulterated under certain circumstances; 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. 91.

Assemblywoman Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 132.

Assemblywoman Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Gray requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRAY:

I would like to say a few words about a recent local tragedy. A week ago today, late on Friday evening, air ambulance flight call sign November 273 Sierra Mike, operated by our own Care Flight, was departing from Reno and heading for Salt Lake City. While en route, it broke apart in midair above the town of Stagecoach in Lyon County. The five people on the flight—Scott Walton, the pilot; Ed Pricola, the flight nurse; Ryan Watson, the flight paramedic; Mark Rand, the patient; and Mark's wife, Terri—were all tragically lost.

The flight had taken off while a storm warning was in effect—winds howled at 20 to 30 miles per hour. But this is a risk that air ambulance crews willingly take to help their patients. At the time, no one could have predicted this disaster.

Not long after the takeoff from Reno, residents of Stagecoach heard the single engine of the Pilatus PC-12 howl as the craft rapidly descended and sections of the aircraft struck the snow-covered ground. Due to the whiteout conditions and the cold winds, it took first responders and local volunteers two hours to locate the pieces of the aircraft, which were strewn up to three quarters of a mile apart from each other. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office then confirmed that nobody on board survived the crash.

As a former flight medic in the Air Force, I know the risk these crews take to help save lives. We must honor their memory. The crash site was only several miles from my own home. I know it will take time for my own community to recover and for the families of those we lost that day to grieve and begin to put the pieces of their lives back together. I thank God that nobody on the ground was hurt.

As of now, we do not have enough information regarding why this tragedy happened to make a well-informed call to action. It is unclear why the aircraft failed. Even with the storm warning, it was not, at the time, a risky decision to allow the plane to make the flight from Reno to Salt Lake City. For now, all we can do is grieve, assist those who lost loved ones to begin to pick up the pieces of their lives, and be grateful to those who risk their lives to help keep us safe.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to request that we take a moment of silence to remember the victims of this horrific tragedy and adjourn today's meeting in their honor and memory.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Joseph Castellanos and Hannah Williams.

On request of Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Justice Weyand, Katie Singsank, and Zachary Johnigan.

On request of Assemblywoman Lesley Cohen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alicia Carr, Kenneth Cottrell, and Khrystyna Lazar.

On request of Assemblywoman Venicia Considine, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kaylee O'Donnell, Gabrielle Constantino, and Alexis Sotolongo-Marin.

On request of Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cecilia Garcia Leon, Nasibeh Arabameri, and Tyler Rodney.

On request of Assemblywoman Bea Duran, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Natesse West Melendez, Abe van Helmond, and Alison Maczko.

On request of Assemblywoman Danielle Gallant, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lisa Flynn and Sabrina O'Gwynn.

On request of Assemblywoman Cecelia González, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Zoe Brill, Kaylee Crandell, and Evan Falkenthal.

On request of Assemblywoman Michelle Gorelow, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Royce Pereira and Evelyn Thompson-Hibert.

On request of Assemblyman Gregory Hafen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Theodore “T.J.” Milk.

On request of Assemblywoman Alexis Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Mounzer Zein, Virginia Smercina, and Drue Sahuc.

On request of Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alan Garcia and Burak Sahin.

On request of Assemblywoman Heidi Kasama, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Godson Ebenezer Adjovu, Emily Grace Arriviello, and Gabson Baguma.

On request of Assemblyman Richard McArthur, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Larry Hurst, LaTricha Nathan, and Warren Southerland.

On request of Assemblyman C.H. Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jonathan Fehner.

On request of Assemblywoman Brittney Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Caren Yap, Jordyn Sanders, and Stacey Williams.

On request of Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sai Balaji Jai Kumar, Ernest Cornejo and Nour Benjelloun.

On request of Assemblywoman Erica Mosca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Grant Kornrumph, Lawrence Bass, and Lauren Warshaswky.

On request of Assemblywoman Sabra Newby, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Krista Diamond, Willow Olson, Ryan Edep, Logan Cayton, and Peter Saba.

On request of Assemblyman Duy Nguyen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Margoth Tello Rodriguez, Sofia Takhtadjian, and Hieu Le.

On request of Assemblyman David Orentlicher, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Erick Alcantar, Ana Thomas, and Nicole Thomas.

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

On request of Assemblywoman Selena Torres, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Amanda Vaskov, Laekyn Kelley, and Borna Nemet.

On request of Assemblyman Howard Watts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Paul-Louis de Nassau, Ethan Garrison, and Jillian Hooker.

On request of Assemblyman Steve Yeager, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Teresa Marie, Esther Placazares, and Ambree Schoetker.

On request of Assemblyman Toby Yurek, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Hank Boone, Alyssda Crittenden, and Taylor Duffy.

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory and honor of the five lives lost in the recent Care Flight accident.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE YEAGER
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly