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Senate called to order at 11:18 a.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by Pastor Mitch Moore.

Dear most gracious heavenly Father, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we want to just thank You right now. We enter into Your presence with thanksgiving and to Your courtyard with praises, for Lord, You said, in all things give thanks, but this is the will of God concerning us. Father God, today we pray that You look on us right now. In the Name of Jesus, we pray, God, that You bless this place, bless these people, bless each and every individual, God, under the sound of my voice. Now, Father God, we pray, God, that we come before You with wisdom, knowledge and understanding, and in all things acknowledging You. For You said, O God, lean not to your own understanding, but to acknowledge You in all our ways and You shall direct our path.

Lord, we need Your guidance, O God, our Creator. We need Your guidance; we need Your direction for this country, for, O God, this State, for, Lord, this city and for this place, O God, in the Name of Jesus. And we give You all the glory, all the praise, and we thank You for all that You've done and everything that You are going to do. For, Father God, it was You who brought us this far. If we are going to go any farther, it is You who are to take us.

So, Lord, we pray that You take us with Your everlasting arm, Your everlasting hands. Direct our path in the Name of Jesus. And with all things, O God, let us give You all the thanks and all the glory.

In Jesus' Name as we pray, thank God.

AMEN and 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

Senator Scheible moved that the following persons be accepted as accredited press representatives and be allowed the use of appropriate media facilities: Drew Ribar of AUDITING RENO 911 and Sophia Lincoln of KRVN NEWS 4.

Motion carried.

By Senators Cannizzaro, Buck, Cruz-Crawford, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Ellison, Flores, Hansen, Krasner, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Rogich, Scheible, Steinbeck, Stone, Taylor and Titus; Assemblymembers Yeager, Anderson, Backus, Brown-May, Carter, Cole, Considine, Dalia, DeLong, Dickman, D'Silva, Edgeworth, Flanagan, Gallant, González, Goulding, Gray, Gurr, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Hibbetts, Hunt, Jackson, Jauregui, Karris, Kasama, Koenig, La Rue Hatch, Marzola, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Moore, Mosca, Nadeem, Nguyen, O'Neill, Orentlicher, Roth, Torres-Fossett, Watts and Yurek:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Memorializing esteemed native Nevadan and lobbyist Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt.

WHEREAS, Born 2 months premature at a mere 4 pounds in Reno, Nevada in 1957, Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt entered the world with an indomitable fighting spirit; and

WHEREAS, The devoted daughter of parents Paul Dominique Laxalt and Jackalyn Ross Laxalt, Neena Laxalt grew up in Carson City with her five siblings and many cousins; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt was raised in the world of law and politics with her maternal grandfather, Judge John R. Ross, serving as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada from 1954 to 1963 and her father, Paul D. Laxalt, serving as Nevada’s Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator between 1963 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, A proud product of humble immigrants who settled in Nevada, Neena Laxalt, as a fourth-generation Irish descendant, possessed a keen sense of humor, a refined gift of conversation and, as a second-generation Basque descendant, a clear focus and unfailing work ethic; and

WHEREAS, After beginning her storied lobbying career in the halls of the Arizona Legislature, Neena Laxalt spent over 25 years skillfully navigating the legislative process at the Nevada Legislature and in other governmental arenas by providing valuable insights and fostering collaboration among policymakers, stakeholders and communities; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, her colleagues recognized her significant contributions by inducting her into the Nevada Legislature’s James A. Joyce Lobbyist Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt has had a marked impact on numerous state policies, notably in the areas of agriculture, ranching, animal welfare and the well-being of Nevada’s Native American and rural communities, and she devoted innumerable hours in her leadership role planning the historic celebration of Nevada’s sesquicentennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt mentored countless young professionals, especially women, and her guidance and support empowered them to flourish in their advocacy or political careers; and

WHEREAS, An animal and nature enthusiast, Neena Laxalt became the guardian of the revered Laxalt family sheep camp at Marlette Lake, following in her Basque grandfather Dominique Laxalt’s footsteps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Neena Laxalt’s daughter, Kevan Danielle, her granddaughter, Grace Kathleen, her four siblings, her many cousins and her many lifelong friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the legacy of Neena Laxalt’s distinguished lobbying career and service to this State will long be remembered and serve as an inspiration to others to embrace the role of mentor or tireless advocate for their causes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Neena Laxalt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Senator Cannizzaro moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Cannizzaro, Titus and Ohrenschall.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I rise in strong support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1. In the nearly four decades—which is quite a long period of time for public service—Neena Laxalt committed to that, she left a timeless impact on our State, our Legislators, our Legislature, and every person in this building and every person that she met. Her dedication lives on in this building through the policies she fought for and the countless people that she mentored. I think it is worth noting that in a legislature that is a majority-female legislature, there was someone who was pioneering and mentoring young women throughout this building on the business of the Legislature and how to pass policies and impact lives and improve Nevada for everyone involved, and I think that started with Neena Laxalt.

We are super grateful to have had her helping so many people throughout that process but, in particular, her wonderful mentorship of so many women in this building. Neena was not only an advocate for the issues she cared about, she dedicated every day of her career to being an advocate for the future of all Nevadans.

The stories that follow Neena tell the story of an intelligent, kind woman with an irreplicable power to transform. I am honored to work alongside my colleagues to continue that legacy, committing every day of our time here to transform our State's future. I think it is fitting to note that from the beginning, she had quite the fighting spirit, that of a true Nevadan, who cared very much about this State and the people in it, and that will continue to inspire us all here.

I know that Neena could always be trusted to bring truth and passion and kindness to any meeting and on any issue she advocated for so tirelessly. To Neena, thank you for your care and for your brilliance. You are sincerely missed.

SENATOR TITUS:

I, too, rise in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1. Today, we take a moment to honor a remarkable Nevadan, Neena Laxalt, and her storied family. Neena was a dedicated advocate, a fierce champion for her causes that she believed in, and a trailblazer in this building. I know my colleague touched on that. I am not very big—and she wasn't any bigger than I was—but I'll tell ya', when I first started in the session, she was there, and she was standing up for what she believed in. She followed in the footsteps of a family that helped shape our State's history, but she carved her own path, one defined by integrity, hard work and an unwavering commitment to Nevada.

As a lobbyist, Neena was widely respected on both sides of the aisle. She understood that good policy transcends partisanship and that public service is about people, not politics. Her work left an indelible mark on our State, from mental health services to child welfare, and her legacy will continue to benefit Nevadans for generations to come.

Her family has long been part of the fabric of Nevada's public servants and the leaders and visionaries who have helped build and guide our great State. It is only fitting that we, as a body, recognize them today with this proclamation.

To Neena's loved ones, please know that her impact will not be forgotten. We are all grateful for her service, and we honor her memory today and always. Thank you.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I rise in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1. Neena Laxalt was a force of nature in our Nevada legislative halls—steady, straightforward and principled. Over her decades of work, she mentored countless new lobbyists and new Legislators, ensuring that young legislative advocates, young Legislators—especially women—felt supported in this challenging legislative environment. Her willingness to guide newcomers wasn't just a professional courtesy; it was a reflection of who she was: generous, principled and caring.

Neena possessed a genuine commitment to strengthening our Nevada community. She threw her energy into projects like hosting luncheons and trainings for new lobbyists and interns, with a focus on educating women in the industry, as well as preserving and sharing the history of Nevada, for example, at the Stewart Indian School and the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance, of which Neena was very active—I believe she was chair of that in 2015. She was inducted into the James A. Joyce Lobbyist Hall of Fame in recognition of her decades of service to the State.

My recollections of Neena are always fond ones. Whenever she'd come to my office, I knew that she was going to be honest with me, and that she was someone that was not trying to hide the ball or play any games and would tell me where she was coming from and what her points of view

were and that I could trust. I always looked forward to her emails as soon as the BDR list came out because she would invariably send me emails—I might have a BDR, "Revises provisions regarding such and such"—saying, "What does this bill do?" And there were times I had to confess to her; "still working out the details." But I always looked forward to our conversations. I will miss her immensely.

Neena's legacy will live on in her family, the many professionals she guided, the local businesses she championed, and the communities she helped to build. May we honor her memory by supporting one another with the same openhearted spirit she showed us all.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Scheible moved that all necessary rules be suspended and the resolution be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.

Motion carried.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Mr. President announced that if there were no objections, the Senate would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 11:32 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:37 a.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Quorum present.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senator Stone as a primary sponsor of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senator Stone as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 95.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senator Stone as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 103.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senator Stone as a primary sponsor and Senator Steinbeck as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 110.

Senator Stone approved the addition of Senator Krasner as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 148.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Titus, Krasner, Stone, Hansen and Ellison; Assemblymembers Hafen, Hansen, Gray, Gurr, O'Neill and Yurek:

Senate Bill No. 205—AN ACT relating to voter registration; requiring each county clerk to use, or contract with a person authorized by the United States Postal Service to use, the data compiled by the United States Postal Service concerning changes of address of its postal patrons to correct certain portions of the statewide voter registration list; requiring the county clerk to publish on the Internet website of the county clerk the number of persons removed from

the statewide voter registration list using such data; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Titus, Krasner, Hansen, Ellison and Stone:

Senate Bill No. 206—AN ACT relating to governmental administration; requiring the Fiscal Analysis Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to conduct a study each legislative interim relating to the potential or actual return on investment of certain proposed or existing state programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Taylor, Doñate, Neal and Daly:

Senate Bill No. 207—AN ACT relating to health care; transferring the authority to establish and administer a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly from the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to the Department; requiring the Department to establish such a program; requiring the Community Advocate to provide certain services relating to the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Steinbeck and Stone:

Senate Bill No. 208—AN ACT relating to counties; revising the use of revenue collected by a county from certain telephone surcharges; revising provisions governing the fund into which such revenue is deposited; eliminating the authorization for a county to impose a surcharge for purposes of purchasing or maintaining certain recording devices; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Steinbeck moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Senators Stone, Nguyen, Steinbeck, Ellison, Krasner and Buck:

Senate Bill No. 209—AN ACT relating to pharmacy benefit managers; expanding the scope of certain provisions; prohibiting pharmacy benefit managers from engaging in certain practices; requiring pharmacy benefit managers to make certain disclosures; requiring pharmacy benefit managers to pass rebates along to certain insurers and insureds; requiring pharmacy benefit managers and the Commissioner of Insurance to prepare certain reports;

providing a cause of action for certain pharmacies; requiring certain insurers to use passed-along rebate funds for certain purposes; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Stone moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Stone:

Senate Bill No. 210—AN ACT relating to local law enforcement agencies; increasing certain fees collected by constables and sheriffs for certain services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Stone moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Senator Stone:

Senate Bill No. 211—AN ACT relating to public employees; authorizing, under certain circumstances, peace officers or firefighters in the Executive Department of State Government to collectively bargain for insurance benefits; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Stone moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Senators Stone and Krasner:

Senate Bill No. 212—AN ACT relating to governmental administration; making an appropriation to City of Hope to establish an outpatient cancer treatment clinic; establishing the Oncology Excellence Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Stone, Krasner, Steinbeck, Buck and Ellison:

Senate Bill No. 213—AN ACT relating to crimes; expanding the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image to include certain acts relating to the distribution of certain photorealistic images, digital images, electronic images, computer images, computer-generated images and other pictorial representations; expanding the definition of “intimate image”; providing that the crime of unlawful dissemination of an intimate image constitutes a sexual offense for the purposes of various statutes; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Hansen:

Senate Bill No. 214—AN ACT relating to excavations; revising the definition of “excavation” for the purposes of certain provisions governing excavations conducted in areas known or reasonably known to contain subsurface installations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Titus and Daly; Assemblymembers Watts and Yurek:

Senate Bill No. 215—AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations providing for the issuance of salvage permits; providing an exception to certain prohibitions relating to wildlife; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

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 Brian Burris, Grace Burris, Kevan Danielle Burris, Kevin Marie Laxalt and Kristen Laxalt.

On request of Senator Neal, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Marcus Allen, Tricia Braxton and DuAne Young.

On request of Senator Taylor, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Elaine Brannon, Alexandra Couraud and Quentin Savvoir.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn in memory of Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt until Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved:

STAVROS ANTHONY
President of the Senate

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY

Secretary of the Senate