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**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY THE
DEATH PENALTY AND RELATED DNA TESTING
(A.C.R. 3 OF THE 17TH SPECIAL SESSION)**

REMARKS BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

BY

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INTRODUCTION

GOOD MORNING. I AM ASSEMBLYWOMAN SHEILA LESLIE REPRESENTING WASHOE COUNTY DISTRICT 27. THIS PAST INTERIM, I HAD THE DISTINCT HONOR OF SERVING AS CHAIR OF THE A.C.R. 3 STUDY ON THE DEATH PENALTY AND DNA TESTING.

I TRUST THAT YOU ALL HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE BULLETIN REPORT AND HAVE HAD TIME TO REVIEW IT. WITH THAT IN MIND, I WILL BRIEFLY POINT OUT SOME OF THE TOPICS THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED THROUGHOUT THE INTERIM. BEFORE I BEGIN THE OVERVIEW, HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THE LCB STAFF WHO SUPPORTED THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE: NICOLAS ANTHONY, SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST OF THE RESEARCH DIVISION; RISA LANG, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL OF THE LEGAL DIVISION; AND DEBORAH RENGLER, SENIOR RESEARCH