

THE FIFTEENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), February 20, 2023

Senate called to order at 11:47 a.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Neal, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Jedidiah Maschke.

Heavenly Father, as we begin another week, take into Your gracious care all the members of this Senate, the presiding officers and all those who serve here to assist them. Endow them with a high sense of responsibility of the offices to which they have been elected. Protect them from the temptations of selfish interests. Fill them with knowledge and wisdom, that the resolutions they adopt and the laws they enact may be for the good of all people.

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 13, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JULIE PAZINA, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 16, 2023

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 81st Session.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 16, 2023

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bill No. 118.

WAYNE THORLEY

Fiscal Analysis Division

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Watts, C.H. Miller, Frierson, Brittney Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Summers-Armstrong, Thomas; Senators Harris, Neal and Spearman.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 81st Session—Proposing to amend the Ordinance of the Nevada Constitution and the Nevada Constitution to

remove language authorizing the use of slavery and involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment.

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

In obedience to the requirements of an act of the Congress of the United States, approved March twenty-first, A.D. eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to enable the people of Nevada to form a constitution and state government, this convention, elected and convened in obedience to said enabling act, do ordain as follows, and this ordinance shall be irrevocable, without the consent of the United States and the people of the State of Nevada:

First. That there shall be in this state neither slavery nor involuntary servitude . ~~nor otherwise than in the punishment for crimes, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.~~

Second. That perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and no inhabitant of said state shall ever be molested, in person or property, on account of his or her mode of religious worship.

Third. That the people inhabiting said territory do agree and declare, that they forever disclaim all right and title to the unappropriated public lands lying within said territory, and that the same shall be and remain at the sole and entire disposition of the United States; and that lands belonging to citizens of the United States, residing without the said state, shall never be taxed higher than the land belonging to the residents thereof; and that no taxes shall be imposed by said state on lands or property therein belonging to, or which may hereafter be purchased by, the United States, unless otherwise provided by the congress of the United States.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That Section 17 of Article 1 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17. Neither Slavery nor involuntary servitude ~~unless for the punishment of crimes~~ shall ever be tolerated in this State.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Senator Ohrenschall moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the following persons be accepted as accredited press representatives, and that they be allowed the use of appropriate media facilities: THE NEVADA APPEAL: Scott Neuffer; UNRELENTING MEDIA: Daniel Abraham, Joseph Abraham.

Motion carried.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senators Dondero Loop and Pazina as sponsors of Senate Bill No. 129.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Goicoechea:

Senate Bill No. 176—AN ACT relating to water; creating the Account for Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights; establishing the Purchasing and Retiring Water Rights Program; requiring the State Engineer to purchase and retire certain water rights with money from the Account; authorizing the State Engineer to use money in a basin well account for the purchase of water rights

under certain circumstances; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Dondero Loop, Spearman, Cannizzaro, Flores, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall and Pazina and Assemblywoman Thomas:

Senate Bill No. 177—AN ACT relating to Medicaid; requiring Medicaid and health maintenance organizations and other managed care organizations providing coverage to recipients of Medicaid to cover certain antipsychotic or anticonvulsant drugs under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Dondero Loop moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Senators Krasner and Flores:

Senate Bill No. 178—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Veterans Services for the Veterans K-9 Corps peer support dog training program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Krasner moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

By Senator Hammond:

Senate Bill No. 179—AN ACT relating to civil litigation; imposing certain requirements on a party to a civil action who has entered into a third-party litigation funding agreement; imposing certain requirements on a third-party litigation funding company; making the publication of certain advertisements concerning prescription drugs or medical devices a deceptive trade practice under certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Hammond moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Remarks by Senators Lange and Cannizzaro.

SENATOR LANGE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I grew up in Whitefish, Montana, 50 miles from the Canadian border and spent many summers in Canada. I am pleased to introduce my guests today. We have two representatives from the government of Canada.

Zaib Shaikh began his mandate as general counsel of Canada in Los Angeles in December of 2018. He is the government of Canada's senior representative in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada. He comes to the posting after an extensive career in the media and entertainment industries, having worked as an actor and producer in theater, film and television. From 2014 until

his appointment in 2018, Mr. Shaikh was the film commissioner and director of entertainment industries in the City of Toronto.

Also with us is Arwen Widmer Bobyk, counsel for diplomacy, culture and communications. Arwen is a career diplomat with 23 years of experience in the federal government of Canada. In addition to the normal day-to-day diplomacy, Arwen focuses considerable energy on growing the relationship between Canada and the Southwest United States in the areas of equity, inclusion and cultural industries.

I am proud to give you this proclamation today. "That today is honored as Canada Day at the Legislature, with both Chambers of the Nevada Legislature recognizing the important economic and trade relations between Canada and Nevada, as well as expressing deep appreciation to the people of the government of Canada for their long history of friendship with the people and government of the United States and the State of Nevada; and be it further proclaimed that many years of cooperation, trade partnership, tourism and goodwill between Canada, the United States, and the State of the Nevada are looked forward to. Dated this 20th day of February, 2023."

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I am pleased to have with me students from the University of Nevada, Reno. They are members of the Associated Students at the University of Nevada, which is their student government. I have a proclamation for them, and I will read a couple of portions from it.

"Over 14,000 undergraduate students at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), benefit from their collective power to express their needs through their student government, the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN), and the core of this organization is the pursuit of a better future for Nevadans all across the State; and [...]

"WHEREAS,"—I thought this was particularly interesting for this body—"Throughout the UNR community, ASUN promotes civic engagement, and in 2020, 71.2 percent of UNR's voting-eligible population cast their vote, which is 5.2 percent higher than the voting rate at other academic institutions; [...] therefore, be it

"PROCLAIMED, That the residents of Nevada are heartily encouraged to congratulate the success of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada for its dedication to educational excellence and for its work to ensure improved opportunities for career and professional growth of the student body as its members prepare to become the next generation of leaders of our country and State."

This is a nice tidbit about the students who are running the ASUN student government and how they are engaging with their peers to encourage civic responsibility and to get them out to vote and to be interested and participating in the different things they are advocating for on behalf of their student body.

I am pleased to have two student leaders from the ASUN. I have Jada Maglinao. Jada is a sociology and communications major who serves as the vice president of the ASUN. From acting as a liaison between students and athletics to assisting the ASUN president, she is highly involved in UNR's student community. Outside of the ASUN, she has held several leadership positions within her sorority, Pi Beta Phi.

I also have with me Andrew Thompson. Andrew is a chemical engineering major and serves as the speaker of ASUN's legislative branch. He oversees outreach efforts for 25 student senators and manages the University's ASUN Senate.

In the gallery, we have other student representatives from ASUN. They are here, eager and attentive, to learn more about Nevada's legislative process. As a personal point of privilege, I am a proud graduate of UNR and a proud supporter of the Wolf Pack. Everybody on this floor knows I proudly represent that university, which gave me such an opportunity. We have had an opportunity this past week to have several of these students testify in committees and advocate in the Senators' offices for things that are near and dear to their hearts and their student body's needs. They are impressive, well put together, thoughtful, and it is astounding to watch them in the Legislative Building.

I also want to acknowledge our friends from Canada and welcome them for Canada Day. We have this event on a regular basis at the Legislature, and it is always an honor to have you here this year on the floor with us in the Senate.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Alexis Alexander, Devika Bararia, Emma Bergren, Isabella Hatt, Jada Maglinao, Cooper Nicholl, Nathan Noble, Matthew Sauls, Peverel Shipley, John Solomon, Jr., Zane Taylor, Andrew Thompson, MacKenzie Tracy, Megan Vaskov and Maria Zamudio.

On request of Senator Lange, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Arwen Widmer Bobyk and Zaib Shaikh.

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Boris Carpio Guerra.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Matthew Swackhamer.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Approved:

STAVROS ANTHONY
President of the Senate

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY
Secretary of the Senate