# Journal

OF THE

# ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

EIGHTIETH SESSION

# THE FIRST DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), February 4, 2019

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Statutes, the Assembly was called to order by Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske at 11:28 a.m.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Richard Snyder.

Creator God, we give You thanks for this new day, for new challenges, and for new opportunities. We ask that Your Spirit would fill this Assembly, the House of the People, and that Your Spirit will rest on all those who are sworn into office this day and all those who work for this Chamber. Guide us always so that our efforts may benefit the people of this state and find favor in Your sight.

Amen

Presentation of the colors by the Carson High School NJROTC Color Guard.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Singing of the National Anthem by Ashton Whitley.

Special musical rendition of, "Home Means Nevada" by Ashton Whitley.

Madam Secretary of State requested Ms. Susan Furlong to serve as temporary Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Madam Secretary of State requested that the temporary Chief Clerk call the roll of the 39 elected and the 3 appointed Assembly Members.

Roll called.

Present: Assembly Members Assefa, Backus, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Duran, Edwards, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Fumo, Gorelow, Hafen, Hambrick, Hansen, Hardy, Jauregui, Kramer, Krasner, Leavitt, Martinez, McCurdy, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Munk, Neal, Nguyen, Peters, Roberts, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Titus, Tolles, Torres, Watts, Wheeler, and Yeager.

Madam Secretary of State appointed Assembly Members Jauregui, Fumo, Daly, McCurdy, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Torres, Hambrick, Leavitt, and Roberts as a temporary Committee on Credentials.

Assembly in recess at 11:37 a.m.

# ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:45 a.m. Madam Secretary of State presiding. Quorum present.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Madam Secretary of State:

Your temporary Committee on Credentials has had the credentials of the respective Assembly Members-elect and Assembly Members-appointees under consideration and begs leave to report that the following persons have been and are duly elected members of the Assembly of the 80th Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada: Assembly Members Assefa, Backus, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Edwards, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Fumo, Gorelow, Hambrick, Hansen, Hardy, Jauregui, Kramer, Krasner, Leavitt, Martinez, McCurdy, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Munk, Neal, Peters, Roberts, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Titus, Tolles, Torres, Watts, Wheeler, and Yeager have been and are duly elected members, and that Bea Duran, Gregory Hafen II, and Rochelle Nguyen have been and are duly appointed members of the Assembly of the 80th Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

SANDRA JAUREGUI, Chair

# MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Jauregui moved the adoption of the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Madam Secretary of State appointed Assemblyman Yeager and Assemblywoman Krasner as a committee to escort Chief Justice Mark Gibbons of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada to the rostrum to administer the oaths of office to the Assemblymen.

Chief Justice Gibbons administered the oaths of office to the Assembly Members.

Assemblyman Flores moved that Chief Justice Gibbons be given a unanimous vote of thanks for administering the oaths.

Motion carried unanimously.

The appointed committee escorted the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the bar of the Assembly.

Madam Secretary of State requested the temporary Chief Clerk call the roll of those Assembly Members for whom Certificates of Election and Certificates of Appointment had been issued.

Roll called.

Present: Assembly Members Assefa, Backus, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Duran, Edwards, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Fumo, Gorelow, Hafen, Hambrick, Hansen, Hardy, Jauregui, Kramer, Krasner, Leavitt, Martinez, McCurdy, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Munk, Neal, Nguyen, Peters, Roberts, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Titus, Tolles, Torres, Watts, Wheeler, and Yeager.

Madam Secretary of State announced that there would be no temporary organization of the Assembly and that all nominations were in order for permanent appointment.

Madam Secretary of State declared that nominations were in order for Speaker.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson nominated Assemblyman Jason Frierson for Speaker.

Assemblyman Wheeler seconded the motion.

Assemblywoman Spiegel moved that nominations be closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Madam Secretary of State declared Assemblyman Frierson to be Speaker of the Assembly.

Madam Secretary of State appointed Assemblywomen Carlton and Nguyen as a committee to escort the Speaker to the rostrum.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Assemblywoman Swank moved that Secretary of State Cegavske be given a unanimous vote of thanks for her services to the Assembly.

Assemblyman Ellison seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblywoman Jauregui and Assemblyman Edwards as a committee to escort the Secretary of State to the Bar of the Assembly.

The appointed committee escorted Secretary of State Cegavske to the Bar of the Assembly.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, Assemblyman Wheeler, and Mr. Speaker.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

#### ASSEMBLYWOMAN BENITEZ-THOMPSON:

We start the 80<sup>th</sup> Session in the spirit of civility and a deep reverence for our sworn duty to govern. It was Madeline Albright, our former Secretary of State, who said, "... our predecessors understood that the ties that bind America are far stronger than disagreements over any particular policy and far more durable and profound than any party affiliation."

Our ties and bonds are the strongest of kinds—they are devotion to and love of the great state of Nevada. To be a Nevadan means many things but today in particular, I would argue in fact that it means exactly 42 different kinds of things. It means and represents the 42 people who have just been sworn in to serve in this 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Each one of our 42 Assembly members embodies the spirits and hopes of their respective districts. They carry with them the prerogatives as diverse as the districts themselves. Some districts span multiple counties, such as Assemblywoman Hansen's in Assembly District 32. Many of the districts are urban, bustling with tourists on the historic Strip of Clark County, such as Assemblywoman Swank's District 11.

The legislators themselves represent the diversity of the state—Assemblyman Assefa of Assembly District 28 comes to Carson City today, originally hailing from the country of Ethiopia. He is emblematic of a Nevada that is prospering and growing because of the love that new Americans are bringing to this state. At the same time, Assemblyman Ellison, born and raised in Elko, carries the voice of agriculture and mining with him to Carson City as has been a tradition since our inception. And of course, Assemblywoman Neal of District 7, who in 2011 was the Assembly's first African-American woman to serve, but is also a second generation legislator in her own family.

Our ties and bonds are growing and changing with every year that passes in Nevada. To Abigail Adams, the second First Lady of the United States, Nevada tells you, We have not forgotten the ladies! Women have a show of strength this session, being a majority of the representatives present. People ask, What does this mean and how will things change? Will they change? As our own Speaker Frierson says, Yes, there will be change; that's the point. But how?

Well, we will define our own destiny. Our foremothers Speakers Buckley and Kirkpatrick, along with dozens of other female legislators, have cleared a path for us, a path that we will now walk. Our journey will be embedded in strength and hard work. We will make this state and our nation proud as we move forward as Nevadans in this 80th Session.

#### ASSEMBLYMAN WHEELER:

Mr. Speaker, before I begin my prepared remarks, I would like to let all my southern Nevada colleagues know that the Assemblyman from District 9 told us all this was going to be a mild winter. So welcome to northern Nevada and a mild winter.

Mr. Speaker and members of the Nevada State Assembly, I stand before you today humbled that the voters of District 39 have once again seen fit to return me to this body as their representative. I am also honored that my colleagues have seen fit to elect me as their leader for our party this year. And of course, I would like to congratulate my friend Jason Frierson on his election as Speaker of our Assembly.

As Speaker of the Assembly, our Speaker is known to be fair-minded and open to discussion, and I look forward to the next 120 days, sir, working with you and the other side of the aisle to further the policies of our collective state.

There are going to be many significant milestones reached over this session. We have already heard of the milestone of being the first legislature with a female majority and, in my opinion, this is a very good thing. God knows that the women in my life have shown a great deal of commonsense, tenacity, and patience, and I look forward to our colleagues applying those qualities to our legislative process.

We have heard our new Governor speak of "One Nevada." This is most definitely a goal we all hope to achieve and can all get solidly behind. While different parts of Nevada have different needs and different views, we all must remember that we are one Battle Born State that must pull together to achieve our goals and to ensure solid policy and laws for our citizens. I believe that if we follow the oath of office that we just took and follow the guiding principles of our state and federal constitutions, we will truly be one Nevada.

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We have many new legislators in this building, and I sincerely hope that you new legislators never lose that feeling you had when you first walked through this door. Even after four sessions, I still feel the tremendous awe and responsibility that comes with the first few days of being a legislator. It is a feeling that you can make a difference, that you have achieved something that very few people in the world can achieve, and you need to congratulate yourself for that. However, always remember that you are now representing not just your family, not just your circle of friends, as you did during the campaign, but also those who did and did not vote for you. You are representing all of your constituents.

Finally, to all my friends and colleagues in this august chamber. Remember, we will not always agree on policy or even tactics. But that is truly as it should be. As I said, we are all here to represent our constituents and we would be derelict in our oaths of office and our duties if we did not vigorously debate the positions in furtherance of our constituents' beliefs. But let us all remember that in the end we are all Nevadans and should endeavor to treat each other with the respect and civility that we would wish to be treated with ourselves.

Mr. Speaker, again, thank you.

#### MR. SPEAKER:

I want to take a moment to thank you all for your warmth and your partnership—and it is a partnership—as we embark upon this 80th Session of the Nevada State Legislature. I remain humbled by the tremendous honor of serving you and of serving our great state.

Two years ago, I stood from this vantage point, proud to have been selected by this body as the first African-American Speaker of the Nevada Assembly. Just over 100 years ago, on January 20, Sadie Hurst took the oath as an Assembly member in Nevada. Assemblywoman Hurst was the first woman elected to the Assembly and she also presided over the 1920 Special Session vote to ratify the suffrage amendment to the United States Constitution. Today I am honored to usher in yet even more milestones. First, I am honored to serve with Assemblywoman Maggie Carlton, who is the longest-serving woman in the history of the state of Nevada.

We are proud to also usher in a milestone that brings representation of everyday Nevadans that much closer to true representative democracy. Yes, we are the first female majority legislature in the history of this country. I am keenly aware that this comes with the responsibility to govern for those who have trusted us with their vote. Not only are the eyes of our state upon us, but the eyes of our entire nation are upon us. We must ensure that this milestone is not simply symbolic, but is instead a meaningful advancement in welcoming all Nevadans to the table to advance policies for all Nevadans.

United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "Women will have achieved true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation." Nevada, the time has come and women will wait no more.

I want to thank Governor Sandoval for his eight years of service to this state. He put us on a pathway to getting out of the Great Recession and he did so with class and grace. While we didn't agree on everything, we share a love for the state of Nevada and a love for this legislative institution. I am proud to call him my friend and proud of what he was able to accomplish as Governor.

But I am also grateful to serve with our newly elected Governor Sisolak. I believe in the priorities Governor Sisolak laid out in his State of the State including support for public education; a commitment to maintaining a healthy environment for small businesses; expanding health care options for Nevadans; advancing changes to our voting process so that every eligible Nevadan can vote; and reforming our criminal justice system. I've had the pleasure of working with Governor Sisolak while he served in local government and I had the honor of representing him as his Assemblyman. I am excited for the work ahead and for the opportunity to use the momentum we have to provide economic security for Nevada families across this entire state.

We are once again one of the fastest growing states in the nation, and we need to ensure that we are the land of opportunity to all who come to find that home truly does mean Nevada. I pledge to work with Governor Sisolak as a trusted ally and partner on implementing a vision for Nevada that takes us to the next chapter.

To my counterpart in the State Senate, my friend Majority Leader Kelvin Atkinson, who becomes the first openly LGBTQ leader of the State Senate, I offer my congratulations and support.

To my colleagues Minority Leader Wheeler and Minority Leader Settelmeyer, I look forward to working hard to find common ground on the issues that will move our state forward. We must remember, we are Nevadans first.

Let me also acknowledge our many new members of the Nevada Assembly. Would the freshmen class please stand and be recognized? I am excited to join you in the cause of moving Nevada forward together. We are truly one Nevada, and I know that together we can accomplish great things. I believe that through collaboration, open minds, and respect for the legislative institution, we can find common ground. Congratulations again, and welcome to the People's House.

We now look to build upon the success of the last legislative session.

We have committed to bold steps in support of public education, with goals such as modernizing our funding plan for education; providing teachers with more tools to help us build the next generation's leaders; rewarding teachers who have committed to working in our most challenging schools over the years; and ensuring that our students, educators, and staff are safe at school.

We must continue to make sure Nevadans have access to quality health care and that no Nevadan is denied access to that quality health care due to preexisting conditions. We have to be bold in addressing our state and our nation's opioid addiction crisis and, of course, we must support funding for women's health care coverage.

I look forward to improving economic security for our citizens by expanding opportunities for apprenticeship programs, fighting for equal pay for equal work, collaborating to ensure employees have access to paid leave, and maintaining a stable and predictable business environment so small businesses can flourish with confidence about the future.

Since we last met as a full legislative body, we have seen the worst and best of humanity in our state. On the night of October 1, we all sat in terror and tears as we saw the events unfold. While I talked with our Governor and county and local officials about how to move forward, I also got a call that one of our own members was at the concert and had to literally run for her life that night. Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui was there that night with her then-fiancé, now husband. In the aftermath of this tragedy and her experience, Assemblywoman Jauregui did not shy away from taking on the issue of gun safety. Instead, she stepped up front and center to share her story and her passion about helping to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again. Thank you, Assemblywoman, for your courage and thank you for your commitment to a better and safer Nevada. This body will count as one of its first votes a vote to finally implement the will of the voters by passing background checks on all gun sales. We will also take steps to address other meaningful reforms such as banning bump stocks like those used on October 1. This is personal, and it is certainly personal to Assemblywoman Jauregui. We will stand up for a safer Nevada so that the experiences of those such as Assemblywoman Jauregui, and the brave action by so many first responders that night, will not have been in vain.

Nevada may be a small state, but we are also an example of what is possible when we work together. We are an example of civility and respect for the institution of government. We are here to do the work of the people of this great state—a state that I have called home for more than 30 years and a state that many more are calling home every day.

As Margaret Mead stated and has oftentimes been repeated: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Just as I did from this rostrum two years ago, I invite you to join me in putting aside partisan rhetoric for the good of our state. Let's show the nation what Nevada is made of. I know I am up to the task, and with you by my side, I know we can do this. Again, thank you all so very much for your confidence in me. Thank you for your willingness to serve, thank you for being here today. It's time to get to work—let's get to work.

Assemblyman Sprinkle nominated Assemblyman Yeager for Speaker pro Tempore.

Assemblywoman Tolles moved that nominations be closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Speaker declared Assemblyman Yeager to be Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker declared that nominations were in order for Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno nominated Ms. Susan Furlong for Chief Clerk.

Assemblyman Roberts moved that nominations be closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Speaker declared Ms. Susan Furlong to be Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblymen Thompson and McCurdy and Assemblywoman Titus as a committee to inform the Senate that the Assembly is organized and ready for business.

Mr. Speaker appointed Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, Assemblyman Wheeler, and Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno as a committee to inform the Governor that the Assembly is organized and ready for business.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson reported that her committee had informed the Governor that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

Assembly in recess at 1:10 p.m.

# ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 2:20 p.m. Mr. Speaker presiding. Quorum present.

Assemblyman Thompson reported that his committee had informed the Senate that the Assembly was organized and ready for business.

A committee from the Senate composed of Senators Ratti, Brooks, and Hansen appeared before the bar of the Assembly and announced that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

# MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

Mr. Speaker, announced the following standing committees, the first-named member of each committee being the chair, the second-named being the vice chair:

COMMERCE AND LABOR-

Spiegel, Frierson, Carlton, Daly, Jauregui, Martinez, McCurdy, Neal, Yeager, Edwards, Hardy, Kramer, Tolles.

EDUCATION—

Thompson, Flores, Duran, Gorelow, Miller, Munk, Peters, Torres, Hansen, Hardy, Krasner, Tolles.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—

Flores, McCurdy, Assefa, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carrillo, Duran, Gorelow, Martinez, Munk, Ellison, Hafen, Hardy, Leavitt.

GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE—

Monroe-Moreno, Yeager, Backus, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carrillo, Nguyen, Sprinkle, Watts, Ellison, Leavitt, Roberts, Wheeler.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—

Sprinkle, Carrillo, Assefa, Duran, Gorelow, Munk, Nguyen, Thompson, Hafen, Hambrick, Krasner, Titus.

JUDICIARY—

Yeager, Cohen, Backus, Daly, Fumo, Miller, Nguyen, Peters, Torres, Watts, Edwards, Hansen, Krasner, Roberts, Tolles.

LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS—

Jauregui, Fumo, Daly, McCurdy, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Torres, Hambrick, Leavitt, Roberts. NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING—

Swank, Bilbray-Axelrod, Assefa, Carlton, Cohen, Fumo, Peters, Watts, Ellison, Hansen, Titus, Wheeler.

TAXATION—

Neal, Cohen, Backus, Benitez-Thompson, Flores, Martinez, Spiegel, Swank, Edwards, Hafen, Kramer.

WAYS AND MEANS-

Carlton, Benitez-Thompson, Frierson, Jauregui, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Hambrick, Kramer, Titus, Wheeler.

MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Teresa Benitez-Thompson

ASSISTANT MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Daniele Monroe-Moreno

MAJORITY WHIP-

Michael Sprinkle

CHIEF DEPUTY MAJORITY WHIP-

Tyrone Thompson

ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP-

William McCurdy II

ASSISTANT MAJORITY WHIP-

Heidi Swank

MINORITY FLOOR LEADER—

Jim Wheeler

CO-DEPUTY MINORITY FLOOR LEADER SOUTH-

Tom Roberts

CO-DEPUTY MINORITY FLOOR LEADER NORTH-

John Ellison

MINORITY WHIP—

Lisa Krasner

DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP SOUTH-

Chris Edwards

DEPUTY MINORITY WHIP NORTH —

Robin Titus

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January 30, 2019

THE HONORABLE KELVIN D. ATKINSON, MAJORITY LEADER, NEVADA STATE SENATE, THE HONORABLE JASON FRIERSON, SPEAKER, NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV 89701

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER ATKINSON AND SPEAKER FRIERSON:

Please find enclosed the text of my State of the State message to the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature. As you know, I delivered this message on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, to a joint gathering of the Legislature, including your colleagues, constitutional officers, and invited guests, in the Assembly Chambers in Carson City. This message outlines what I believe to be important proposals supporting a stronger future for our great state, and I thank you in advance for your careful consideration and deliberation over the coming months. I and my staff look forward to working with you during the Legislative Session as we seek solutions that will enhance the quality of life for those whom we are privileged to serve.

Sincere regards, GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK

#### MOTIONS. RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Governor's State of the State Address as presented to the Legislative Commission's Special Committee to Receive the Governor's State of the State Address of January 16, 2019, be entered in the Journal.

#### GOVERNOR STEVE SISOLAK:

Thank you very much. I was expecting a tough speech, but to follow the Mark Twain choir is an amazing thing and they were absolutely incredible in their rendition. Thank you for having them here today.

Mr. Speaker, Majority Leader, legislative leadership, Madam President, distinguished members of the Legislature, Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court, Constitutional Officers, honored quests:

Thank you all for joining me here this evening. To my family, particularly our incredible new First Lady, thank you for standing with me on this journey and for guiding me through this next chapter.

I also want to take a moment to recognize a great Nevadan who passed away recently but left behind a legacy of fighting for the Silver State, former Governor and United States Senator Paul Laxalt.

The start of the year, the start of a new legislative session, is a moment for reflection, a time to think about the progress that we've made.

Tonight I speak to the legislators who will make up the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature. For the first time in Nevada state history, and in the history of the United States of America it is a legislature that is majority women. Tonight we are joined by the newly elected and appointed women who took a leap this past year and together made history. Will the legislative women please stand? Let's give them another round of applause.

This is a milestone that has been generations in the making, thanks to women like Dina Titus, who not only served in this Legislature, but has gone on to represent us in the halls of Congress. Tonight we are joined by two of the pioneers who helped make it possible: Barbara Buckley, the first woman to serve as Speaker of the Assembly, and Sue Wagner, the first woman to serve as Lieutenant Governor of the state of Nevada. Barbara and Sue, would you please stand?

To them, to all the women here tonight, and to the women who have served before, including the one and only Debbie Smith who I know is smiling down on us tonight—this night belongs to you.

As a dad of two daughters, I am especially grateful to know that every little girl in Nevada has role models in all of you. And let me just say, that includes our Lieutenant Governor, Kate Marshall. Kate, I look forward to working with you on behalf of the people of Nevada.

That work is important because for the last decade our economy and our families have faced some of the hardest economic times. Tonight we can acknowledge the progress that's been made, and that is important to do. But before we get lost in the celebration, we have to remember our families who haven't felt the recovery—those who are still working two jobs, who are worried about paying for college for their kids or a medical bill for their parents.

The budget and priorities that I will outline tonight are focused on these objectives: making sure that Nevada's economic recovery reaches every family, that our schools prepare every child to reach their potential, that our health care system is there for every Nevadan that needs it. The time is here to ask what kind of state we want to be. It's all on us—Democrats and Republicans alike—to reach higher than we have ever reached and to ensure economic success makes it to every dinner table in Nevada.

And so while we have work to do, I stand before you and I am proud to announce that the state of our state is full of opportunity.

Let's start with some numbers. We are anticipating General Fund revenue of more than \$4.3 billion in 2020, up nearly 3 percent from 2019. And in 2021, it's projected to rise even more, to nearly \$4.5 billion. Nevada's economic growth happened under our current revenue structure, and as they say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." That's why this budget that you are being presented with is without any new taxes. Let me say that once again to be clear: this balanced budget does not contain any new taxes.

While revenue is up today, our history tells us what an economic downturn can bring in terms of pain. At the height of the Great Recession, difficult choices were made, including cuts to education, medical services, and job training at the very moment people needed them most. Then-Speaker Barbara Buckley sponsored legislation to require the Governor to reserve 1 percent of our total anticipated revenue for the Rainy Day Fund. As she put it, "Creating programs in good times to slash them in bad times is senseless." She's right. This isn't only fiscally responsible, it's the right thing to do. Besides, how can we tell our children to save their money for a rainy day if government doesn't even do it themselves? Last year marked the first time since the law was passed in 2011 that Nevada lived up to that commitment. Today I pledge to make this a pattern. My budget will include annual savings of \$45 million for the next two years to preserve and grow our Rainy Day Fund so that we have it on those dark days when it is truly needed.

As we saw in our latest jobs report, businesses are propelling our economy. We now boast of being home to companies like Tesla, Google, Apple, and Amazon, just to name a few. We have welcomed Hyperloop One and a burgeoning drone industry. We have become ground zero for the Fourth Industrial Revolution that will come with blockchain technology. Last fall Tesla; Blockchains, LLC; and other high-tech neighbors in northern Nevada became part of what is now known as Innovation Park, a place to incubate visionary thinkers, developers, and others who will design our future. And just last month, several of our legislators formed a caucus, a technology caucus, to review the needs of our growing tech sector and promote the success of those ventures. We are also working to ensure that we give students the skill sets required to succeed in these industries, with STEM education being more important than ever before.

When it comes to jobs, we are now one of the fastest growing states in the nation. Over the past year, non-farm employment has grown by more than 45,000, with gains in construction and manufacturing; education and health services; trade and transportation; and more. We have our business community to thank—not just the large companies whose arrivals in our state bring headlines, but small businesses too, including over 78,000 employers in Nevada with 100 or fewer employees.

As Governor, I will work to make it easier for our small businesses to thrive by streamlining complicated processes; eliminating red tape and needless regulations; and putting a small business advocate in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Let's give our small businesses and those who sacrifice to make them a success a big round of applause.

One of those rapid-growing sectors is the marijuana industry. That's why I am announcing that next week, I will sign an executive order creating Nevada's first-ever Cannabis Compliance Board, which will ensure this critical part of our state's future economy is positioned to become the gold standard in our nation. We will manage and grow this new industry, strictly and fairly and in a way that our state can be proud of.

But with new jobs and economic growth comes an added challenge—making sure everyone who wants to live and work here can afford to do so. To that end, I will be supporting the recommendations and creating a new program which will offer \$10 million of state tax credits per year for the creation and preservation of affordable housing. I want to thank the chair and members of the committee that studied affordable housing this past interim for their hard work on this proposal. This alone won't solve our housing crisis, but it is an important first step in the right direction. It will make a real difference in the lives of low-income Nevadans who will have a safe and secure place to call home.

At the root of our affordable housing crisis lies another fundamental problem: too many Nevadans are making too little. That needs to change and it needs to start by giving Nevadans a well-deserved raise. Even as our economy improves, too many folks are still working two jobs just to get by. Even more are living paycheck to paycheck. That's why I'm committed to working with the Legislature and the business and labor communities to raise the minimum wage in our state. It is impossible for an individual, much less a family, to live on \$7.25 an hour.

And not only that—we need to ensure equal pay for equal work and to find a consensus on paid leave for Nevada's workers. It is the right thing to do for our families. At the same time, I am recommending a 3 percent pay increase for our state employees—our employees whose work enables us to provide medical and social services to our people, assist new businesses, and keep our roads and highways safe. During the Great Recession, many of them took pay cuts or went without salary increases. But they continued to faithfully serve the state of Nevada. Their skills, knowledge, experience, and devotion have been invaluable to our state. We are in a position to give our workers a raise, and we expect great return on that investment. I also believe that they should be empowered to bargain collectively in the years ahead. And to our state agencies, we must open our doors. It's time to let employees know what options they have.

And while on the subject of wages, I want to make one thing clear. This session I will work to return prevailing wage to public construction jobs, as it was before the 2015 Session, and most importantly for our children's schools. Not only do prevailing wage jobs support highly skilled workers in Nevada, they guarantee our children are learning in a well-constructed, high-quality educational facility. Let's do this.

As we work to improve our wages and continue to focus on economic development, it's critical that we invest in a workforce that will be job-ready. That's why I plan to increase funding for graduate medical education by \$2 million per year. Our medical students of today will be our doctors of tomorrow.

We must continue to invest in our higher education system. In addition to funding for student enrollment growth, I am recommending funding for two new buildings: a health and sciences building at the College of Southern Nevada and a new education building at Nevada State College. When we invest in building these places of learning, we create the educators and medical professionals of tomorrow.

I appreciate NSHE's [Nevada System of Higher Education] efforts to improve our overall graduation rates and student success. Obtaining that degree or certificate is challenging for many students. That's why we will increase funding for Nevada's scholarship programs to open new opportunities for thousands of Nevada's students to earn their degrees and workforce credentials. But there is another element of higher education that too often doesn't get the respect that it deserves: apprenticeship and job training programs. Success doesn't always have to start with a four-year degree. Quality job training programs, apprenticeships, business partnerships, and community college degrees can help Nevadans of all ages get the skills they need for the jobs that are out there today. That's why I am recommending increased funding for career and technical education to serve an additional 2,000 students.

So far, we've talked about a number of important issues, but there is no issue more important to me than making sure that every child in every classroom gets a quality education. And you know what? That starts with having a great educator at the front of that classroom. These are the

people we are entrusting to prepare our kids for the future. They need to be treated as the professionals that they are and respected for the job that they do. Please join me in showing them our appreciation with another round of applause.

While applause is nice, our educators deserve more than a round of applause. They deserve a raise. It has been over a decade since the state last directly funded a raise for our K-12 educators. Tonight, that's going to change. Legislators, I am asking you to stand with me and stand with our educators by including them in the 3 percent pay raise for state employees for the first time in 12 years. Right now, too many teachers have been forced to dig into their own pockets to make sure their students have basic supplies like markers, pencils, and erasers. It's a beautiful sign of their commitment, but it's grossly unfair. So I am proposing additional funding to reimburse teachers for supplies that they need in the classrooms, raising the total from \$100 per teacher to \$180 per teacher.

In our budget I am also including a one-time appropriation for Washoe County to correct an \$8.6 million mistake that was made in the past. But to be perfectly clear, so everyone understands, those kind of mistakes will not be tolerated under my watch. The time for band-aids and short-term fixes is over.

I also look forward to working with legislative leadership to review the decades-old Nevada Plan to ensure that tax dollars for education follow the student. We have to make sure our statewide funding formula is equitable for every student in every county. My recommendation for the New Nevada Plan will increase funding from \$36 million per year to \$70 million per year, meaning that an additional 28,200 at-risk students will receive the academic support they need and deserve, no matter what school they attend.

Additionally, I am recommending for the biennium \$44.7 million to ensure access to quality preschool development programs; \$63.4 million for Read by Grade 3; approximately \$100 million for Nevada's Zoom Schools; and \$50 million for Victory School programs.

Not only do we ask our educators to teach our students, we rely on them to keep our students safe as well. The need for safer schools is a dark reality in the world in which we live today, and we need to fund those initiatives. I want to thank the Statewide School Safety Task Force for their hard work in identifying key proposals to enhance security at our schools, including more police officers and funding for additional social and behavioral health workers.

We cannot expect to successfully address violence and issues in our schools unless we invest in people like Arika Marquez, who is here with us tonight. Arika is a counselor at Clayton Middle School in Reno. By doing her job every day, counselors like Arika are preventing violence, helping students, and saving lives. Arika, please stand to be recognized. That's why a portion of the 10 percent marijuana tax will go towards preventing violence in our schools. As your Governor, the safety and security of our families is my most important job.

Our country is plagued by the epidemic of gun violence, something Nevadans have come to understand all too well. We are still reeling from the losses we suffered on 1 October, and now we are going to take action. I am working with the Legislature to implement commonsense background checks on all firearm sales in Nevada. We will outlaw bump stocks and we will address the threat gun violence poses to victims of domestic violence in the state of Nevada. Those subjected to restraining orders should not be allowed to buy a firearm. Back in 2016, Nevadans voted to close the dangerous and deadly loophole in our law that makes it far too easy for convicted criminals, domestic abusers, and others with dangerous histories to buy firearms at gun shows and online with no background check and no questions asked. It's long past time we listen to the voters and enact these changes, because background checks save lives.

Along with the need for a safe Nevada is the need for a healthy Nevada. As public servants, we have a responsibility to promote the health and well-being of the Nevadans who sent us here. Let me start by saying, as long as I'm in office, Nevada will continue to support and defend the Affordable Care Act, including all protections for those with pre-existing conditions. That's why I am proud that Nevada has signed on to an amicus brief asking the courts to prevent the Trump Administration from rolling back the Affordable Care Act's requirement that employers include birth control coverage in their health plans.

As your Governor, I am committed to adequately funding women's health care. Currently, Nevada ranks last in the nation in the number of women who have a dedicated health care provider. We don't fare much better when it comes to cervical cancer screenings or other forms of family

planning. That's going to change. That is why we will be allocating \$3 million per year to provide more of these lifesaving services statewide. Lives like the life of Reno native Ann Mackey, who can't be with us here tonight, but who, in her early twenties, started to have health complications so she scheduled an appointment at Planned Parenthood. During that visit they found early signs of cervical cancer that had gone undetected. Today, 20 years later, Ann is doing well and credits that Planned Parenthood visit with saving her life.

We have to make sure that quality health care continues to be offered to every Nevadan, not just those who can afford it. Our state took an incredible step when we expanded Medicaid. It gave the chance for hundreds of thousands of Nevadans to go to the doctor and gain the coverage that they needed.

My recommended budget represents the largest investment of General Fund dollars to the Department of Health and Human Services in Nevada state history. Here's how: first, by increasing Medicaid reimbursement rates for neonatal and pediatric intensive care units, we can provide for our youngest patients and make sure they have access to the quality health care services they need; second, we will reduce the wait list for children with autism so that they can get the assistance that they need; and third, we will increase access to mental health services, upping the hours that our mobile crisis units operate. Finally, too many families and individuals struggle with substance abuse. We can and should do more and make the health care system work for everyone. People like Nikki and Kayden Yowell from Winnemucca who are here with us tonight. Nikki lost her husband and Kayden lost his dad to substance abuse. What Nikki and Kayden have faced is unimaginable, but sadly, it is all too common. We can no longer allow this epidemic to plague our communities and destroy our families. It is time to fix it. Thank you for your willingness to share your story with the state of Nevada.

This investment will let the number of community behavioral health centers expand from three to ten, allowing them to serve additional adults and children with substance abuse issues. But it's not enough just to put numbers on paper. I am committed to working with our legislators, the Department of Health and Human Services, and community stakeholders to ensure that this funding gets down to the Nevadans that need it most. In the coming weeks, I will create a Patient Protection Commission. Our goal will be to take a comprehensive look at the Nevada health care system, to evaluate what we are doing well, and more importantly, what we can do better, including protecting Nevadans from being gouged on prescription drug prices.

Now, let me turn to another important issue. I'd like to ask all of our active military and veterans, including Brigadier General William Burkes and Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, Gary Utterback, who led us in the pledge, to please stand and be recognized. Sadly, the plight of our veterans is too often ignored. These are the heroes who risked their lives for our country and our state, and yet, they don't always receive the support they need when they come home. For example, we have an estimated 5,000 underserved veterans in the Fallon and Pahrump service areas, a number that triples if we consider family members that are eligible for that service. We know that veterans, like others in rural areas, have difficulty accessing health care services. They also face poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse, but services are available only if they can access them. That's why we are adding additional veteran services officers to help them access the federal benefits they deserve, which is more than \$114 million in federal funds annually that will improve the quality of care and quality of life for veterans and their families.

We also need to look out for our fellow Nevadans who need a little help to get by. From our foster families to our elderly residents who rely on food from Meals on Wheels, I want you to know that you are not forgotten and you are not left out of this budget. This year we will increase funding for Meals on Wheels by more than \$800,000, allowing us to feed over 8,700 seniors and eliminate the current wait list for Meals on Wheels. And then, for the over 2,000 foster family homes across our state, we're going to increase funding to help foster parents better cover the cost of childcare

There's another conversation that we need to have and it is about our criminal justice system. We cannot continue to do the same thing and expect different results. We can be tough on crime and still reduce recidivism. We can lock up violent criminals and work to identify the low-level offenders who are ready to earn their second chance. That's why I am recommending we add new staff who will focus on supporting mental health and substance abuse programs and handling the increased caseload in the Division of Parole and Probation. This will be coupled with an increased

investment in a pilot program aimed at providing education and skills training for inmates, first championed by then-Senator Aaron Ford. In the first year of this program, over 80 percent of the inmates enrolled graduated with either credits going towards a traditional degree or preapprenticeship experience.

I'd like to recognize a special guest here with me tonight: Professor Kevin Mitchell of the College of Southern Nevada. Professor Mitchell has years of experience teaching the CSN prison education program and currently teaches at High Desert State Prison, which the First Lady and I recently toured. He has seen his students reintegrate into our community and start productive careers. Professor Mitchell, please stand. This additional investment will reduce the rate of recidivism, save our state tax dollars, and make our streets safer.

We are all lucky to live in the most beautiful state in the country, hands down. But to keep it that way, we need to recognize the serious environmental threats facing our state. Let me be clear: I will not spend a single second debating the reality of climate change. Climate change is real and it is irresponsible to ignore the science that proves it and the lives it has already impacted and upended, especially across the West. As Governor, I am committed to making Nevada a clean energy leader, not only to combat the effects of climate change for future generations, but also for the abundance of green-collar jobs it can create right now. Nevada used to lead the nation in producing renewable energy. Sadly, we've fallen behind. Take our Renewable Portfolio Standard. We used to be number one, and now we're not even in the top ten. That's why I strongly support the goal of achieving a minimum 50 percent in renewable energy by 2030. And I know we can meet these standards without raising the cost of electricity for the ratepayers in our state. It's time to make it happen.

In 2017, the Legislature proved they have the political will to reclaim our spot as the nation's clean energy leader. When you send me that bill, this Governor is going to sign it. Allowing Nevada to lead when it comes to renewable energy isn't just good for job growth or energy rates, it helps preserve and protect Nevada's incredible natural beauty. We have some of the nation's most amazing public lands in our state. These lands contribute to this state's unique beauty, connect us to our past, and are the driving force behind our thriving ecotourism industry. We must continue to protect these irreplaceable treasures.

And finally, let me make something perfectly clear. Not one ounce—not one ounce—of nuclear waste will ever reach Yucca Mountain while I'm Governor. Not on my watch. We will work hand-in-hand with our Congressional Delegation and use every resource possible to stop the federal government from turning our state into their nuclear waste dump. It is not going to happen. One thing remains clear across all these proposals. When you invest in Nevadans the return can be immense. That is why I am opening a Governor's Office for New Americans, which will support our newest neighbors, help them navigate government services, build new businesses, and let them know they are truly welcome here in the state of Nevada. It will also provide assistance to DACA [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals] recipients and applicants like a DREAMer [Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors] I met on the campaign trail named Deisy. Deisy was brought to Nevada as a child. She didn't have documentation, but she cared for her community and worked hard. When Governor Sandoval did the right thing and signed a bill in 2015 that allowed DREAMers to obtain teaching licenses, she jumped right on it. Today, she is a special education teacher at a public school in Clark County, specializing in helping children with autism to realize their dreams. I know Deisy is watching on TV tonight, so please join me in giving her a round of applause.

The Governor's Office for New Americans is for people like Deisy who invest in the future of our community every day. We need to make sure each and every voice is heard at the Capitol, in our communities, and at the ballot box. This past November, Nevada made it clear that they support automatic voter registration, and now it's on us to get it done. I look forward to making this a reality alongside Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske and the Legislature. Thank you, Barbara. Voting is a fundamental right and we should be looking for even more ways to make sure Nevadans that are eligible can exercise that right, which is why I am committed to working with the Legislature and local election officials to expand early voting and to implement sameday voter registration.

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I am committed to making sure every Nevadan is counted in our census. If one of us is left off, that hurts all of us. That's why I am recommending additional funding for in-state efforts to ensure all Nevadans are counted.

The proposals laid out tonight are presented with the goal of ensuring that every family sitting around every dinner table sees the benefit of the economic recovery that only those at the top have felt thus far. Those in this room might not agree on everything. For example, some here might cheer for the Wolf Pack. Some might cheer for the Rebels. But we can all agree that the Golden Knights are the best hockey team in the country.

These chambers were built to house debates worthy of the Nevadans we represent and the future they have ahead. But in those debates over the paths we take, we must not forget what can happen when civil discourse turns into partisan gamesmanship. It's the people, our citizens, who ultimately lose. Look no further than what is happening in Washington D.C., where federal workers, including 3,000 of our fellow citizens, have become pawns in a political battle. Nevadans deserve better, and we owe it to them and to this great institution to show the rest of the nation how this is done.

So, I have a message for every legislator in this chamber tonight, every one of you, 63. Whether you are a Republican or a Democrat, we've got a busy four months ahead of us. We've got a lot of work to do and we are going to be spending a lot of time together, you and I. I want you to know that my door is open. It is always open. We need good ideas from everyone, every single one of you. That's how we work together. That's how we get things done. That's how we build an even stronger Nevada. I know when every Nevadan has the opportunity to succeed, our state will reap the benefits. That will be my mission as your Governor, and the chance to see it through is the honor of a lifetime.

Thank you all. God bless you. God bless the great state of Nevada.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

#### MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

# STATE OF NEVADA OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

January 9, 2019

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SUSAN FURLONG, C/O CAROL AIELLO-SALA Chief Clerk of the Assembly 401 S. Carson Street, Ste. 1206 Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

DEAR MS. FURLONG:

This letter is in acknowledgment of the transfer of Assembly Joint Resolutions 2, 5, and 14 (engrossed and enrolled versions from the 79th Session); Assembly Bills 175, 206, 259, 303, 348, 374, 376, 382, 403, 407 and 408 (engrossed and enrolled versions from the 79th Session). These resolutions and bills are being transferred from the Secretary of State's Office to your office, pursuant to your request on above date.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the Elections division at (775) 684-5705.

Respectfully, BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE Secretary of State

BY: APRIL CARINO Legal Research Assistant



# MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the vetoed Assembly Bills Nos. 175, 206, 259, 303, 348, 374, 376, 382, 403, 407, and 408 of the 79th Session be made a Special Order of Business for Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 11:45 a.m.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

SUPREME COURT OF NEVADA MARK GIBBONS, CHIEF JUSTICE 201 SOUTH CARSON STREET CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701-4702 (775) 684-1543 FAX (775) 684-1505

January 29, 2019

MAJORITY LEADER KELVIN ATKINSON SPEAKER JASON FRIERSON NEVADA LEGISLATURE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, CAPITOL COMPLEX 401 South Carson Street Carson City, NV 89701-4747

RE: State of the Judiciary Address-2019 Legislative Session

DEAR MAJORITY LEADER ATKINSON AND SPEAKER FRIERSON:

Pursuant to past protocol, I would like to request permission, as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court in 2019, to address a joint session of the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary on March 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. The court is hosting a reception for legislators at 6:00 p.m. that evening.

Your joint consideration of this matter would be much appreciated.

Sincerely, MARK GIBBONS Chief Justice

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By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Adopting the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 80th Session of the Legislature.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly for the 80th Session of the Legislature are hereby adopted as follows:

#### **CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

#### Rule No. 1. Procedure Concerning.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill, or joint or concurrent resolution, agreed to in one House, dissented from in the other, and not receded from by the one making the amendment, each House may appoint a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the other; and, if appointed, the committee shall meet publicly at a convenient hour to be agreed upon by their respective chairs and announced publicly, and shall confer upon the differences between the two Houses as indicated by the amendments made in one and

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rejected in the other and report as early as convenient the result of their conference to their respective Houses.

- 2. The report shall be made available to all members of both Houses. The whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution shall be considered by the committee, and it may recommend recession by either House, new amendments, a new bill or resolution, or other changes as it sees fit. A new bill or resolution so reported shall be treated as amendments unless the bill or resolution is composed entirely of original matter, in which case it shall receive the treatment required in the respective Houses for original bills, or resolutions, as the case may be. A conference committee shall not recommend any action which would cause the creation of more than one reprint or more than one bill or resolution.
- 3. The report of a conference committee may be adopted by acclamation. The report is not subject to amendment.
- 4. There shall be but one conference committee on any bill or resolution. A majority of the members of a conference committee from each House must be members who voted for the passage of the bill or resolution.

#### MESSAGES

#### Rule No. 2. Biennial Message of the Governor.

Upon motion, the biennial message of the Governor must be received and read and entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.

#### Rule No. 2.2. Other Messages From the Governor.

Whenever a message from the Governor is received, it shall be read and entered in full in the Journal of proceedings.

# Rule No. 2.4. Proclamation by the Governor Convening Special Session.

Proclamations by the Governor convening the Legislature in special session must, by direction of the presiding officer of each House, be read immediately after the convening of the special session, and must be filed and entered in the Journal of proceedings.

# Rule No. 2.6. Messages Between Houses.

Messages from the Senate to the Assembly shall be delivered by the Secretary or a person designated by the Secretary and messages from the Assembly to the Senate shall be delivered by the Chief Clerk or a person designated by the Chief Clerk.

#### NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION

# Rule No. 3. Communications.

Each House shall communicate its final action on any bill or resolution, or matter in which the other may be interested, by written notice. Each such notice sent by the Senate must be signed by the Secretary of the Senate, or a person designated by the Secretary. Each such notice sent by the Assembly must be signed by the Chief Clerk of the Assembly, or a person designated by the Chief Clerk.

#### BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

#### Rule No. 4. Signature.

Each enrolled bill or joint resolution shall be presented to the presiding officers of both Houses for signature. They shall, after an announcement of their intention to do so is made in open session, sign the bill or joint resolution and their signatures shall be followed by those of the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

#### Rule No. 5. Joint Sponsorship.

- 1. A bill or resolution introduced by a standing committee of the Senate or Assembly may, at the direction of the chair of the committee, set forth the name of a standing committee of the other House as a joint sponsor, if a majority of all members appointed to the committee of the other House votes in favor of becoming a joint sponsor of the bill or resolution. The name of the committee joint sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution immediately below the date on which the bill or resolution is introduced.
- 2. A bill or resolution introduced by one or more Legislators elected to one House may, at the direction of the Legislator who brings the bill or resolution forward for introduction, set forth the names of one or more Legislators who are members elected to the other House and who wish to be primary joint sponsors or non-primary joint sponsors of the bill or resolution. Not more than five Legislators from each House may be set forth on the face of a bill or resolution as primary joint sponsors. The names of each primary joint sponsor and non-primary joint sponsor must be set forth on the face of the bill or resolution in the following order immediately below the date on which the bill or resolution is introduced:
- (a) The name of each primary joint sponsor, in the order indicated on the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or resolution; and
  - (b) The name of each non-primary joint sponsor, in alphabetical order.
- 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the name of a standing committee as a joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution unless the chair of the committee has signed his or her name next to the name of the committee on the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was submitted to the front desk of the House of origin or the statement required by subsection 5. The Legislative Counsel shall not cause to be printed the name of a Legislator as a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor on the face of a bill or resolution unless the Legislator has signed the colored back of the introductory copy of the bill or resolution that was submitted to the front desk of the House of origin or the statement required by subsection 5.
- 4. Upon introduction, any bill or resolution that sets forth the names of primary joint sponsors or non-primary joint sponsors, or both, must be numbered in the same numerical sequence as other bills and resolutions of the same House of origin are numbered.
- 5. Once a bill or resolution has been introduced, a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may only be added or removed by amendment of the bill or resolution. An amendment which proposes to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor must not be considered by the House of origin of the amendment unless a statement requesting the addition or removal is attached to the copy of the amendment submitted to the front desk of the House of origin of the amendment. If the amendment proposes to add or remove a Legislator as a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor, the statement must be signed by that Legislator. If the amendment proposes to add or remove a standing committee

as a joint sponsor, the statement must be signed by the chair of the committee. A copy of the statement must be transmitted to the Legislative Counsel if the amendment is adopted.

6. An amendment that proposes to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor may include additional proposals to change the substantive provisions of the bill or resolution or may be limited only to the proposal to add or remove a primary joint sponsor or non-primary joint sponsor.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Rule No. 6. Ordering and Distribution.

- 1. The bills, resolutions, journals and histories will be provided electronically to the officers and members of the Senate and Assembly, staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, the press and the general public on the Nevada Legislature's Internet website.
- 2. Each House may order the printing of bills introduced, reports of its own committees, and other matter pertaining to that House only; but no other printing may be ordered except by a concurrent resolution passed by both Houses. Each Senator is entitled to the free distribution of four copies of each bill introduced in each House, and each Assemblyman and Assemblywoman to such a distribution of two copies. Additional copies of such bills may be distributed at a charge to the person to whom they are addressed. The amount charged for distribution of the additional copies must be determined by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to approximate the cost of handling and postage for the entire session.

#### RESOLUTIONS

Rule No. 7. Types, Usage and Approval.

- 1. A joint resolution must be used to:
- (a) Propose an amendment to the Nevada Constitution.
- (b) Ratify a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.
- (c) Address the President of the United States, Congress, either House or any committee or member of Congress, any department or agency of the Federal Government, or any other state of the Union.
  - 2. A concurrent resolution must be used to:
- (a) Amend these Joint Standing Rules, which requires a majority vote of each House for adoption.
  - (b) Request the return from the Governor of an enrolled bill for further consideration.
- (c) Request the return from the Secretary of State of an enrolled joint or concurrent resolution for further consideration.
- (d) Resolve that the return of a bill from one House to the other House is necessary and appropriate.
  - (e) Express facts, principles, opinion and purposes of the Senate and Assembly.
  - (f) Establish a joint committee of the two Houses.
  - (g) Direct the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study.
- 3. A concurrent resolution or a resolution of one House may be used to memorialize a former member of the Legislature or other notable or distinguished person upon his or her death.
- 4. A resolution of one House may be used to request the return from the Secretary of State of an enrolled resolution of the same House for further consideration.

- 5. A resolution of one House may be used for any additional purpose determined appropriate by the Majority Leader of the Senate or the Speaker of the Assembly, respectively.
- 6. A concurrent resolution used for the purposes expressed in paragraph (e) of subsection 2 may only be requested by a statutory, interim or standing committee.

Rule No. 8. Reserved.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Rule No. 9. Limitations and Calculation of Duration.

- 1. In calculating the permissible duration of an adjournment for 3 days or less, Sunday must not be counted.
- 2. The Legislature may adjourn for more than 3 days by motion based on mutual consent of the Houses or by concurrent resolution. One or more such adjournments, for a total of not more than 20 days during any regular session, may be taken to permit standing committees, select committees or the Legislative Counsel Bureau to prepare the matters respectively entrusted to them for the consideration of the Legislature as a whole.

#### Rule No. 9.5. Adjournment Sine Die.

- 1. The Legislature shall not take any action on a bill or resolution after midnight Pacific time at the end of the 120th consecutive calendar day of session, inclusive of the day on which the session commences. Any legislative action taken after midnight Pacific time at the end of the 120th consecutive calendar day of session is void, unless the legislative action is conducted during a special session.
- 2. A Legislator shall not take any action to impede the progress of the Legislature in completing its business by the time specified in subsection 1.
- 3. The Legislature and its members, officers and employees shall not employ any device, pretense or fiction that adjusts, evades or ignores the measure of time specified in subsection 1 for the purpose of extending the duration of the session.
  - 4. Any action taken in violation of subsection 2 or 3 shall be deemed out of order.
- 5. As used in this Rule, "midnight Pacific time" must be determined based on the actual measure of time that, on the final calendar day of the session, is being used and observed by the general population as the uniform time for the portion of Nevada which lies within the Pacific time zone, or any legal successor to the Pacific time zone, and which includes the seat of government of this State as designated by Section 1 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution.

# EXPENDITURES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE FUND

Rule No. 10. Manner of Authorization.

Except for routine salary, travel, equipment and operating expenses, no expenditures shall be made from the Legislative Fund without the authority of a concurrent resolution regularly adopted by the Senate and Assembly.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

- 1. When members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise onethird or less of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Legislative Commission must be:
  - (a) One, if such membership is less than one-fifth of the total number elected to that House.
- (b) Two, if such membership is at least one-fifth but not more than one-third of the total number elected to that House.
- → If the members of the minority party in the Senate or in the Assembly comprise more than one-third of the total number elected to that House, minority party membership for that House on the Commission must be three, being equal to the membership of the majority party.
- 2. Each House shall select one or more alternate members for each member from that House, designating them according to party or according to the individual member whom the alternate would replace.
- 3. A vacancy in the regular Senate or Assembly membership created by death or by resignation or by the Legislator's ceasing to be a member of the Legislature shall be filled by the proper alternate member as designated by that House. If there is no proper alternate member, the Legislative Commission shall fill the vacancy by appointing a Senator or Assemblyman or Assemblywoman of the same party.
- 4. If for any reason a member is or will be absent from a meeting and there are no alternates available, the Chair of the Commission may appoint a member of the same House and political party to attend the meeting as an alternate.
- 5. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed by resolution as provided in NRS 218E.150, except that the membership of any member who does not become a candidate for reelection or who is defeated for reelection shall terminate on the day next after the election and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in this Rule.
- 6. The Chair shall be selected at the first meeting of the newly formed Legislative Commission and shall serve until his or her successor is appointed following the formation of the next Legislative Commission.

#### RECORDS OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

Rule No. 12. Duties of Secretary of Committee and Director.

- 1. Each standing committee of the Legislature shall cause a record to be made of the proceedings of its meetings.
  - 2. The secretary of a standing committee shall:
- (a) Label each record with the date, time and place of the meeting and also indicate on the label the numerical sequence in which the record was made;
  - (b) Keep the records in chronological order; and
- (c) Deposit the records upon completion with the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
  - 3. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:
- (a) Make the records available for accessing by any person during office hours under such reasonable conditions as the Director may deem necessary; and
- (b) Retain the records for two bienniums and at the end of that period keep some form or copy of the record in any manner the Director deems reasonable to ensure access to the record in the foreseeable future.

#### REAPPORTIONMENT AND REDISTRICTING

Rule No. 13. Reserved.

Rule No. 13.1. Reserved.

Rule No. 13.2. Reserved.

Rule No. 13.3. Reserved.

#### Rule No. 13.4. Compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

- 1. A redistricting committee will not consider a plan that the redistricting committee determines is a violation of section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 52 U.S.C. § 10301, which prohibits any state from imposing any voting qualification, standard, practice or procedure that results in the denial or abridgment of any United States citizen's right to vote on account of race, color or status as a member of a language minority group.
- 2. A redistricting committee will not consider a plan that the redistricting committee determines is racially packing or cracking.
  - 3. Racial packing exists when:
  - (a) Race is the dominant and controlling rationale in drawing district lines; and
- (b) The district lines are drawn to concentrate members of a group into a single district, thereby diminishing their impact as individual voters.
  - 4. Racial cracking exists when:
  - (a) Race is the dominant and controlling rationale in drawing district lines; and
- (b) District lines are drawn to split members of a group among multiple districts, so as to dilute their impact and to prevent them from constituting a majority.
- 5. For the purpose of analyzing the 2010 census data, the redistricting committees shall adopt the method set forth in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 00-02 for aggregating and allocating the 63 categories of race data that was reported to Nevada in 2011 by the United States Census Bureau as part of the federal decennial census.

# Rule No. 13.6. Public Participation.

- 1. The redistricting committees shall seek and encourage:
- (a) Public participation in all aspects of the reapportionment and redistricting activities; and
- (b) The widest range of public input into the deliberations relating to those activities.
- 2. Notices of all meetings of the redistricting committees must be transmitted to any member of the public who so requests, without charge.
- 3. All interested persons are encouraged to appear before the redistricting committees and to provide their input regarding the reapportionment and redistricting activities. The redistricting committees shall afford a reasonable opportunity to any interested persons to present plans for redistricting, or amendments to plans for redistricting, unless such plans demonstrably fail to meet the minimally acceptable criteria set forth in this Rule and Joint Standing Rule No. 13.4.
- 4. Each of the redistricting committees shall fully utilize available videoconferencing capabilities and shall, either jointly or separately, hold at least one hearing in the southern portion of the State and at least one hearing in a rural portion of the State to allow residents

throughout the State an opportunity to participate in the deliberations relating to the reapportionment and redistricting activities.

- 5. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall make available to the public copies of the validated 2010 census database for the cost of reproducing the database.
- 6. The redistricting committees shall make available for review by the public, copies of all maps prepared at the direction of the committees.

# LIMITATIONS ON INTRODUCTION AND REQUESTS FOR DRAFTING OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Rule No. 14. Limitations on Drafting and Requirements for Introduction; Indication of Requester on Committee Introductions.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 and Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6, after a regular legislative session has convened, the Legislative Counsel shall honor, if submitted before 5 p.m. on the 15th calendar day of the legislative session, not more than 60 requests, in total, from each House for the drafting of a bill or joint resolution. The Majority Leader

of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly shall, not later than the 8th calendar day of the legislative session, allocate all, some or none of the 60 requests and provide the Legislative Counsel with a written list of the number of requests for the drafting of a bill that may be submitted by each member and standing committee of their respective Houses, and as Majority Leader or Speaker, as applicable, within the limit provided by this subsection. The lists may be revised any time before the 15th calendar day of the legislative session to reallocate any unused requests or requests which were withdrawn before drafting began on the request.

- 2. A request for the drafting of a bill or resolution that is submitted by a standing committee pursuant to this section must be approved by a majority of all of the members appointed to the committee before the request is submitted to the Legislative Counsel.
- 3. A standing committee may only request the drafting of a bill or resolution or introduce a bill or resolution that is within the jurisdiction of the standing committee.
- 4. A measure introduced by a standing committee at the request of a Legislator or organization must indicate the Legislator or organization at whose request the measure was drafted.
  - 5. The following measures must be introduced by a standing committee:
- (a) Measures drafted at the request of agencies and officers of the Executive Branch of State Government, local governments, the courts and other authorized nonlegislative requesters.
  - (b) Measures requested by statutory committees and interim legislative studies.
- (c) Bills requested by a standing committee, or by persons designated to request measures on behalf of a standing committee during the interim. Bills requested by or on behalf of a standing committee must be introduced by that committee.
- 6. Resolutions requested by or on behalf of a standing committee may be introduced by an individual member.
- 7. A Legislator may not change the subject matter of a request for a legislative measure after it has been submitted for drafting.

Rule No. 14.1. Secondary Deadline for Submission of Details to the Legislative Counsel.

1. If a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution is submitted to the Legislative Counsel by a Senator or member of the Assembly, a standing committee of the Assembly or Senate or

the Majority Leader of the Senate or the Speaker of the Assembly on or before the 15th calendar day of the legislative session pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, the member, chair of the standing committee or his or her designee, and the Majority Leader and Speaker, as applicable, shall, by the 22nd calendar day of the legislative session, provide the Legislative Counsel with information to draft the request which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting of the request.

- 2. The Legislative Counsel shall give priority to the drafting of bills and resolutions for which sufficient detail to allow complete drafting of the request was submitted within the period required by this Rule.
- 3. The provisions of this Rule apply to a request submitted by a Legislator who is not returning to the Legislature for the legislative session if the request was claimed by another Legislator who is or will be serving during the legislative session.
  - 4. The provisions of this Rule do not apply to:
  - (a) Emergency requests submitted pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.4.
  - (b) Requests for which a waiver is granted pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.5.

#### Rule No. 14.2. Limitations on Time for Introduction of Legislation.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:
- (a) Unless the provisions of paragraph (b) or (c) are applicable, a bill or joint resolution may only be introduced on or before:
- (1) The 10th calendar day following delivery of the introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution: or
- (2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint resolution as required by paragraph (e),

#### ₩ whichever is earlier.

- (b) If a bill or joint resolution requires revision after the introductory copy has been delivered, such information as is required to draft the revision must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel before the 10th calendar day following delivery of the introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution. The revised bill or joint resolution may only be introduced on or before:
- (1) The 15th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution; or
- (2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint resolution as required by paragraph (e),

# **⇒** whichever is earlier.

- (c) If the bill or joint resolution requires a second or subsequent revision, such information as is required to draft the revision must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel before the 15th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution. A bill or joint resolution revised pursuant to this paragraph may only be introduced on or before:
- (1) The 20th calendar day following delivery of the original introductory copy of the bill or joint resolution; or
- (2) The last day for introduction of the bill or joint resolution as required by paragraph (e),

#### **⇒** whichever is earlier.

(d) A request that was designated for prefiling pursuant to NRS 218D.150 must be introduced on or before the 15th calendar day of the legislative session.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the last day for introduction of a bill or joint resolution that was requested by:
- (1) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (2), a Legislator is the 43rd calendar day of the legislative session.
- (2) A Legislator, pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, a standing or interim committee or other requester is the 50th calendar day of the legislative session.
- 2. The Legislative Counsel shall indicate on the face of the introductory copy of each bill or joint resolution the final date on which the bill or joint resolution may be introduced.
- 3. If the final date on which the bill or joint resolution may be introduced falls upon a day on which the House in which the bill or joint resolution is to be introduced is not in session, the bill or joint resolution may be introduced on the next day that the House is in session.

#### SCHEDULE FOR ENACTMENT OF BILLS

# Rule No. 14.3. Final Dates for Action by Standing Committees and Houses.

Except as otherwise provided in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.4, 14.5 and 14.6:

- 1. The final standing committee to which a bill or joint resolution is referred in its House of origin may only take action on the bill or joint resolution on or before the 68th calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be re-referred after that date only to the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and only if the bill is exempt pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.
- 2. Final action on a bill or joint resolution may only be taken by the House of origin on or before the 79th calendar day of the legislative session.
- 3. The final standing committee to which a bill or joint resolution is referred in the second House may only take action on the bill or joint resolution on or before the 103rd calendar day of the legislative session. A bill may be re-referred after that date only to the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and only if the bill is exempt pursuant to subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6.
- 4. Final action on a bill or joint resolution may only be taken by the second House on or before the 110th calendar day of the legislative session.

#### Rule No. 14.4. Emergency Requests.

- 1. After a legislative session has convened:
- (a) The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or a standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more than ten requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution.
- (b) The Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the Assembly may each submit to the Legislative Counsel, on his or her own behalf or on the behalf of another Legislator or a standing committee of the Senate or Assembly, not more than three requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution.
  - 2. A request submitted pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) May be submitted at any time during the legislative session and is not subject to any of the provisions of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3.
- (b) Is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other requests for the drafting of a bill or resolution that are authorized to be submitted to the Legislative Counsel by the Majority Leader

of the Senate, Speaker of the Assembly, Minority Leader of the Senate or Minority Leader of the Assembly.

- 3. The list of requests for the preparation of legislative measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130 must include the phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who requested each bill or resolution pursuant to this Rule. If the request was made on behalf of another Legislator or a standing committee, the list must also include the name of the Legislator or standing committee on whose behalf the bill or resolution was requested.
- 4. The Legislative Counsel shall cause to be printed on the face of the introductory copy and all reprints of each bill or resolution requested pursuant to this Rule the phrase "EMERGENCY REQUEST OF" and state the title of the person who requested the bill or resolution.

#### Rule No. 14.5. Waivers.

- 1. At the request of a Legislator or a standing or select committee of the Senate or Assembly, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 or any of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14.1 and 14.3, or any combination thereof, may be waived by the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly, acting jointly, at any time during a legislative session.
  - 2. A waiver granted pursuant to subsection 1:
- (a) Must be in writing, executed on a form provided by the Legislative Counsel, and signed by the Majority Leader and the Speaker.
  - (b) Must indicate the date on which the waiver is granted.
  - (c) Must indicate the Legislator or committee on whose behalf the waiver is being granted.
- (d) Must include the bill number for which the waiver is granted or indicate that the Legislative Counsel is authorized to accept and honor a request for a new bill or resolution.
  - (e) Must indicate the provisions to which the waiver applies.
- (f) May include the conditions under which the bill for which the waiver is being granted must be introduced and processed.
- 3. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of a new bill or resolution for which a waiver is granted pursuant to this Rule unless information which is sufficient in detail to allow for complete drafting of the bill or resolution is submitted to the Legislative Counsel within 2 calendar days after the date on which the waiver is granted.
- 4. Upon the receipt of a written waiver granted pursuant to this Rule, the Legislative Counsel shall transmit a copy of the waiver to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. The notice that a waiver has been granted for an existing bill must be read on the floor and entered in the Journal, and a notation that the waiver was granted must be included as a part of the history of the bill on the next practicable legislative day. A notation that a waiver was granted authorizing a new bill or resolution must be included as a part of the history of the bill or resolution after introduction.
- 5. The Legislative Counsel shall secure the original copy of the waiver to the official cover of the bill or resolution.

#### Rule No. 14.6. Exemptions.

- 1. Upon request of the draft by or referral to the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, a bill which:
  - (a) Contains an appropriation; or
  - (b) Has been determined by the Fiscal Analysis Division to:

- (1) Authorize the expenditure by a state agency of sums not appropriated from the State General Fund or the State Highway Fund;
  - (2) Create or increase any significant fiscal liability of the State;
  - (3) Implement a budget decision; or
  - (4) Significantly decrease any revenue of the State,
- → is exempt from the provisions of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3. The Fiscal Analysis Division shall give notice to the Legislative Counsel to cause to be printed on the face of the bill the term "exempt" for any bills requested by the Senate Committee on Finance or Assembly Committee on Ways and Means that have been determined to be exempt and shall give written notice to the Legislative Counsel, Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly of any bill which is determined to be exempt or eligible for exemption after it is printed. When a bill is determined to be exempt or eligible for an exemption after the bill was printed, a notation must be included as a part of the history of the bill on the next practicable legislative day. The term "exempt" must be printed on the face of all reprints of the bill after the bill becomes exempt.
- 2. Unless exempt pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, all of the provisions of Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.1, 14.2 and 14.3 apply to a bill until the bill becomes exempt pursuant to subsection 1. A bill that has become exempt does not lose the exemption regardless of subsequent actions taken by the Legislature.
- 3. A cumulative list of all bills determined by the Fiscal Analysis Division pursuant to subsection 1 to be exempt or eligible for exemption after being printed must be maintained and printed in the back of the list of requests for the preparation of legislative measures prepared pursuant to NRS 218D.130.
- 4. The provisions of subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14, Joint Standing Rule No. 14.1, subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 and Joint Standing Rule No. 14.3 do not apply to:
  - (a) A measure that primarily relates to carrying out the business of the Legislature.
  - (b) A bill returned from enrollment for a technical correction.
- (c) A bill that was previously enrolled but, upon request of the Legislature, has been returned from the Governor for further consideration.

#### Rule No. 14.7. Amendments.

- 1. The Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of an amendment to a bill or resolution if the subject matter of the amendment is independent of, and not specifically related and properly connected to, the subject that is expressed in the title of the bill or resolution.
- 2. For the purposes of this Rule, an amendment is independent of, and not specifically related and properly connected to, the subject that is expressed in the title of a bill or resolution if the amendment relates only to the general, single subject that is expressed in that title and not to the specific whole subject matter embraced in the bill or resolution.
- 3. This Rule must be narrowly construed to carry out the purposes for which it was adopted, which is to ensure the effectiveness of the limitations set forth in Joint Standing Rules Nos. 14, 14.1. 14.2 and 14.3.

Rule No. 15. Reserved. Rule No. 16. Reserved.

#### DATE OF FIRST JOINT BUDGET HEARING

#### Rule No. 17. Requirement.

The first joint meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means to consider the budgets of the agencies of the State must be held on or before the 89th calendar day of the regular session.

# CRITERIA FOR REVIEWING BILLS THAT REQUIRE POLICIES OF HEALTH INSURANCE TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN TREATMENT OR SERVICES

#### Rule No. 18. Topics of Consideration.

Any standing committee of the Senate or Assembly to which a bill is referred requiring a policy of health insurance delivered or issued for delivery in this State to provide coverage for any treatment or service shall review the bill giving consideration to:

- 1. The level of public demand for the treatment or service for which coverage is required and the extent to which such coverage is needed in this State;
  - 2. The extent to which coverage for the treatment or service is currently available;
- 3. The extent to which the required coverage may increase or decrease the cost of the treatment or service;
- 4. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of obtaining policies of health insurance in this State;
- 5. The effect the required coverage will have on the cost of health care provided in this State; and
- 6. Such other considerations as are necessary to determine the fiscal and social impact of requiring coverage for the treatment or service.

#### INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

#### Rule No. 19. Approval for Meeting During Session and Date for Reporting.

- 1. A legislative committee that meets during the interim shall not schedule or otherwise hold a meeting during a regular session of the Legislature or during an adjournment pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 9 without the prior approval of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the Assembly.
- 2. Each legislative committee that adopted any findings or recommendations during the interim since the last regular session of the Legislature shall, not later than the 14th calendar day of the regular session, inform interested members of the Senate and Assembly of those findings and recommendations.

#### ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

- Rule No. 20. Maintenance of Working Environment; Procedure for Filing, Investigating and Taking Remedial Action on Complaints.
- 1. The Legislature hereby declares that it is the policy of the Legislature to prohibit any conduct, whether intentional or unintentional, which results in sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment based upon any other protected category. The Legislature intends to maintain a working environment which is free from sexual harassment and other unlawful

harassment. Each Legislator is responsible to conduct himself or herself in a manner which will ensure that others are able to work in such an environment.

- 2. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq., for the purposes of this Rule, "sexual harassment" means unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
- (a) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of a person's employment;
- (b) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by a person is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting the person; or
- (c) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.
- 3. Each Legislator must exercise his or her own good judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived by others as sexual harassment. The following noninclusive list provides illustrations of conduct that the Legislature deems to be inappropriate:
- (a) Verbal conduct such as epithets, derogatory comments, slurs or unwanted sexual advances, invitations or comments:
  - (b) Visual conduct such as derogatory posters, photography, cartoons, drawings or gestures;
- (c) Physical conduct such as unwanted touching, blocking normal movement or interfering with the work directed at a person because of his or her sex; and
- (d) Threats and demands to submit to sexual requests to keep a person's job or avoid some other loss, and offers of employment benefits in return for sexual favors.
- 4. In addition to other prohibited conduct, a complaint may be brought pursuant to this Rule for engaging in conduct prohibited by Rule No. 37 when the prohibited conduct is based on or because of the gender or other protected category of the person.
- 5. Retaliation against a person for engaging in protected activity is prohibited. Retaliation occurs when an adverse action is taken against a person which is reasonably likely to deter the person from engaging in the protected activity. Protected activity includes, without limitation:
- (a) Opposing conduct that the person reasonably believes constitutes sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment:
  - (b) Filing a complaint about the conduct; or
- (c) Testifying, assisting or participating in any manner in an investigation or other proceeding related to a complaint of sexual harassment or other unlawful harassment.
- 6. A Legislator who encounters conduct that the Legislator believes is sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment, retaliation or otherwise inconsistent with this policy may file a written complaint with:
  - (a) The Speaker of the Assembly;
  - (b) The Majority Leader of the Senate;
- (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, if the complaint involves the conduct of the Speaker of the Assembly or the Majority Leader of the Senate; or
  - (d) The reporting system established pursuant to subsection 11.
- → The complaint must include the details of the incident or incidents, the names of the persons involved and the names of any witnesses. Unless the Legislative Counsel is the subject of the complaint, the Legislative Counsel must be informed upon receipt of a complaint.
- 7. The Speaker of the Assembly, the Majority Leader of the Senate or the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, as appropriate, shall cause a discreet and impartial investigation to be conducted and may, when deemed necessary and appropriate, assign the complaint to a committee consisting of Legislators of the appropriate House.

- 8. If the investigation reveals that sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment, retaliation or other conduct in violation of this policy has occurred, appropriate disciplinary or remedial action, or both, will be taken. The appropriate persons will be informed when any such action is taken. The Legislature will also take any action necessary to deter any future harassment.
- 9. The Legislature encourages a Legislator to report any incident of sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment, retaliation or other conduct inconsistent with this policy immediately so that the complaint can be quickly and fairly resolved.
- 10. All Legislators are responsible for adhering to the provisions of this policy. The prohibitions against engaging in sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment which are set forth in this Rule also apply to employees, Legislators, lobbyists, vendors, contractors, customers and any other visitors to the Legislature.
- 11. The Legislative Counsel Bureau shall establish a reporting system which allows a person to submit a complaint of a violation of this Rule with or without identifying himself or herself. Such a complaint must provide enough details of the incident or incidents alleged, the names of the persons involved and the names of any witnesses to allow an appropriate inquiry to occur.
- 12. This policy does not create any private right of action or enforceable legal rights in any person.
- Rule No. 20.5. Lobbyists to Maintain Appropriate Working Environment; Procedure for Filing, Investigating and Taking Remedial Action on Complaints.
- 1. A lobbyist shall not engage in any conduct with a Legislator or any other person working in the Legislature which is prohibited by a Legislator under Rule No. 20. Each lobbyist is responsible to conduct himself or herself in a manner which will ensure that others who work in the Legislature are able to work in an environment free from sexual harassment and other unlawful harassment.
- 2. Each lobbyist must exercise his or her own good judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may be perceived by others as sexual harassment as described in Rule No. 20.
- 3. A lobbyist who encounters conduct that he or she believes is sexual harassment, other unlawful harassment, retaliation or otherwise inconsistent with this policy may file a written complaint with:
  - (a) The Speaker of the Assembly;
  - (b) The Majority Leader of the Senate;
  - (c) The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; or
  - (d) The reporting system established pursuant to subsection 11 of Rule No. 20.
- → Such a complaint must include the details of the incident or incidents alleged, the names of the persons involved and the names of any witnesses. Unless the Legislative Counsel is the subject of the complaint, the Legislative Counsel must be informed upon receipt of a complaint.
- 4. If a person encounters conduct by a lobbyist which he or she believes is sexual harassment, or other unlawful harassment, retaliation or otherwise inconsistent with this policy, the person may file a complaint in the manner listed in subsection 3, or may submit a complaint in accordance with the reporting system established pursuant to subsection 11 of Rule No. 20.
- 5. If a complaint made against a lobbyist pursuant to this Rule is substantiated, appropriate disciplinary action may be brought against the lobbyist which may include, without limitation, having his or her registration as a lobbyist suspended.

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6. This policy does not create any private right of action or enforceable legal rights in any person.

#### **VOTE ON GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL**

Rule No. 21. Waiting Period Between Introduction and Final Passage.

A period of at least 24 hours must elapse between the introduction of the general appropriation bill and a vote on its final passage by its House of origin.

# USE OF LOCK BOXES BY STATE AGENCIES

Rule No. 22. Duties of Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means.

To expedite the deposit of state revenue, the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and the Assembly Standing Committee on Ways and Means shall, when reviewing the proposed budget of a state agency which collects state revenue, require, if practicable, the agency to deposit revenue that it has received within 24 hours after receipt. The Committees shall allow such agencies to deposit the revenue directly or contract with a service to deposit the revenue within the specified period.

Rule No. 23. Reserved.

Rule No. 24. Reserved.

Rule No. 25. Reserved.

Rule No. 26. Reserved.

Rule No. 27. Reserved.

Rule No. 28. Reserved.

Rule No. 29. Reserved.

#### LEGISLATIVE CODE OF ETHICAL STANDARDS

Rule No. 30. Short Title; Applicability; Relation to Other Ethical Standards.

- 1. Rules Nos. 30 to 39, inclusive, may be cited as the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards.
- 2. The Legislative Code of Ethical Standards applies to:
- (a) All Legislators at all times.
- (b) All members of legislative staff when performing or exercising their legislative assignments, tasks, duties, responsibilities or powers.
  - (c) All lobbyists when they:
- (1) Appear in person in the Legislative Building or any other building in which the Legislature or any of its legislative committees hold meetings during a regular or special session or the interim between sessions, including, without limitation, any building in which a meeting is held by teleconference or videoconference; or

- (2) Represent the interests of any lobbying client to a Legislator or a member of legislative staff, regardless of whether such representation occurs during a regular or special session or the interim between sessions and regardless of the location where such representation occurs or the means of communication used to provide such representation.
- 3. The Legislative Code of Ethical Standards is intended to supplement all other ethical standards recognized by rules and laws governing ethics and does not limit the application of such other ethical standards but is cumulative thereto, so that the application or attempted application of any one of the ethical standards does not bar the application or attempted application of any other, except in circumstances where Section 6 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution invests each House with plenary and exclusive constitutional powers.
- 4. The Legislative Code of Ethical Standards does not create any private right of action or enforceable legal rights in any person.

# Rule No. 31. Purpose and Construction.

- 1. The purpose of the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards is to:
- (a) Establish the highest standards of ethical behavior founded upon principles of dignity, decorum, civility and respect;
  - (b) Prohibit any conduct that creates the appearance of impropriety; and
- (c) Prohibit any improper, inappropriate or dishonorable conduct that is unbecoming to the legislative process or is inconsistent with or undermines the people's faith, trust and confidence in the integrity of the legislative process.
  - 2. The Legislative Code of Ethical Standards must be construed:
  - (a) Liberally to carry out and achieve its purposes; and
- (b) Strictly against any person alleging that his or her conduct is not subject to its provisions, so that any doubt or uncertainty as to the application of its provisions must be resolved against such a person and in favor of removing unethical behavior from the legislative process.

#### Rule No. 32. Definitions.

As used in the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in Rules Nos. 33 to 36, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those rules.

# Rule No. 33. "Legislative Committee" Defined.

- 1. "Legislative committee" means any legislative committee or commission appointed to conduct or perform legislative business during a regular or special session or the interim between sessions.
  - 2. The term includes, without limitation:
  - (a) Any joint, standing, temporary, special or select committee;
  - (b) Any committee of the whole;
  - (c) Any interim committee; or
  - (d) Any subcommittee.

# Rule No. 34. "Lobbying Client" Defined.

1. "Lobbying client" means a person who employs, retains, contracts for or otherwise uses or engages the services of a lobbyist to represent the interests of the person to one or more Legislators or members of legislative staff, whether or not any compensation is paid for the services.

2. The term includes, without limitation, a client that is a government, governmental agency or political subdivision of a government.

# Rule No. 35. "Lobbyist" Defined.

- 1. "Lobbyist" means a person who:
- (a) Is required to register as a lobbyist during a regular or special session pursuant to chapter 218H of NRS, regardless of whether the person properly registers or fails to register as a lobbyist as required by that chapter; or
- (b) Represents the interests of any lobbying client to a Legislator or a member of legislative staff, regardless of whether such representation occurs during a regular or special session or the interim between sessions and regardless of the location where such representation occurs or the means of communication used to provide such representation.
- The term does not include a person who is excluded from the term "lobbyist" as defined in NRS 218H.080.

# Rule No. 36. "Member of Legislative Staff" Defined.

- 1. "Member of legislative staff" means any member of a Legislator's staff or any officer, employee, assistant or other person employed with reference to the legislative duties of a Legislator or the Legislative Branch, regardless of whether they are paid or otherwise compensated to serve in their positions.
- 2. The term includes, without limitation, any officers, employees, attaches, interns or other staff of:
  - (a) The Legislature or either House;
  - (b) Any legislative committee;
  - (c) Any legislative office or caucus;
  - (d) Any division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; or
  - (e) Any other agency, body, office, organization or unit of the Legislative Branch.

#### Rule No. 37. Ethical Standards; Prohibited Conduct.

- 1. The people of the State of Nevada have the right to expect and demand that each Legislator, member of legislative staff or lobbyist adheres to the highest standards of ethical behavior founded upon principles of dignity, decorum, civility and respect because such ethical standards are essential to ensure and enhance the people's faith, trust and confidence in the integrity of the legislative process.
- 2. Each Legislator, member of legislative staff or lobbyist has a solemn and unerring responsibility and duty to do everything in his or her power to:
- (a) Behave properly, appropriately and honorably with each other and with members of the public who participate in the legislative process; and
- (b) Encourage, promote and secure an atmosphere in which ethical behavior is the highest priority and is practiced unceasingly and without fail.
- 3. Each Legislator, member of legislative staff or lobbyist shall not engage in or attempt, offer, or agree to engage in, or assist or induce another person to engage in:
  - (a) Any conduct that creates the appearance of impropriety; or
- (b) Any improper, inappropriate or dishonorable conduct that is unbecoming to the legislative process or is inconsistent with or undermines the people's faith, trust and confidence in the integrity of the legislative process.
  - 4. The conduct prohibited by this Rule includes, without limitation, any conduct that:

- (a) Is intended to threaten, harass, intimidate or improperly influence another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- (b) Creates a hostile work environment for another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- (c) Causes harm or serious emotional distress, or the reasonable apprehension thereof, to another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- (d) Involves impolite, disrespectful or disorderly behavior that results in unreasonable or harmful interference with another person who is participating in the legislative process.
- (e) Involves false or misleading accusations or allegations against another person who is participating in the legislative process.
  - (f) Involves dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.
- (g) Is intended to assist or induce another person to violate or attempt to violate the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards.

# Rule No. 38. Complaints.

- 1. A person may file a complaint alleging a breach of the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards in accordance with the Standing Rules of each House, except that a person may not file a complaint alleging the same or substantially similar conduct with more than one House.
- 2. If the complaint alleges an ethical breach by or against a Legislator or the ethical breach otherwise involves a particular Legislator, the complaint must be filed with the Legislator's House, even if the complaint also alleges an ethical breach by or against a member of legislative staff or a lobbyist.
- Rule No. 39. Authority of Senate and Assembly to Adopt Ethical Standards and Prohibit and Sanction Ethical Breaches.
  - 1. The Senate and Assembly hereby find and declare that:
- (a) Section 6 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution invests each House with plenary and exclusive constitutional powers to govern, control and regulate its membership and its internal organization, affairs and management, expressly providing that: "Each House shall judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members, choose its own officers (except the President of the Senate), determine the rules of its proceedings and may punish its members for disorderly conduct, and with the concurrence of two thirds of all the members elected, expel a member." (Heller v. Legislature, 120 Nev. 456 (2004); Commission on Ethics v. Hardy. 125 Nev. 285 (2009); Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure §§ 2-3 and 560-564 (2010) (Mason's Manual))
- (b) Section 7 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution invests each House with plenary and exclusive constitutional powers to govern, control and regulate any person who is not a member but who is guilty of disrespect to the House by disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, and each House also has inherent powers, according to the common parliamentary law, to prohibit and sanction all offensive behavior committed against it by any person who is not a member. (Mason's Manual §§ 805-806; Luther S. Cushing, Elements of the Law & Practice of Legislative Assemblies §§ 690-695 (1856) (Cushing's Legislative Assemblies))
- (c) In addition to its other powers, each House possesses certain inherent powers of institutional self-protection and self-preservation to govern, control and regulate its membership and its internal organization, affairs and management. (In re Chapman, 166 U.S. 661, 668 (1897); Mason's Manual § 2; Cushing's Legislative Assemblies § 533)
- (d) The inherent powers of each House are considered "so essential to the authority of a legislative assembly, that it cannot well exist without them; and they are consequently entitled

to be regarded as belonging to every such assembly as a necessary incident." (Cushing's Legislative Assemblies § 533)

- (e) The inherent powers of each House authorize it to take all necessary and proper institutional actions that are "recognized by the common parliamentary law." (<u>Cushing's</u> Legislative Assemblies § 684)
- (f) Thus, it is well established that each House is "vested with all the powers and privileges which are necessary and incidental to a free and unobstructed exercise of its appropriate functions. These powers and privileges are derived not from the Constitution; on the contrary, they arise from the very creation of a legislative body, and are founded upon the principle of self-preservation." (Ex parte McCarthy, 29 Cal. 395, 403 (1866))
- 2. The Senate and Assembly hereby exercise their constitutional and inherent powers and privileges and adopt the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards in the Joint Standing Rules to:
- (a) Establish ethical standards to regulate the behavior and conduct of persons who participate in the legislative process; and
  - (b) Prohibit and sanction ethical breaches.

#### CONTINUATION OF RULES

Rule No. 40. Continuation of Joint Standing Rules During the Interim Between Regular Sessions.

The Joint Standing Rules set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect throughout the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature and until new Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly are adopted as part of the organization of a newly-constituted Legislature at the commencement of a session, unless a conflict exists with a rule adopted by the Senate and Assembly for a special session occurring between regular sessions.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Resolution adopted and ordered transmitted to the Senate.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Authorizing additional reimbursement for travel in certain circumstances.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That to offset the increased cost of flights, a legislator may apply for reimbursement for travel of 50 miles or more between the legislator's home and Carson City, Nevada, to serve during the 80th (2019) Session of the Nevada Legislature by submitting a claim for the reimbursement of any amount the legislator is required to pay for such travel which exceeds the amount authorized to be provided pursuant to NRS 218A.645, up to a maximum amount of \$5,000 per legislator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the amount of any such claim that is approved be verified, processed and paid in the same manner as claims pursuant to NRS 218A.645.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Resolution adopted and ordered transmitted to the Senate.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Resolution No. 1—Adopting the Standing Rules of the Assembly for the 80th Session of the Legislature.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the Assembly Standing Rules are hereby adopted for the 80th Session of the Legislature as follows:

#### I. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Rule No. 1. Speaker of the Assembly.

- 1. All officers of the Assembly are subordinate to the Speaker in all that relates to the prompt, efficient and correct discharge of their official duties under the Speaker's supervision.
- 2. Possessing the powers and performing the duties described in this Rule, the Speaker shall:
- (a) Take the chair at the hour to which the Assembly stands adjourned, call the members to order, and upon the appearance of a quorum, proceed to business.
- (b) In the event an emergency occurs during a regular or special session of the Legislature which requires a meeting of the Assembly, call the members back to order before the hour to which the Assembly had adjourned.
- (c) Preserve order and decorum and have general direction of the Chamber of the Assembly and the approaches thereto. In the event of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, order the same to be cleared.
- (d) Decide all questions of order, subject to a member's right to appeal to the Assembly. On appeal from such decisions, the Speaker has the right, in the Speaker's place, to assign the reason for the decision.
- (e) Have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution must not extend beyond one legislative day.
- (f) Have the power to accredit the persons who act as representatives of the news media and assign them seats.
  - (g) Sign all bills and resolutions passed by the Legislature as provided by law.
  - (h) Sign all subpoenas issued by the Assembly.
- (i) Receive all messages and communications from other departments of the government and announce them to the Assembly.
  - (j) Represent the Assembly, declare its will and in all things obey its commands.
- (k) Vote on final passage of a bill or resolution, but the Speaker shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings except where the Speaker's vote would be decisive. In all yea and nay votes, the Speaker's name must be called last.
- (1) Appoint committees during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature for any proper purpose, including, without limitation, taking testimony, compelling the attendance of witnesses, punishing persons or entities for contempt and reporting findings to the next session of the Legislature.
- 3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, through death, resignation or disability of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore shall temporarily and for the period of vacancy or disability conduct the necessary business of the Assembly.
- 4. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of Speaker, the Assembly shall select a new Speaker.
- 5. This Rule shall remain in full force and effect throughout the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature and until new Standing Rules of the Assembly are adopted as part of the organization of a newly-constituted Assembly at the commencement of a session.
- Rule No. 2. Continuation of Leadership and Standing Rules of the Assembly During the Interim Between Regular Sessions.
- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2, 3 and 4, the tenure of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Assembly extends during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.
- 2. The Assemblymen or Assemblywomen designated to be the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Leader and Minority Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall perform any duty required of that officer by the Standing Rules of the Assembly and the Nevada

Revised Statutes in the period between the time of their designation after the general election and the organization of the next succeeding regular session.

- 3. The Assemblyman or Assemblywoman designated to be the Speaker and the Assemblyman or Assemblywoman designated to be the Minority Leader for the next succeeding regular session shall appoint the regular and alternate members to the Select Committee on Ethics as set forth in Assembly Standing Rule No. 23.
- 4. The Assemblyman or Assemblywoman designated to be the Speaker for the next succeeding regular session shall:
  - (a) Determine the start time of the Assembly's organizational session.
- (b) Have the right to name any person to call the Assembly to order and preside over the Assembly's organizational session until a presiding officer is elected.
- (c) Refer prefiled bills and resolutions to committee, subject to ratification by a majority vote of the members of the Assembly once the Assembly is organized and ready for business.
- 5. The Assembly Standing Rules set forth herein shall remain in full force and effect throughout the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature and until new Standing Rules of the Assembly are adopted as part of the organization of a newly-constituted Assembly at the commencement of a session, unless a conflict exists with a rule adopted by the Assembly for a special session occurring between regular sessions.

Rule No. 3. Chief Clerk.

- 1. The Chief Clerk is elected by the Assembly and is responsible to the Speaker.
- 2. The Chief Clerk shall recruit, select, train and supervise all attaches employed to assist with the work of the Assembly.
  - 3. The Chief Clerk shall administer the daily business of the Assembly.
- 4. The Chief Clerk shall adopt such administrative policies as the Chief Clerk deems necessary to carry out the business of the Assembly.
- 5. The Speaker and the Chief Clerk are authorized to make any necessary corrections and additions to the final journal, history and committee minutes of the Assembly.
- 6. At the direction of the Speaker or Speaker Designate, the Chief Clerk shall attest and affix the seal of the Assembly to all writs, warrants, subpoenas and formal documents issued by the Assembly.
- 7. The Chief Clerk shall have custody of all bills, resolutions, petitions, papers and other documents, including, without limitation, matters referred to the committees of the Assembly.

Rule No. 4. Reserved.

Rule No. 5. Reserved.

Rule No. 6. Reserved.

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### II. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS

Rule No. 10. Time of Meeting.

The Assembly shall meet each day at 11:30 a.m., unless the Assembly adjourns to some other hour.

Rule No. 11. Open Meetings.

All meetings of the Assembly and its committees must be open to the public.

Rule No. 12. Convening of the Assembly between Legislative Sessions.

1. The Assembly may be convened at any time between sessions of the Legislature upon a petition signed by a majority of the members elected to the Assembly to consider and take action on any matter that is solely and exclusively within the constitutional or inherent powers of the Assembly, including, without limitation, any matter that may be considered and acted on by the

Assembly pursuant to its plenary and exclusive constitutional powers under Article 4, Section 6 of the Nevada Constitution or pursuant to its inherent powers of institutional self-protection and self-preservation to govern, control and regulate its membership and its internal organization, affairs and management.

- 2. A petition convening the Assembly pursuant to this Rule must specify the matter that will be considered or acted on by the Assembly, indicate a date for the Assembly to convene and be transmitted to the Chief Clerk of the Assembly. Upon receipt of one or more substantially similar petitions signed, in the aggregate, by a majority of the members elected to the Assembly, the Chief Clerk shall notify all members of the Assembly that the Assembly will be convened pursuant to this Rule and the date on which the Assembly will be convened.
  - 3. The Assembly hereby finds and declares that:
- (a) The Nevada Constitution invests each House of the Legislature with certain plenary and exclusive constitutional powers which may be exercised only by that House and which cannot be usurped, infringed or impaired by the other House or by any other branch of Nevada's State Government. (Heller v. Legislature, 120 Nev. 456 (2004); Commission on Ethics v. Hardy, 125 Nev. 285 (2009); Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure §§ 2-3 & 560-564 (2010) (Mason's Manual))
- (b) Article 4, Section 6 of the Nevada Constitution invests each House with plenary and exclusive constitutional powers to govern, control and regulate its membership and its internal organization, affairs and management, expressly providing that: "Each House shall judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members, choose its own officers (except the President of the Senate), determine the rules of its proceedings and may punish its members for disorderly conduct, and with the concurrence of two thirds of all the members elected, expel a member."
- (c) In addition to its plenary and exclusive constitutional powers, each House possesses certain inherent powers of institutional self-protection and self-preservation to govern, control and regulate its membership and its internal organization, affairs and management. (In re Chapman, 166 U.S. 661, 668 (1897); Mason's Manual § 2; Luther S. Cushing, Elements of the Law & Practice of Legislative Assemblies § 533 (1856) (Cushing's Legislative Assemblies))
- (d) The inherent powers of each House are considered "so essential to the authority of a legislative assembly, that it cannot well exist without them; and they are consequently entitled to be regarded as belonging to every such assembly as a necessary incident." (<u>Cushing's Legislative Assemblies</u> § 533)
- (e) The inherent powers of each House authorize it to take all necessary and proper institutional actions that are "recognized by the common parliamentary law." (<u>Cushing's Legislative Assemblies</u> § 684)
- (f) Thus, it is well established that each House is "vested with all the powers and privileges which are necessary and incidental to a free and unobstructed exercise of its appropriate functions. These powers and privileges are derived not from the Constitution; on the contrary, they arise from the very creation of a legislative body, and are founded upon the principle of self-preservation." (Ex parte McCarthy, 29 Cal. 395, 403 (1866))

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## III. DECORUM AND DEBATE

Rule No. 20. Points of Order.

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Assembly, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and if called to order by a member, such member shall immediately state the point of order. If the point of order be sustained by the presiding officer, the member shall not be allowed to proceed; but if it be not sustained, then the member shall be permitted to go on. Every such decision from the presiding officer shall be subject to an appeal to the House; but no discussion of the question of order shall be allowed unless an appeal be taken from the decision of the presiding officer.

Rule No. 21. Portable Electronic Communication Devices.

- 1. A person who is within the Assembly Chambers shall not engage in a telephone conversation via the use of a portable telephone.
- 2. Before entering the Assembly Chambers, any person who possesses a portable electronic communication device, such as a pager or telephone, that emits an audible alert, such as a ringing or beeping sound, to signal an incoming message or call, shall turn the audible alert off. A device that contains a nonaudible alert, such as a silent vibration, may be operated in a nonaudible manner within the Assembly Chambers.

#### Rule No. 22. Reserved.

Rule No. 23. Select Committee on Ethics; Legislative Ethics.

- 1. The Select Committee on Ethics consists of:
- (a) Two members of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker from the majority political party;
- (b) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader from the minority political party; and
- (c) Three qualified electors of the State, two of whom are appointed by the Speaker and one who is appointed by the Minority Leader, and none of whom is a present member of the Legislature or employed by the State of Nevada.
- 2. The Speaker shall appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. The Vice Chair shall serve as the acting Chair if the Chair is unable to serve for any reason during the consideration of a specific question.
- 3. The Speaker shall appoint an alternate member with the qualifications set forth in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 and an alternate member with the qualifications set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1. The Minority Leader shall appoint an alternate member with the qualifications set forth in paragraph (b) of subsection 1 and an alternate member with the qualifications set forth in paragraph (c) of subsection 1. If a member of the Committee is unable to serve for any reason during the consideration of a specific question, the alternate appointed with the qualifications from the same paragraph in subsection 1 shall serve as a member of the Committee during the consideration of the specific question.
- 4. A member of the Committee is disqualified to serve during the consideration of a specific question if:
- (a) The member is the requester of advice concerning the question of ethics or conflict of interest, or the member is the subject of the complaint concerning the specific question; or
- (b) A reasonable person in the member's situation could not exercise independent judgment on the matter in question.
- 5. The members of the Committee shall perform any duty required in the period between the time of their appointment after the general election and the organization of the next succeeding regular session, or until the Speaker or the Speaker Designate or the Minority Leader or Minority Leader Designate appoint new members to the Committee, whichever occurs first.
- 6. The tenure of the members of the Committee shall extend during the interim between regular sessions of the Legislature.
  - 7. The Committee:
- (a) May hear requests brought by members of the Assembly for advice on specific questions of potential breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest; and
- (b) Shall hear complaints brought by members of the Assembly and others on specific questions of alleged breaches of ethics and conflicts of interest, including, without limitation, alleged breaches of the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards in the Joint Standing Rules.
- 8. All proceedings held by the Committee to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of any person on matters of ethics or conflicts of interest and all materials related to those proceedings are confidential, unless the person who is the subject of the proceedings requests a public hearing or discloses the content of the proceedings or materials.
- 9. An individual may file a complaint which alleges a breach of ethics or a conflict of interest, including, without limitation, an alleged breach of the Legislative Code of Ethical

Standards in the Joint Standing Rules. If the alleged breach of ethics or conflict of interest involves the conduct of more than one person, separate complaints must be filed regarding each person. A complaint must be:

- (a) Made in writing on a form provided by the Legislative Counsel;
- (b) Signed and verified under penalty of perjury by the individual making the allegation; and
- (c) Filed with the Legislative Counsel who shall review the complaint and any other relevant information and consult with the Chair of the Committee or, if the Chair is the subject of the complaint, with the Vice Chair, to evaluate whether the Committee has jurisdiction and whether an investigation is warranted in the matter. If it is determined that the Committee:
- (1) Does not have jurisdiction or that an investigation is not warranted in the matter, the Legislative Counsel shall send written notice of the determination to the individual who filed the complaint.
- (2) Has jurisdiction and an investigation is warranted in the matter, the Legislative Counsel shall send written notice of the determination and a copy of the complaint to the person who is the subject of the complaint.
- 10. Each Legislator is subject, at all times, to the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards in the Joint Standing Rules and, in addition, must determine whether he or she has a conflict of interest upon any matter in question before the Legislator. In determining whether the Legislator has such a conflict of interest, the Legislator should consider whether the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in his or her situation upon the matter in question would be materially affected by the Legislator's:
  - (a) Acceptance of a gift or loan;
  - (b) Private economic interest; or
  - (c) Commitment to a member of his or her household or immediate family.
- → In interpreting and applying the provisions of this subsection, it must be presumed that the independence of judgment of a reasonable person in the Legislator's situation would not be materially affected by the Legislator's private economic interest or the Legislator's commitment to a member of his or her household or immediate family where the resulting benefit or detriment accruing to the Legislator, or if the Legislator has a commitment to a member of his or her household or immediate family, accruing to those other persons, is not greater than that accruing to any other member of the general business, profession, occupation or group that is affected by the matter.
- 11. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 12, if a Legislator knows he or she has a conflict of interest pursuant to subsection 10, the Legislator shall make a general disclosure of the conflict of interest on the record in a meeting of a committee or on the floor of the Assembly, as applicable. Such a disclosure must be entered:
- (a) If the Legislator makes the disclosure in a meeting of a committee, in the minutes for that meeting.
  - (b) If the Legislator makes the disclosure on the floor of the Assembly, in the Journal.
- 12. If, on one or more prior occasions during the current session of the Legislature, a Legislator has made a general disclosure of a conflict of interest on the record in a meeting of a committee or on the floor of the Assembly, the Legislator is not required to make that general disclosure at length again regarding the same conflict of interest if, when the matter in question arises on subsequent occasions, the Legislator makes a reference on the record to the previous disclosure.
- 13. In determining whether to abstain from voting upon, advocating or opposing a matter concerning which a Legislator has a conflict of interest pursuant to subsection 10, the Legislator should consider whether:
  - (a) The conflict impedes his or her independence of judgment; and
- (b) His or her interest is greater than the interests of an entire class of persons similarly situated.
- 14. The provisions of this Rule do not under any circumstances and regardless of any conflict of interest:

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- (a) Prohibit a Legislator from requesting or introducing a legislative measure; or
- (b) Require a Legislator to take any particular action before or while requesting or introducing a legislative measure.
- 15. If a Legislator who is a member of a committee declares on the record when a vote is to be taken by the committee that he or she will abstain from voting because of the requirements of this Rule, the necessary quorum to act upon and the number of votes necessary to act upon the matter is reduced as though the Legislator abstaining were not a member of the committee.
- 16. The standards and procedures set forth in this Rule which govern whether and to what extent a member of the Assembly has a conflict of interest, should disclose a conflict of interest or should abstain from voting upon, advocating or opposing a matter concerning which the member has a conflict of interest pursuant to subsection 10:
- (a) Are exclusive and are the only standards and procedures that apply to members of the Assembly with regard to such matters; and
- (b) Supersede and preempt all other standards and procedures with regard to such matters, → except that this subsection does not exempt any members of the Assembly from the Legislative Code of Ethical Standards in the Joint Standing Rules.
- 17. For purposes of this Rule, "immediate family" means a person who is related to the Legislator by blood, adoption or marriage within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity.

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## IV. OUORUM, VOTING, ELECTIONS

Rule No. 30. Manner of Voting.

- 1. The presiding officer shall declare all votes, but the yeas and nays must be taken when called for by three members present, and the names of those calling for the yeas and nays must be entered in the Journal by the Chief Clerk.
- 2. The presiding officer shall call for yeas and nays by a division or by a roll call, either electronic or oral.
- 3. When taking the yeas and nays on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used, and when so used shall have the force and effect of any roll call under these rules.
- 4. When taking the yeas and nays by oral roll call, the Chief Clerk shall take the names of members alphabetically, except that the Speaker's name must be called last.
  - 5. The electronic roll call system may be used to determine the presence of a quorum.
- 6. The yeas and nays must not be taken with the electronic roll call system until all members present are at their desks. The presiding officer may vote at the rostrum.
  - 7. Only a member who:
- (a) Has been certified by the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections or a special committee of the Assembly; and
- (b) Is physically present within the Assembly Chambers,
- → may cast a vote in the Assembly.
- 8. A member shall not vote for another member on any roll call, either electronic or oral. Any member who votes for another member may be punished in any manner deemed appropriate by the Assembly.

# Rule No. 31. Requirement of Voting.

- 1. A member shall vote on all questions that come before the body unless the member:
- (a) Is excused; or
- (b) Makes a full and complete disclosure of a conflict pursuant to Assembly Standing Rule No. 23.
- 2. A member found guilty by the House of a breach of this Rule shall not vote or speak on the floor, except to explain and apologize for the breach, until the member has made satisfaction to the House for the breach.

# Rule No. 32. Announcement of the Vote.

- 1. A member may change his or her vote at any time before the announcement of the vote if the voting is by voice, or at any time before the votes are electronically recorded if the voting is conducted electronically.
  - 2. The announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.

### Rule No. 33. Voting by Division.

Upon a division and count of the Assembly on any question, no person without the bar shall be counted.

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#### V. LEGISLATIVE BODIES

## A. Committees

### Rule No. 40. Standing Committees.

The standing committees of the Assembly for the regular session, and for Legislative Operations and Elections for both the regular session pursuant to this Rule and for a special session pursuant to Assembly Standing Rule No. 142, are as follows:

- 1. Ways and Means.
- 2. Judiciary.
- 3. Taxation.
- 4. Education.
- 5. Legislative Operations and Elections.
- 6. Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.
- 7. Growth and Infrastructure.
- 8. Commerce and Labor.
- 9. Health and Human Services.
- 10. Government Affairs.

## Rule No. 41. Appointment of Committees.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in Assembly Standing Rule No. 23, all committees must be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly. The Speaker shall designate the chair and vice chair of each committee.
- 2. To facilitate the full participation of the members during an adjournment called pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 9 of the Senate and Assembly, the Speaker may temporarily appoint a member to a committee that is scheduled to meet during the adjournment if none of the committees to which the member is regularly assigned will be meeting during the adjournment.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in Assembly Standing Rule No. 45, all committees will operate under the rules set forth herein and other uniform committee rules as determined by the Speaker and published on the Nevada Legislature's Internet website. Each committee may adopt and file with the Chief Clerk's Office policies consistent with these rules.

## Rule No. 41.5. Appointment of Alternates.

If the chair or any member of a committee is temporarily unable to perform his or her duties, the Speaker shall appoint an alternate of the same political party to serve in the chair's or the member's place for such time as is determined by the Speaker.

### Rule No. 42. Subcommittees.

- 1. Subcommittees made up of committee members may be appointed by the chair to consider and report back on specific subjects or bills.
- 2. Subcommittee meetings will be scheduled by the subcommittee chair after consulting with the committee chair.

- 3. Members of a subcommittee are required to attend meetings of the subcommittee.
- 4. Subcommittees of standing committees shall follow the same rules as standing committees.

#### Rule No. 43. Concurrent Referrals.

When a bill or resolution is referred to two committees, the bill or resolution must go to the first committee named. If the first committee votes to amend the bill or resolution, it must be reprinted with amendments and then returned to the first committee or sent immediately to the next committee. If there is no amendment proposed by the first committee, or if the first committee acts upon the bill or resolution after amendment, the bill or resolution must be sent with the committee recommendation to the Chief Clerk for transmittal to the second committee.

## Rule No. 44. Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections has jurisdiction over matters relating to personnel. It shall recommend by resolution the appointment of all attaches and employees of the Assembly not otherwise provided for by law.

## Rule No. 45. Committee of the Whole.

If a Committee of the Whole is convened:

- 1. The Speaker shall preside as Chair of the Committee or name a Chair to preside.
- 2. A member of the Committee may speak not more than twice during the consideration of any one question, on the same day, and at the same stage of proceedings, without leave. Members who have once spoken shall not again be entitled to the floor (except for explanation) to the exclusion of others who have not spoken.
- 3. The Chair may require any vote of the Committee to be recorded in the manner designated by the Chair.
  - 4. All amendments proposed by the Committee:
  - (a) Must first be approved by the Committee.
  - (b) Must be reported by the Chair to the Assembly.
- 5. Insofar as they are applicable and not in conflict with this Rule, a Committee of the Whole will observe the committee rules set forth in Section V(A) of the Assembly Standing Rules and such other uniform committee rules as determined by the Speaker and published on the Nevada Legislature's Internet website.
- 6. A quorum of the Committee of the Whole is the same as a quorum of the House, and in case a quorum is not present or other defect is observed, the Committee can take no other action than to rise.
- 7. It is permissible on motion to limit debate to a certain length of time, to close at a time certain, to limit the length of speeches, or to otherwise limit debate.
- 8. When a fixed duration is established for a Committee of the Whole, the time may be extended with consent of a majority of the members.
  - 9. A motion for the previous question is not in order.
  - 10. A Committee of the Whole cannot:
  - (a) Entertain any question of priority.
  - (b) Entertain any matter of privilege.
  - (c) Lay a question on the desk.
  - (d) Postpone consideration of any question.
  - (e) Reconsider a vote on a proposal no longer in possession of the Committee.
  - (f) Appoint a subcommittee.
- (g) Punish members for disorderly conduct, but must report any misconduct to the body for its action.
  - 11. Seconds to motions are required.
- 12. The minutes of the meetings of the Committee of the Whole must be entered in the Assembly's final journal.

### B. Election Contests

Rule No. 46. Procedure for Election Contests.

- 1. Upon receipt of a statement of contest from the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 293.427, the Speaker shall, as soon as practicable, appoint a special committee to hear the contest or refer the contest to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. The committee shall conduct a hearing to consider the contest. The committee shall keep written minutes of the hearing. The contestant has the burden of proving that any irregularities shown were of such a nature as to establish that the result of the election was changed thereby.
- 2. The contest must be submitted so far as may be possible upon depositions or by written or oral arguments as the Assembly may order. Any party to a contest may take the deposition of any witness at any time after the statement of contest is filed with the Secretary of State and before the contest is finally decided. At least 3 days' notice must be given to the prospective deponent and to the other party. If oral statements are made at any hearing before the Assembly or a committee thereof which purport to establish matters of fact, they must be made under oath. Strict rules of evidence do not apply.
- 3. The committee shall, not later than 5 calendar days after the contest was referred to the committee, report to the Assembly its findings on whether the contestant has met the burden of proving that any irregularities shown were of such a nature as to establish that the result of the election was changed thereby. The committee shall then report to the Assembly its recommendation on which person should be declared elected or report that it has no recommendation. The Assembly shall, as soon as practicable thereafter but not later than 7 calendar days after the Speaker received the statement of contest, vote whether to accept or reject the committee's recommendation without amendment, if a recommendation is made. If the recommendation is accepted, the Speaker shall declare the recommendation, the Assembly shall consider immediately which person should be declared elected. The Speaker shall not adjourn the Assembly until it has declared a person to be elected.
- 4. If a person other than the person initially seated as a member of the Assembly pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 293.427 is declared to be elected by the Assembly as a result of the contest, the Speaker shall inform the Governor of the identity of the person declared to be elected by the Assembly.

## C. Duties of Committee Officers, Committee Members and Committee Staff

### Rule No. 47. Committee Chairs.

- 1. The chair has all authority necessary to ensure an efficient operation of the committee or subcommittee.
- 2. The chair shall have general direction of the committee room or other meeting place of the committee, and in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct therein, or if the peace, good order, and proper conduct of the legislative business is hindered by any person or persons, the chair shall have power to exclude from the session any individual or individuals so hindering the legislative business.
- 3. Possessing the powers and performing the duties described in this Rule, each committee chair shall:
  - (a) Preside over committee meetings and put all questions before the committee;
  - (b) Preserve order and decorum and decide all questions of order;
  - (c) Determine the order of bills for hearing;
  - (d) Prepare and distribute the committee's agenda;
- (e) Prepare and distribute a work session document that contains a list of all measures on which the committee is ready to consider final action;
  - (f) Call recesses of the committee as deemed necessary;
  - (g) Request amendments to resolve conflicts;
- (h) Determine when final action is to be taken on measures, committee reports and other business of the committee;
  - (i) Sign and submit bill draft requests on behalf of the committee;
  - (i) Appoint subcommittees, as necessary;
  - (k) Provide direction to committee support staff;

- (l) Prepare and submit committee reports;
- (m) Review and approve minutes of the committee;
- (n) Handle unfinished business for measures heard in the committee; and
- (o) Inform the Speaker of committee activity.
- 4. In the absence of the chair, or upon the request of the chair, the vice chair of the committee shall assume the duties of the chair.
- 5. The chair may name any member of the committee to perform the duties of the chair if such substitution shall not extend beyond such meeting.

#### Rule No. 48. Attendance.

- 1. Members shall notify the chair of any absence. Excused absences will be so recorded at the direction of the chair.
- 2. A member shall advise the chair if he or she must leave a meeting for an extended period of time.
- 3. Members not in attendance when a final action is taken on a measure will be marked absent for the vote.

## Rule No. 49. Committee Staff.

Duties of committee attaches shall be prescribed by the Chief Clerk and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. The committee secretary shall call roll of the members at each meeting, with the chair being called last. The committee secretary shall record in the minutes the members present and the members not present.
- 2. The committee secretary shall record the meeting and draft committee minutes for the chair's approval.
- 3. On behalf of the chair, the committee secretary shall maintain all minutes and exhibits of the committee's meetings until released to the custody of the Chief Clerk.
- 4. The committee manager assigned to each committee shall be responsible to the chair of the committee for the proper and accurate preparation of all reports of the committee.

## Rule No. 50. Committee Operations.

- 1. Each committee of the House shall be provided a committee manager who shall maintain a current record of all bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials or other matters filed in committee. A record of committee actions shall be filed with the Chief Clerk. The committee manager shall post, on a bulletin board and electronically, all meeting agendas.
- 2. The standing committees of the Assembly may coordinate with the standing committees of the Senate to meet jointly whenever agreed to by said committees for the purpose of holding public hearings or considering any proposed or pending legislation. Upon conclusion of the joint meeting of said committees, each standing committee of the Assembly may take such action as it determines appropriate. Whenever the committees of the Assembly and Senate hold joint hearings or meetings, the chair of the Assembly committee shall coordinate with the chair of the Senate committee to determine which of them shall preside at the joint meeting.
- 3. When a joint meeting is chaired by a Senator, the practices of the Senate that are inconsistent with those of the Assembly do not create a precedent for the same practice in the Assembly.

### Rule No. 51. Committee Records.

- 1. The chair of each committee shall make reports authorized by the committee and submit the same to the Chief Clerk.
- 2. The chair of each committee shall keep, or cause to be kept, a complete record of the committee proceedings in which there must be entered:
  - (a) The time and place of each meeting;
  - (b) The attendance and absence of members;
- (c) The names of all persons appearing before the committee, with the names of persons, firms, corporations or associations in whose behalf such appearance is made; and
  - (d) The subjects or measures considered and action taken.

- 3. A person may obtain a recording of a meeting by paying a fee determined by the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to cover the cost of the recording but, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the official record of the committee is the minutes of the committee meeting approved by the chair pursuant to paragraph (m) of subsection 3 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 47. Minutes of joint meetings prepared by non-Assembly staff are not official records of the Assembly.
- 4. The Speaker and the Chief Clerk are authorized to make any necessary corrections and additions to the minutes of committee meetings.

## Rule No. 52. Final Disposition of Committee Minutes and Exhibits.

Upon their completion, the Chief Clerk shall turn over all original minutes and exhibits to the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

## Rule No. 52.5. Notices of Bills, Topics and Public Hearings.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, all committees shall provide adequate notice of public hearings on bills, resolutions or other topics which are to come before the committees. The notice must include the date, time, place and agenda to be covered. The notice must be posted conspicuously in the Legislative Building and be posted on the Nevada Legislature's Internet website.
- 2. The noticing requirements of this Rule may be suspended for emergency situations but only after approval by a majority vote of a committee.
  - 3. Subsection 1 does not apply to:
- (a) Committee meetings held behind the bar on the floor of the Assembly during a recess;
- (b) Conference committee meetings; or
- (c) Meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

# D. Committee Hearings

#### Rule No. 53. Communications.

- 1. Out of respect for the privacy of committee members and staff, members are requested to hold conversations with lobbyists and members of the public at a location other than at the dais
- 2. At the direction of the Chair, lobbyists, the press, and members of the public are not allowed at the dais.
- 3. All directions, assignments, or requests on behalf of the committee must be communicated to its staff and to the personnel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau by the chair of the committee. A member of the committee must submit such requests to the chair for transmittal to the staff of the committee or to the personnel of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.
- 4. The chair may report instances of misconduct or indecorum by any committee member or other person to the Assembly for its consideration and action.

## Rule No. 54. Testimony, Witnesses and Exhibits.

- 1. All persons wishing to offer testimony to a committee shall be given a reasonable opportunity to do so as determined by the chair.
- 2. In addressing the committee, a person must state for the record whether he or she supports, opposes or is neutral to the bill or resolution before the committee. For purposes of legislative intent:
  - (a) "Support" of a bill or resolution shall be construed as:
  - (1) Approval of the measure as written; or
- (2) Approval of the measure as written along with proposed amendments that have been approved by the sponsor of the measure.
  - (b) "Opposition" to a bill or resolution shall be construed as:
    - (1) Not supporting the measure as written; or
- (2) Opposing the measure as revised by an amendment that has not been approved by the sponsor of the measure.

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- (c) A "neutral" position on a bill or resolution is one in which the person offers particular insight on the measure but expresses no position on the measure.
- 3. Persons addressing the committee shall keep their remarks to the point and avoid repetition and are subject to call to order by the chair for failure to do so.
- 4. A person shall not be excluded from a meeting or public hearing of a committee or subcommittee except in case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct, or if the peace, good order, and proper conduct of the legislative business is hindered by the person or persons.
  - 5. Questions from the committee will be restricted to relevant subject areas.
- 6. When the chair deems necessary, witnesses will be sworn in pursuant to NRS 218E.040 before providing testimony.
- 7. Unless waived or revised by the chair, handouts for hearings, including proposed amendments:
- (a) Must be submitted to the committee's manager not later than 5 p.m. on the business day before the meeting unless an earlier submission date or time is set by the chair, and included on the agenda;
  - (b) Must include the name and contact information of the person providing the handouts;
  - (c) For proposed amendments, must include a brief statement of intent; and
  - (d) Must be submitted by electronic mail or other electronic means.

## Rule No. 55. Hearings.

- 1. The presence of a quorum of the committee is desirable but not required to conduct a public hearing. At the discretion of the chair, members of the committee may attend, participate in and, if applicable, vote during the hearing via simultaneous telephone or video conference.
- 2. Public hearings are opened by the chair who announces the subject under consideration and provides an opportunity for persons wishing to address the committee to be heard. These persons shall rise in an order determined by the chair, address the chair and furnish their names, addresses and firms or other organizations represented.
  - 3. Committee members may address the chair for permission to question the witness.
- 4. A committee meeting shall adjourn not later than 10 minutes preceding the hour of its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 5. At the discretion of the chair, a meeting may be held outside the regularly scheduled day(s) and time.
- 6. Meetings of the committee may be scheduled outside the Legislative Building in Carson City with prior written approval of the Speaker. Subcommittees must have the prior written approval of the chair of the committee and the Speaker in order to conduct a meeting outside Carson City.

## E. Voting and Committee Action

## Rule No. 56. Manner of Voting.

- 1. The chair shall declare all votes and shall cause same to be entered on the records of the committee.
- 2. A member shall not vote for another member on any roll call. Any member who votes for another member may be punished in any manner deemed appropriate by the Assembly.

# Rule No. 57. Committee Action.

- 1. The committee shall have regular meetings scheduled by the Assembly leadership. A quorum of the committee is a majority of its members and may transact business except as limited by this Rule.
- 2. Except as limited by this Rule, a simple majority of those present may move, second and pass a motion by voice vote.
- 3. All motions require a second. If no second is received, that motion shall be declared invalid.
- 4. Absent approval by the Speaker or unanimous consent to waive the waiting period, a committee may not take final action on a bill or resolution until at least 24 hours after the close of the hearing on the bill or resolution.

- 5. Definite action on a bill or resolution will require a majority of the entire committee. A member shall vote on all questions that come before the committee unless the member:
  - (a) Is excused; or
- (b) Makes a full and complete disclosure of a conflict pursuant to Assembly Standing Rule No. 23.
  - 6. A majority of the entire committee is required to reconsider action on a bill or resolution.
- 7. Committee introduction of legislative measures which are not prefiled requires concurrence of a majority of the entire committee and does not imply commitment to support final passage.
- 8. Absent the consent of the chair and the approval of the Speaker, the chair must be present when the committee votes to take any final action regarding bills or resolutions.
  - 9. No member of the committee may vote by proxy under any circumstances.
- 10. A committee shall not take a vote on the question of whether to exercise its statutory authority to issue a legislative subpoena unless the chair or other person approved by the Speaker has informed the Speaker of the intention of the committee to consider such a question.
- 11. Every committee vote on a matter pertaining to a bill or resolution must be recorded. The vote may be taken by roll call at the discretion of the chair.
- 12. A member may change his or her vote at any time before the announcement of the vote if the voting is by voice. The announcement of the result of any vote shall not be postponed.
- 13. Unless a committee member advises the chair otherwise, it will be presumed that the member will vote on an amendment or on a measure, during a floor session, consistent with his or her vote in the committee.
- 14. A bill, resolution, or amendment in a committee having been rejected twice may not be brought up again during the same legislative session.
- 15. The minority of a committee may not make a report or present to the House an alternative report.

## F. Parliamentary Authority

## Rule No. 58. Precedence of Parliamentary Authority for Committees.

The precedence of parliamentary authority for the purpose of actions in a committee is set forth in Assembly Standing Rule No. 100.

### G. Decorum and Debate in Committees

### Rule No. 59. Portable Electronic Communication Devices.

- 1. A person who is within an Assembly committee room shall not engage in a telephone conversation via the use of a portable telephone.
- 2. No person shall engage in any conduct during a committee meeting which undermines the decorum of the meeting. Before entering an Assembly committee room, any person who possesses a portable electronic communication device, such as a pager or telephone, that emits an audible alert, such as a ringing or beeping sound, to signal an incoming message or call, shall turn the audible alert off. A device that contains a nonaudible alert, such as a silent vibration, may be operated in a nonaudible manner within an Assembly committee room. Failure to follow a warning issued by the chair may result in the device(s) being confiscated upon direction of the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### Rule No. 60. Reserved.

## Rule No. 61. Privilege of Closing Debate.

The author of a bill, a resolution or a main question shall have the privilege of closing the debate, unless the previous question has been sustained.

### Rule No. 62. Points of Order.

If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the rules of the Assembly, the chair shall, or any member may, call to order, in which case the member so called to order shall

immediately yield to the floor, unless permitted to explain; and if called to order by a member, such member shall immediately state the point of order. If the point of order be sustained by the presiding officer, the member shall not be allowed to proceed; but if it be not sustained, then the member shall be permitted to go on. Every such decision from the presiding officer shall be subject to an appeal to the committee; but no discussion of the question of order shall be allowed unless an appeal be taken from the decision of the presiding officer.

Rule No. 63. Reserved.

#### VI. RULES GOVERNING MOTIONS

## Rule No. 64. Entertaining.

No motion may be debated until it is distinctly announced by the presiding officer. The presiding officer, upon his or her own motion or at the request of a member, may direct that the motion be reduced to writing and be read by the Chief Clerk before the motion is debated. A motion may be withdrawn by the maker at any time before amendment or before the motion is put to vote.

### Particular Motions

## Rule No. 65. Indefinite Postponement.

When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same question must not be considered again during the session and the question is not subject to a motion for reconsideration.

## Rule No. 66. To Strike Enacting Clause.

A motion to strike out the enacting clause of a bill or resolution does not take precedence over any other subsidiary motion. If the motion is carried, it shall be considered equivalent to the rejection of such bill or resolution.

#### Rule No. 67. Division of Question.

Any member may call for a division of the question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Assembly. A motion to strike out being lost shall preclude neither amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

Rule No. 68. Reserved.

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### VII. DEBATE

### Rule No. 80. Speaking on Ouestion.

- 1. No member shall speak more than twice during the consideration of any one question, on the same day, and at the same stage of proceedings, without leave. Members who have once spoken shall not again be entitled to the floor (except for explanation) to the exclusion of others who have not spoken.
- 2. When a member speaks under Order of Business 11, 12, 13 or 14 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 120, the member must limit his or her remarks to an explanation of the issue or an explanation of the bill, resolution or amendment. If the member desires to speak on the importance of such issue, bill, resolution or amendment, the member must request permission to speak under Order of Business 15 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 120.

# Rule No. 81. Previous Question.

The previous question shall be put only when demanded by three members and sustained by a majority vote of the members present. The previous question shall not be moved by the member last speaking on the question.

## Rule No. 82. Privilege of Closing Debate.

The author of a bill, a resolution or a main question shall have the privilege of closing the debate, unless the previous question has been sustained.

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### VIII. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### A. Rules and Procedure

# Rule No. 91. Rescission, Change or Suspension of Rule.

No standing rule or order of the Assembly shall be rescinded or changed without a vote of a majority of the members elected; but a rule or order may be suspended temporarily by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Rule No. 92. Reserved.

Rule No. 93. Reserved.

## Rule No. 94. Privilege of the Floor and Lobbying.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, no person, except former Assemblymen and Assemblywomen not currently serving in the Senate, and state officers, may be admitted at the bar of the Assembly, except by special invitation on the part of some member; but a majority may authorize the Speaker to have the Assembly cleared of all such persons. No person may do any lobbying upon the floor of the Assembly at any time, and it is the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to remove any person violating any of the provisions of this Rule.
- 2. A former Senator or former Assemblyman or Assemblywoman who is expelled from service in the Senate or the Assembly shall have the privilege of the floor only with permission of the Speaker.

### Rule No. 95. Material Placed on Legislators' Desks.

All papers, letters, notes, pamphlets and other written material placed upon the desk of a member of the Assembly shall contain the signature of the Legislator requesting the placement of such material on the desk or shall contain a designation of the origin of such material. This Rule does not apply to Legislative Counsel Bureau material.

# Rule No. 96. Peddling, Begging and Soliciting.

- 1. Peddling, begging and soliciting are strictly forbidden in the Assembly Chambers, and in the lobby, gallery and halls adjacent thereto.
- 2. No part of the Assembly Chambers may be used for, or occupied by, signs or other devices for any kind of advertising.
- 3. No part of the hallways adjacent to the Assembly Chambers may be used for, or occupied by, signs or other devices for any kind of advertising for commercial or personal gain. Notices for nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic or special legislative events may be posted in a designated area of the hallways adjacent to the Assembly Chambers with the approval of the Chief Clerk.

# Rule No. 97. Petitions and Other Papers.

Petitions and other papers addressed to the Assembly shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in the Speaker's place. A brief statement of the contents thereof shall be read for information. They shall not be debated on the day of their being presented, but shall be on the table, or be referred, as the Assembly shall determine.

## Rule No. 98. Request of Purpose.

A member may request the purpose of a bill or joint resolution upon its introduction.

## Rule No. 99. Remarks.

The remarks of all members on final passage of bills or joint resolutions and on adoption of Assembly or concurrent resolutions shall be included in the day's journal. In addition, it shall be in order for members to make remarks under other orders of business and, subject to the approval of the majority of the members present, request that such remarks be entered in the Journal.

## Rule No. 100. Precedence of Parliamentary Authority.

The precedence of parliamentary authority in the Assembly is:

- 1. The Constitution of the State of Nevada and judicial decisions thereon.
- 2. The Standing Rules of the Assembly and the Joint Standing Rules of the Senate and Assembly.
  - 3. Custom, usage and precedence.
  - 4. The Statutes of the State of Nevada.
  - 5. Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure.

Rule No. 101. Reserved.

## Rule No. 102. Privileged Questions.

Privileged questions have precedence over all others in the following order:

- 1. Motions to fix the time to which the Assembly shall adjourn.
- 2. Motions to adjourn.
- 3. Questions relating to the rights and privileges of the Assembly or any of its members.
- 4. A call of the House.
- 5. Motions for special orders.

Rule No. 103. Reserved.

B. Bills

Rule No. 104. Reserved.

Rule No. 105. Reserved.

## Rule No. 106. Skeleton Bills.

The introduction of skeleton bills is authorized when, in the opinion of the sponsor and the Legislative Counsel, the full drafting of the bill would entail extensive research or be of considerable length. A skeleton bill will be provided for purposes of introduction and committee referral. Such a bill will be a presentation of ideas or statements of purpose, sufficient in style and expression to enable the Legislature and the committee to which the bill may be referred to consider the substantive merits of the legislation proposed.

Rule No. 107. Reserved.

Rule No. 108. Reserved.

## Rule No. 109. Reading of Bills.

The first reading of a bill or joint resolution shall be for information. If there is objection, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If the question to reject fails to receive a majority vote by the members present, or if there is no objection, the bill shall take the proper course. If the question to reject receives a majority vote of the members present, the bill or joint resolution shall be rejected. The same question must not be considered again during the

session, and the question is not subject to a motion for reconsideration. No bill shall be referred to a committee until after the first reading, nor amended until after the second reading.

### Rule No. 110. Second Reading and Amendment of Bills.

- 1. All bills must be read the second time on the first legislative day after which they are reported by committee, unless a different day is designated by motion. Upon second reading, Assembly bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the General File and Senate bills reported without amendments shall be placed on the General File. Committee amendments reported with bills shall be considered upon their second reading or third reading, as appropriate, and such amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Any amendment which is numbered and made available to all members must be moved and voted upon by number. Assembly bills so amended must be reprinted, then engrossed or reengrossed, as applicable, and placed on the General File. Senate bills so amended must be reprinted, then engrossed or reengrossed, as applicable, and placed on the General File.
- 2. Any member may move to amend a bill during its second or third reading, and such a motion to amend may be adopted by a majority vote of the members present. Bills so amended on second reading must be treated the same as bills with committee amendments. Any bill so amended upon the General File must be reprinted and then engrossed or reengrossed, as applicable. A member who moves to amend a bill during its second reading must limit his or her remarks to an explanation of the amendment. If the member desires to speak on the importance of the amendment, the member must request permission to speak under Order of Business 15 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 120.
- 3. The reprinting of amended bills may be dispensed with upon a majority vote of the members present.
- 4. It shall not be in order to consider an amendment that removes all sponsors of a bill or resolution.

#### Rule No. 111. Consent Calendar.

- 1. A standing committee may by unanimous vote of the members present report a bill with the recommendation that it be placed on the Consent Calendar. The question of recommending a bill for the Consent Calendar may be voted upon in committee only after the bill has been recommended for passage and only if no amendment is recommended.
- 2. The Chief Clerk shall maintain a list of bills recommended for the Consent Calendar. The list must be printed in the Daily History and must include the summary of each bill, and the date the bill is scheduled for consideration on final passage.
- 3. At any time before the presiding officer calls for a vote on the passage of the Consent Calendar, a member may give written notice to the Chief Clerk or state orally from the floor of the Assembly in session that he or she requests the removal of a particular bill from the Consent Calendar. If a member so requests, the Chief Clerk shall remove the bill from the Consent Calendar and transfer it to the Second Reading File. A bill removed from the Consent Calendar may not be restored to that Calendar.
- 4. During floor consideration of the Consent Calendar, members may ask questions and offer explanations relating to the respective bills.
- 5. When the Consent Calendar is brought to a vote, the bills remaining on the Consent Calendar must be read by number and summary and the vote must be taken on their final passage as a group.

### Rule No. 112. Reserved.

## Rule No. 113. General File.

1. All bills and joint resolutions reported to the Assembly, by the Committee of the Whole, a standing committee, a conference committee or a special committee, after receiving their second readings must be placed upon the General File, to be kept by the Chief Clerk. The

Chief Clerk shall post a daily statement of the bills on the General File. The Chief Clerk shall likewise post notices of special orders as made.

- 2. A member who moves to amend a bill or joint resolution during its third reading must limit his or her remarks to an explanation of the amendment. If the member desires to speak on the importance of the amendment, the member must request permission to speak under Order of Business 15 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 120.
- 3. A member who speaks on third reading regarding the final passage of a bill, joint resolution or initiative petition must limit his or her remarks to an explanation of the bill, joint resolution or initiative petition. If the member desires to speak on the importance of the bill, joint resolution or initiative petition, the member must request permission to speak under Order of Business 15 of Assembly Standing Rule No. 120.

### Rule No. 114. Reserved.

## Rule No. 115. Reconsideration of Vote on Bill.

- 1. A motion to reconsider a final vote on a bill or resolution shall be in order only on the day on which the final vote is taken, and the vote on such a motion to reconsider must be taken on the same day. The motion to reconsider can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side.
- 2. A motion to reconsider a vote on an amendment to a pending question must be made at once and can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side.
- 3. A motion to reconsider shall have precedence over every other motion, including a motion to adjourn, if the motion is to reconsider a final vote on a bill or resolution. If the motion to reconsider is for any other action, the motion has precedence over every other motion, except a motion to adjourn or to fix the time to adjourn; and when the Assembly adjourns while a motion to reconsider is pending, the right to move a reconsideration shall continue to the next day of sitting.

### Rule No. 116. Vetoed Bills.

- 1. Bills that have passed both Houses of the Legislature and are transmitted to the Assembly accompanied by a message or statement of the Governor's disapproval or veto of the same must:
- (a) Be taken up and considered immediately upon the coming in of the message transmitting the same; or
  - (b) Become the subject of a special order.
- 2. When the message is received, or if made a special order, when the special order is called, the said message or statement must be read together with the bill or bills so disapproved or vetoed. The message and bill must be read by the Chief Clerk without interruption, consecutively, one following the other, and not upon separate occasions. No such bill or message may be referred to any committee, or otherwise acted upon save as provided by law and custom. It shall not be in order, at any time, to vote upon such a vetoed bill unless the same shall first have been read, from the first word of its title to and including the last word of its final section. The message or statement containing the objections of the Governor to the bill must be entered in the Journal of the Assembly.

## Rule No. 117. Reserved.

#### C. Resolutions

## Rule No. 118. Treated as Bills—Joint Resolutions.

The procedure of enacting joint resolutions must be identical to that of enacting bills, except that:

- 1. Joint resolutions, upon enrollment, must be delivered to the Secretary of State; and
- 2. Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution must be entered in the Journal in their entirety.

## Rule No. 119. Return from the Secretary of State.

An Assembly resolution may be used to request the return from the Secretary of State of an enrolled Assembly resolution for further consideration.

## D. Order of Business

# Rule No. 120. Order of Business.

The Order of Business must be as follows:

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Reading and Approval of Journal.
- 3. Presentation of Petitions.
- 4. Reports of Standing Committees.
- 5. Reports of Select Committees.
- 6. Communications.
- 7. Messages from the Senate.
- 8. Motions, Resolutions and Notices.
- 9. Introduction, First Reading and Reference.
- 10. Consent Calendar.
- 11. Second Reading and Amendment.
- 12. General File and Third Reading.
- 13. Unfinished Business of Preceding Day.
- 14. Vetoed Bills and Special Orders of the Day.
- 15. Remarks from the Floor, limited to 3 minutes.

Rule No. 121. Reserved.

Rule No. 122. Reserved.

Rule No. 123. Reserved.

Rule No. 124. Reserved.

Rule No. 125. Reserved.

Rule No. 126. Reserved.

Rule No. 127. Reserved.

Rule No. 128. Reserved.

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### IX. LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

## Rule No. 140. Compensation of Witnesses.

Witnesses summoned to appear before the Assembly or any of its committees must be compensated as provided by law for witnesses required to attend in the courts of the State of Nevada.

## Rule No. 141. Use of the Assembly Chamber.

The Assembly Chamber shall not be used for any public or private business other than legislative, except by permission of the Assembly.

## X. SPECIAL SESSIONS

Rule No. 142. Request for Drafting of Bills, Resolutions or Amendments.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 2 and 3, the Legislative Counsel shall not honor a request for the drafting of a bill or resolution to be introduced in the Assembly during a special session, or an amendment to a bill or resolution, unless it is submitted by the Speaker, the Committee of the Whole, such other committees as the Speaker may appoint for a special session, or a conference committee.
- 2. The standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections may request the drafting of three Assembly resolutions and one Assembly concurrent resolution necessary to establish the rules, staffing, operation and organization of the Assembly and the Legislature for a special session.
- 3. The Speaker may request the drafting of five bills for a special session without seeking the approval of the Assembly.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Resolution adopted and ordered to enrollment.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Resolution No. 2—Providing for the appointment of Assembly attaches.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the following persons are elected as attaches of the Assembly for the 80th Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada: Carol Aiello-Sala, Cindy Benjamin, Jason Hataway, Christie Peters, Michele Burke, Susan Hoffman, Sylvia Brown, Robin Bates, Mary Matheus, Michael Chapman, Judy Doherty, Robert Guernsey, Sherri Jain, Joseph Pollock, Nicole Madden, Kelley Perkins, Brianna Meza, Kristen L. Kolbe, Sylvia Dominguez-Curry, Claudette Thompson, Jasmine Shackley, Jan Wolfley, Chelsey Wininger, Ellen deChristopher, David Ziegler, Ashley Garza, Linda Corbett, Brandon Salyers, James Zygadlo, Patrina McKinney, Sara Dombrowski, Dennis Roy Jr., Brennan Maragh, Patricia Demsky, Omar De La Rosa, Jennifer Baker, Barbara Eiche, Betty Jo Vonderheide, Janet Stokes, Vickie Roberts, Frank Perez, Christopher Roske, Dylan Keith, Mary Lee, Judith Bishop, Linda Fitzgerald, Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Barbara Taylor, Christian Thauer, Sheri Silva, Anne Bowen, Nancy Morris, Carmen Neveau, Janice Wright, Lisa McAlister, Ted Zuend, Brian Burke, Catherine Bodenstein, Nancy Davis, Traci Dory, Karen Easton, Lucas Glanzmann, Gina Hall, Theresa Horgan, Katelyn Malone, Sharon McCallen, Lori McCleary, Earlene Miller, Mark Peckham, Connie Jo Smith, Geigy Stringer, Joan Waldock, Karyn Werner, Linda Whimple, Cheryl Williams, Melissa Chanselle-Hary, Anthony Daniel, Tracy Davis, Matthew Fonken, Charlene Frost, Laureen Garcia, Naomi Gebremariam, Carlos Hernandez, Tony Hickman II, Dakota Hoskins, Latoya Kent, April Lalone, Linda Law, Janet Lazarus, Jenny Lehner, Gil Lopez, Lauren Morris, Cindy Olivieri, Kelly Osborne, Deborah Paul, Antonio Ramirez, Thelma Reindollar, Sheree Rosevear, Andrew Ryan, Christina Salerno, Noah Teixeira, Dulce Valencia, Laurel Wilson, Roberto Lusanta Jr., Alessandra Figueroa, Shiloh Reading, Olivia Lloyd, Melissa Loomis, Alejandra Medina, Trinity Thom, Cindie Kusko, Shreya Sreedharan, Marcia Peterson, Debbie Binggeli, Teresa Koch, Kirsten Mashinter, Julieanna McManus, William O'Driscoll and Elizabeth Saenz.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson. Resolution adopted.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Resolution No. 3—Providing allowances to the leadership and other members of the Assembly for periodicals, stamps, stationery and communications.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the sum to be allowed, as provided by law, for each member of the Assembly for periodicals, stamps and stationery is

\$60 and for the use of telephones is \$2,800, and the sum to be allowed, as provided by law, for the Speaker and Speaker Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader and chair of each standing committee of the Assembly for postage, telephone tolls and other communication charges is \$900; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these amounts be certified by the Speaker and Chief Clerk to the State Controller, who is authorized to draw warrants therefor on the Legislative Fund, and the State Treasurer is thereafter authorized to pay these warrants.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Resolution adopted and ordered to enrollment.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that persons as set forth on the Nevada Legislature's Press Accreditation List of February 4, 2019, be accepted as accredited press representatives, that they be 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:

ANDE ENGLEMAN: Andrea Ande Engleman; ASSOCIATED PRESS: Tom Smedes, Scott Sonner; FOX NEWS (NETWORK, NATIONAL): David J. Losko, Lee Ross, Tom Whitaker; KLAS-TV: Mark Mutchler, Steve Sebelius, Patrick Walker; KOLO-TV: Wade Barnett, Andrew Fox, Claudia "Chloe" Ortega; KRNV-TV: Kausik Bhakta, Kristine Brown; Kristin Edwards, Miles Joel Buergin, Kimberly Burrows, Karsen Buschjost, Jeff Deitch, Joe Hart, Brad Horn, David Kasdan, John T. Linn, Ben Margiott, Melissa Matheney, Tony Phan, Zac Slotemaker, Michael Woods; KRXI-TV: Kristine Brown; KSNV-TV: Jeff Gillan, Scott Kost, Marla Thompson; KTNV-TV: Ramiro Cabrera, Bryan Callahan; KTVN-TV: Eric Brown, Chris Buckley, Clay Conover, Mark Cronon, Jaimie Havs, Landon Miller, Paul Nelson, Elizabeth Olveda, Justin Poncel, John Potter, Gabriela TafollaGene Vance; KUNR-RENO PUBLIC RADIO: Paul Boger; KVVU-TV: David Hall; LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL: Bill Dentzer, Colton Lochhead; NEVADA APPEAL: Brad Cockman, Brad Coman, Geoff Dornan, Jim Grant, Anne Knowles, Adam Trumble; NEVADA CURRENT (www.nevadacurrent.com): Hugh Jackson, Michael Lyle; NEVADA FORWARD, THE: Carrie Kaufman; NEVADA INDEPENDENT, THE: David Calvert, Joseph Lovato, Gray Luz, Megan Messerly, Jon Ralston, Michelle Rindels, Daniel Rothberg, Riley Snyder; NEVADA MOMENTUM: James Grant; RENO GAZETTE-JOURNAL: Jason Bean, James DeHaven, Siobhan McAndew; SARKES TARZIAN: Elizabeth Olveda; SINCLAIR BROADCASTING: Michael Woods; THERENOGAYPAGE: Paco Poli (Lachoy); THIS IS RENO: Bob Conrad, Don Dike-Anukam, Ty O'Neil; WETHERTOP MEDIA SERVICES: Adrienne Abbott Gutierrez

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Araujo, Elliot Anderson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Carrillo, Diaz, Joiner, Monroe-Moreno, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson and Yeager; Senators Brooks, Ohrenschall, Parks, Cancela, Ford, Manendo, Ratti, Segerblom and Woodhouse:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 2 of the 79th Session—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to require the recognition of all marriages regardless of gender.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Elliot Anderson and Senator Woodhouse:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 of the 79th Session—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to remove the constitutional provisions governing the election and duties of the Board of Regents of the State University and to authorize the Legislature to provide by statute for the governance, control and management of the State University and for the reasonable protection of individual academic freedom.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14 of the 79th Session—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to ensure access to affordable emergency medical care at reasonable rates to all persons in this State.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

# INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 1—AN ACT relating to administrative procedure; revising the requirements governing the provision of notice regarding a hearing on a proposed regulation by the State Environmental Commission or a local air pollution control board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 2—AN ACT relating to public works; increasing the threshold for requiring the employment of a professional engineer, professional land surveyor or registered architect on certain public works; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 3—AN ACT relating to marijuana; authorizing the Department of Taxation to issue additional medical marijuana establishment registration certificates for medical marijuana dispensaries located in an incorporated city upon the request of the governing body of the incorporated city; authorizing the Department of Taxation to issue additional licenses to operate a retail marijuana store located in an incorporated city upon the request

of the governing body of the incorporated city; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 4—AN ACT relating to cities; authorizing a governing body of a city to create a district for a city fire department; requiring the governing body of a city that creates a district for a city fire department to establish the boundaries of that district; authorizing the governing body of a city that creates a district for a city fire department to levy a tax for the support of the district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 5—AN ACT relating to land use planning; creating an exemption to provisions that limit the number of annual amendments to the land use plan of the master plan; and providing other matters properly relating thereto

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 6—AN ACT relating to state governmental administration; replacing the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation with the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation on the Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; replacing the Director of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation with the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Innovation on the State Council on Libraries and Literacy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 7—AN ACT relating to state purchasing; authorizing the Department of Transportation to execute certain contracts for the services of an independent contractor without filing the contracts with the State Board of Examiners for approval; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 8—AN ACT relating to the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety; revising the frequency of reviews of the levels of supervision for probationers and parolees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 9—AN ACT relating to courts; revising provisions governing the proper venue or place of trial for certain small claims actions brought in the justice court; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 10—AN ACT relating to corrections; requiring the Director of the Department of Corrections to clearly indicate whether or not the full legal name and age of the offender has been verified upon the issuance of a photo identification card to an offender who is to be released; revising the documents which may be furnished to the Department of Motor Vehicles as proof of the full legal name and age of an applicant for a driver's license or identification card; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 11—AN ACT relating to veterans; replacing the phrases "military and naval forces" and "military and naval service" with the phrase "Armed Forces"; revising provisions governing claims prepared, submitted and presented by the Director of the Department of Veterans Services for benefits for veterans, servicemen and servicewomen; removing the requirement that the Director pay a portion of the operating costs of the office of coordinator of services for veterans of a county; requiring the Director to provide training and certification to coordinators of services for veterans who perform duties as a veterans service officer; requiring such coordinators to obtain and maintain such training and certification; requiring the Director to establish, operate and maintain veterans' cemeteries in this State; providing

expressly that the Director is required to establish, manage, maintain and operate veterans' homes in this State; requiring the Director to serve as the primary public advocate for Nevada veterans; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 12—AN ACT relating to veterans; replacing certain regulatory authority of the Department of Veterans Services with the authority to adopt policies and procedures; making various changes to the requirement for the Department to provide certain annual statistics; revising the requirements a person must possess to be appointed the Deputy Director for Health and Wellness of the Department; removing the requirements for the Director of the Department to provide certain assistance and materials to veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender; removing requirements for the locations at which meetings of the Veterans Services Commission must be held; removing certain requirements concerning veterans' cemeteries; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 13—AN ACT relating to veterans; requiring the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to appoint an administrator or contract with a management company that must appoint an administrator for each veterans' home in this State; authorizing the Director to establish veterans' Adult Day Health Care facilities in this State; removing certain requirements regarding the locations at which veterans' homes must be established in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 14—AN ACT relating to courts; providing the juvenile court with exclusive jurisdiction to grant or issue temporary or extended orders for protection when certain children are involved; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 15—AN ACT relating to crimes; revising provisions governing crimes related to certain financial transactions; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 16—AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; increasing the time for law enforcement officers to execute and return search warrants to obtain DNA samples; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 17—AN ACT relating to bail; revising provisions governing bail in criminal cases; requiring the exoneration of bail under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 18—AN ACT relating to local governments; authorizing incorporated cities, unincorporated towns and general improvement districts to install and maintain ramps that meet certain federal requirements; authorizing such ramps to be placed on certain public easements and rights-of-way; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 19—AN ACT relating to orders for protection; revising provisions relating to service of process of certain temporary and extended orders for protection; increasing the duration that certain temporary and extended orders for protection remain effective; increasing the penalty for certain violations of temporary and extended orders for protection against domestic violence; renaming the Repository for Information Concerning Orders for Protection Against Domestic Violence to the Repository for Information Concerning Orders for Protection; requiring the Repository for Information Concerning Orders for Protection to include certain information and other records relating to orders for protection against stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment and orders for protection against domestic violence;

authorizing courts to admit character evidence of the past sexual conduct of a petitioner in hearings on petitions for orders for protection against stalking, aggravated stalking or harassment for certain purposes; revising certain provisions relating to evidence; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 20—AN ACT relating to the Commission on Judicial Discipline; revising provisions governing the appointment of certain members of the Commission under certain circumstances; revising provisions governing the investigation of complaints against judges and the procedural rules and standard of proof applicable to certain proceedings of the Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 21—AN ACT relating to local governing bodies; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a board of county commissioners in certain counties to appoint members of certain local governing bodies; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 22—AN ACT relating to highways; revising provisions governing the amount of money that the Director of the Department of Transportation must retain under certain highway contracts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 23—AN ACT relating to transportation; authorizing the Department of Motor Vehicles to adopt regulations related to the operation and testing of certain electronically controlled vehicles and transportation devices other than autonomous vehicles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 24—AN ACT relating to security bonds; limiting the type of bonds that will be accepted by the Department of Motor Vehicles as a form of security required to be posted with the Department for certain purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 25—AN ACT relating to contractors; authorizing the State Contractors' Board to delegate to a hearing officer or panel its authority to hold certain hearings; repealing the period during which an applicant for licensure as a contractor must have received certain experience before applying for licensure; repealing provisions which require an applicant for renewal of a contractor's license who will engage in residential construction to submit certain financial information to the Board; repealing provisions which limit the period of validity of a license which is placed on inactive status; authorizing a licensee who was on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the Nevada National Guard to apply to have his or her contractor's license reinstated under certain circumstances; repealing provisions which prohibit a telephone number to a provider of paging services used in certain unlawful advertising from being disconnected; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 26—AN ACT relating to contractors; increasing the amount of money that the State Contractors' Board or its designee may pay out of the Recovery Fund to an injured person for certain acts or omissions of a residential contractor; revising the maximum amount of money that may be recovered from the Recovery Fund against a single contractor; revising the information that a residential contractor must include in certain written statements relating to the Recovery Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 27—AN ACT relating to contractors; authorizing a person who is issued a cease and desist order by the State Contractors' Board to contest the order within a certain period; setting forth the circumstances under which the order shall be deemed a final order of the Board; authorizing the Board to extend the time to contest the order for good cause shown; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 28—AN ACT relating to veterans; revising provisions governing the evidence satisfactory to declare status as a veteran on an instruction permit, driver's license, identification card and commercial driver's license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 29—AN ACT relating to contractors; repealing provisions which require a general building contractor to be a prime contractor for the purpose of classifying the general contractor in the contracting business; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 30—AN ACT relating to water; authorizing the State Engineer, under certain circumstances, to consider the approval of a proposal to avoid or eliminate conflicts between an applicant for a permit to appropriate water and the existing holders of water rights and owners of domestic wells; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 31—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; requiring an applicant for a certificate as a community manager or registration as a reserve study specialist to submit an application and undergo a background investigation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Taxation:

Assembly Bill No. 32—AN ACT relating to workforce development; authorizing nonprofit entities and certain governmental agencies to participate in certain programs of workforce recruitment, assessment and training; authorizing the training of existing employees of an employer as part of certain programs of workforce recruitment, assessment and training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 33—AN ACT relating to information services; creating the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Administration; transferring the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services' membership on certain committees, boards, councils and commissions to the Office of the Chief Information Officer; changing the name of the Office of Information Security of the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services to the Division of Information Security of the Office of the Chief Information Officer; placing the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services and the Division of Information Security within the Office of the Chief Information Officer; creating the Information Technology Oversight Committee; transferring certain responsibilities from the Division of Enterprise Information Technology Services to the Office of the Chief Information Officer; restructuring the membership of the Information Technology Advisory Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 34—AN ACT relating to governmental financial administration; authorizing the State Treasurer to invest in certain securities issued or guaranteed by certain supranational organizations or issued by a foreign financial institution, corporation or government; authorizing certain political subdivisions of the State to invest in such securities; expanding the types of governmental entities authorized to invest in certain additional securities; revising the requirements for certain investments; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 35—AN ACT relating to achievement charter schools; authorizing the opening of a new school as an achievement charter school; authorizing the conversion of an existing charter school into an achievement charter school under certain circumstances; establishing requirements concerning pupils to be enrolled in a school that is converted to or opened as an achievement charter school; requiring the Department of Education to take certain actions during the sixth year of the operation of a new school that is opened as an achievement charter school that is a neighborhood option school; clarifying that an application to operate an achievement charter school must be approved before the Achievement School District is deemed the sponsor of the school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Taxation:

Assembly Bill No. 36—AN ACT relating to economic development; revising provisions governing eligibility for a partial abatement of certain taxes imposed on aircraft, components of aircraft and other personal property related to aircraft; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 37—AN ACT relating to military justice; eliminating the right of a serviceman or servicewoman of the Nevada National Guard to demand a trial by court-martial in lieu of accepting nonjudicial punishment; requiring a commanding officer of the Nevada National Guard to make a legal consultation before determining nonjudicial punishment is appropriate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 38—AN ACT relating to controlled substances; requiring certain persons to report actual or suspected drug overdoses; requiring the State Board of Health to adopt a system for making such reports; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 39—AN ACT relating to governmental financial administration; revising provisions governing the deposit of state money by the State Treasurer; revising provisions relating to the holding of certain securities as collateral against deposits of public money in certain circumstances; revising the provisions governing the program established by the State Treasurer for the monitoring of certain collateral maintained by certain depositories; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 40—AN ACT relating to public office; enacting provisions prohibiting gifts by lobbyists to public officers in the State Executive Branch, local public officers and their immediate families; revising provisions governing financial disclosure statements filed by public officers and candidates for public office; revising provisions prohibiting gifts by lobbyists to members of the State Legislative Branch and their immediate families; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 41—AN ACT relating to victims of crime; requiring additional entities to accept fictitious addresses from certain victims of crime; prohibiting the disclosure of certain identifying information of such victims by the additional entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 42—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to create a subcommittee to study the manner in which to include certain instruction on substance abuse to the health courses taught in middle schools, junior high schools and high schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 43—AN ACT relating to courts; increasing the number of district judges in the Second, Fourth and Eighth Judicial Districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 44—AN ACT relating to state lands; creating the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center and Museum; providing provisions governing the Museum Director; requiring the Museum Director to engage in certain duties relating to the Museum; authorizing the Museum Director to establish a store for the sale of gifts and souvenirs; authorizing the Museum Director to establish certain accounts; granting the Executive Director of the Nevada Indian Commission the authority to appoint and supervise the Museum Director; revising provisions governing the Nevada Indian Commission's Gift Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 45—AN ACT relating to public safety; creating and setting forth the duties of the Nevada Threat Analysis Center and the Nevada Threat Analysis Center Advisory Committee in the Investigation Division of the Department of Public Safety; making certain information relating to the Center and the Advisory Committee confidential; authorizing the Advisory Committee to hold a closed meeting for certain purposes; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 46—AN ACT relating to the judicial system; increasing prospectively the base salaries of justices of the Supreme Court, the judges of the Court of Appeals and the district judges in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 47—AN ACT relating to mental health; establishing a pilot program to respond to persons suffering from mental health crises in certain counties; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 48—AN ACT relating to fire protection; making it optional for a board of county commissioners to levy a tax for the support of a district for a county fire department or certain county fire protection districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 49—AN ACT relating to controlled substances; requiring the Chief Medical Officer to upload certain information relating to a drug overdose to the computerized program to track certain prescriptions for controlled substances; requiring the program to allow the upload of such information to the extent of available money; revising requirements concerning the uploading of certain information to the program; authorizing certain action against practitioners and licensing boards who commit certain violations relating to the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 50—AN ACT relating to elections; revising provisions governing the dates for certain city elections; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 51—AN ACT relating to water; requiring the State Engineer to adopt regulations relating to the conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water; authorizing the State Engineer to impose certain special assessments related to a program for the conjunctive management of groundwater and surface water; providing that certain water

rights are not subject to abandonment or forfeiture; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 52—AN ACT relating to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; creating the Division of Natural Heritage within the Department; transferring the duties of the Nevada Natural Heritage Program to the Division; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 53—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions relating to the requirement to surrender a driver's license from another jurisdiction before obtaining a driver's license or identification card in this State; revising provisions requiring that certain persons operating motorcycles on instruction permits obtain experience operating a motorcycle before obtaining a driver's license that authorizes the person to operate a motorcycle; revising provisions governing the documents a person must provide to obtain a driver authorization card or instruction permit; revising provisions relating to the required installation of an ignition interlock device and the issuance of an ignition interlock privilege to drive by the Department; repealing the requirement that a law enforcement officer seize the driver's license of a person who refuses a preliminary breath test; authorizing the Department to grant a person an exemption from the requirement to install an ignition interlock device under certain circumstances; revising provisions relating to certain regulations adopted by the Department relating to commercial drivers' licenses; revising certain provisions relating to a waiver of certain requirements for obtaining a commercial driver's license authorized for persons with certain military experience; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 54—AN ACT relating to energy efficiency; repealing obsolete provisions relating to the reduction of grid-based energy purchases for state-owned buildings; repealing provisions relating to the energy efficiency of general purpose lights sold in this state; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 55—AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; revising the orders of immunity that a court may issue to compel a witness to testify or produce evidence; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 56—AN ACT relating to public works; requiring the State Public Works Board of the State Public Works Division of the Department of Administration to submit biennially to the Governor and the Legislature its recommendations for projects for deferred maintenance; revising provisions governing the delegation by the Administrator of the Division of certain authority to a state agency relating to public works; revising the circumstances under which the Division is required to furnish engineering and architectural services to a state agency; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 57—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the selection of the board of trustees of certain school districts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 58—AN ACT relating to state parks; revising provisions governing violations of regulations adopted by the Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 59—AN ACT relating to state lands; revising the requirements for the issuance of certain permits for entering, camping and

boating in state parks and recreational areas; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 60—AN ACT relating to domestic violence; revising the definition of domestic violence; providing a legislative declaration concerning stalking; increasing certain penalties relating to battery which constitutes domestic violence; imposing an administrative assessment on certain unlawful acts that constitute domestic violence; requiring such administrative assessments to be deposited into the Account for Programs Related to Domestic Violence; revising the definition of stalking; increasing certain penalties related to stalking; revising the duties and quorum requirements of the Committee on Domestic Violence; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 61—AN ACT relating to offenders; revising provisions relating to the residential confinement of offenders who are in a program of treatment for the abuse of alcohol or drugs; requiring the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety to notify victims of certain information relating to residential confinement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 62—AN ACT relating to water; revising the time period for which the State Engineer may grant an extension for the completion of work for the diversion of water; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the State Engineer to suspend the limitation of time for the completion of work set forth in a permit or an extension previously granted; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 63—AN ACT relating to vehicles; revising the authority of the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to designate the county

assessor of a county as an agent to carry out the duties of the Department in that county; revising provisions governing the compensation which must be provided by contract to certain agents appointed by the Department; prohibiting a person from using the name, service marks, trademarks or logo of the Department under certain circumstances; authorizing a vehicle dealer to inspect a moped for the purposes of registration under certain circumstances; authorizing the Director of the Department to contract with a vendor to produce license plates under certain circumstances; clarifying provisions relating to the distribution of certain fees from the Pollution Control Account; revising provisions governing the information which must be included in an application for the issuance of special license plates to a person with a permanent disability; repealing provisions relating to the retention and disposition of certain records of the Department; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 64—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the calculation of apportionments to charter schools for pupils enrolled full-time in programs of distance education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 65—AN ACT relating to notaries public; revising provisions related to certain fees charged by a notary public and electronic notary; revising provisions related to the authentication of certain notarized documents by the Secretary of State; revising the requirements to register as an electronic notary; revising the certificate of acknowledgment of a notary public on the form required to request to nominate a court-appointed guardian; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 66—AN ACT relating to mental health; providing for the establishment of centers to provide crisis stabilization services in certain highly populated counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 67—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the employment of the Executive Director of the Achievement School District; providing for the creation of a new type of achievement charter school which is not operated by a charter management organization or educational management organization; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 68—AN ACT relating to apprenticeships; transferring certain duties relating to apprenticeships from the State Apprenticeship Council to the Office of Workforce Innovation; revising the qualifications of the member of the State Apprenticeship Council who represents the general public; revising provisions governing the appointment and supervision of the State Apprenticeship Director; revising provisions relating to the administration of apprenticeships, the evaluation of apprenticeship programs and the registration of apprenticeship programs and agreements; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 69—AN ACT relating to criminal offenders; revising provisions relating to the residential confinement of violators of parole; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 70—AN ACT relating to meetings of public bodies; making various changes relating to meetings of public bodies; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 71—AN ACT relating to state financial administration; authorizing the Attorney General to enter into an agreement with a tribal government for the provision of grants and loans to the tribal government from the Disaster Relief Account because of a disaster; creating a revolving account for the provision of grants relating to owner-occupied homes damaged by disasters; authorizing a temporary advance to the Emergency Assistance Account from the State General Fund for the payment of expenses incurred during a state of emergency or declaration of disaster under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 72—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the designation and governance of a turnaround school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Taxation:

Assembly Bill No. 73—AN ACT relating to indigent persons; imposing an additional tax on the transfer of real property in certain larger counties to provide funding for services and affordable housing for persons who are homeless or indigent in the county; authorizing the governing body of an incorporated city to impose an annual surcharge on users of the sewer service of the incorporated city to provide funding for support services and affordable housing for persons who are homeless or indigent in the incorporated city; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 74—AN ACT relating to wildlife; making it unlawful for a person to engage in the business of buying, selling, trading or dealing in certain antlers or any head or skull of a big game mammal without first obtaining an antler dealer's license; providing an exception; setting forth the fee for issuing such a license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 75—AN ACT relating to public employees' retirement; requiring the establishment of a hybrid retirement program for certain public employees; requiring the program to include a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan; setting forth the required provisions of each such plan; requiring certain public employers under certain circumstances to make additional contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System to reduce the unfunded liability of the System; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 76—AN ACT relating to mental health; requiring the Commission on Behavioral Health to employ a coordinator for each regional behavioral health policy board; revising the counties that comprise certain behavioral health regions; revising the duties of a regional health policy board; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 77—AN ACT relating to optometry; authorizing an assistant to perform activities relating to optometry under certain circumstances; providing for the certification of a mobile optometry clinic; revising the acts which constitute the practice of optometry; revising certain exemptions relating to the practice of optometry; revising provisions governing the Nevada State Board of Optometry and the Executive Director of the Board; authorizing the Executive Director to invest certain money in treasury bills or notes of the United States; revising provisions governing the preparation of a roster of licensees; authorizing the Board to adopt certain policies; requiring the Board to establish, review and revise a schedule of fees; repealing provisions which authorize the Board to impose certain penalties; revising provisions governing the qualification and examination of an applicant for a license to practice optometry; expanding the period required for the renewal of a license to practice optometry; revising provisions governing the restoration of a license to practice optometry; revising the requirements for certification to prescribe pharmaceutical agents; revising provisions governing the issuance of a certificate to treat glaucoma; repealing certain provisions governing disciplinary actions against a licensee; revising provisions relating to the submission of a complaint against a licensee; revising provisions governing the location at which a licensee practices optometry; prohibiting an optometrist from entering into certain leases with a person who is not licensed as an optometrist; revising provisions governing the transmission of certain notices by the Board; authorizing any licensed optometrist to administer topical diagnostic ophthalmic agents; revising provisions governing the imposition of a criminal penalty or administrative fine for certain violations; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 78—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions relating to the participation of charter schools in the statewide system of accountability; requiring a charter school to release the education records of a pupil to the sponsor of the charter school under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a charter school to adopt certain policies relating to English learners, parental involvement and assessments; revising provisions governing the operations of the State Public Charter School Authority; deeming certain records of organizations that provide services relating to the management or governance of charter schools to be public records; requiring certain employees of such organizations to receive background checks and report the abuse or neglect of a child; providing for the monitoring of criminal cases involving such employees who are unlicensed; revising provisions governing the operations and finances of charter schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Taxation:

Assembly Bill No. 79—AN ACT relating to taxation; creating an expedited procedure for the sale by a county of abandoned property on which delinquent certain taxes, assessments, penalties, interest and costs are owed; establishing the criteria to determine whether property is abandoned; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 80—AN ACT relating to criminal justice; creating the Office of the Nevada Sentencing Commission within the Office of the Governor; providing for the appointment of the Executive Director and the selection of the staff of the Office; establishing the duties of the Executive Director and staff of the Office; revising the membership of the Nevada Sentencing Commission; transferring the responsibility for staffing the Nevada Sentencing Commission to the Office; revising the duties of the Nevada

Sentencing Commission to reflect the newly created Office; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 81—AN ACT relating to criminal defense; creating the Office of Indigent Defense Services within the Office of the Governor to oversee criminal defense services provided to indigent persons in this State; creating the Board on Indigent Defense Services consisting of various appointed persons to oversee the Executive Director of the Office and to establish certain policies; requiring the Board on Indigent Defense Services to establish the maximum amount a county may be required to pay for the provision of indigent defense services; authorizing the Board to adopt regulations governing indigent defense services; providing for the transfer of responsibility for the provision of indigent defense services from a county to the State Public Defender in certain circumstances; allowing such services to be transferred back to the county in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 82—AN ACT relating to elections; revising deadlines by which certain petitions of minor political parties and independent candidates must be filed; revising the circumstances under which candidates of major political parties appear on or are omitted from the ballot at a primary election; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 83—AN ACT relating to wildlife; authorizing an employee of the Department of Wildlife to take any wildlife in the interest of public safety under certain circumstances; providing certain protections to moose under certain circumstances; limiting a certain exemption that allowed a person to kill certain animals if necessary to protect property; revising provisions governing the issuance of a resident license, tag or permit; deleting the requirement that a person purchase a resource enhancement stamp to be eligible to participate in a Dream Tag raffle; authorizing a person to donate money voluntarily to the Wildlife Account in the State General Fund by purchasing a resource enhancement stamp; expanding the circumstances considered unlawful harassment of wildlife; clarifying the exemption from the

prohibition against placing or setting a trap, snare or similar device within a certain distance from a public road or highway within this State; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 84—AN ACT relating to state resources; providing for the issuance of state general obligation bonds to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural and cultural resources of the State of Nevada; providing for the use of the proceeds of the bonds; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 85—AN ACT relating to mental health; requiring the adoption of regulations governing the involuntary administration of medication to persons with mental illness and the medical examination of a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis; authorizing the adoption of regulations concerning the plan for the discharge of a person admitted to a mental health facility or hospital; revising certain terminology and standardizing certain time periods relating to admission to mental health facilities; revising the authority of certain accredited agents to make certain certifications and transport persons with mental illness; revising the procedure for proceedings for the involuntary court-ordered admission of a person to a mental health facility or a program of community-based or outpatient services; authorizing the disclosure to a provider of health care of certain information related to a person who seeks mental health services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 86—AN ACT relating to governmental purchasing; making provisions relating to purchasing by local governments applicable to a metropolitan police department; exempting certain purchases by local governments from requirements of competitive bidding; increasing the monetary thresholds at which local governmental purchasing contracts must be advertised; authorizing a local government to dispose of personal property by donating it to another governmental entity or nonprofit organization; authorizing the Administrator of the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration to enter into a contract pursuant to a solicitation by certain

governmental entities; revising provisions governing certain preferences for businesses owned and operated by a veteran with a service-connected disability; making various other changes relating to governmental purchasing; authorizing the Commission to Study Governmental Purchasing to request the drafting of legislative measures for each regular session of the Legislature; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 87—AN ACT relating to insurance fraud; increasing the penalty for insurance fraud in certain circumstances; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Ways and Means:

Assembly Bill No. 88—AN ACT relating to education; extending the deadline for certain reports relating to the average daily enrollment of pupils made by a school district to the Department of Education; revising the content of certain quarterly reports made by a school district; revising the information required to be posted online by a school district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 89—AN ACT relating to state employment; revising provisions governing the preferences provided to veterans relating to employment in the classified service of the State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 90—AN ACT relating to employment; requiring private employers that provide employees with sick leave to allow an employee to use such leave to help a member of the employee's immediate family with certain medical needs; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 91—AN ACT relating to guardianships; establishing provisions concerning the sterilization of protected persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Education:

Assembly Bill No. 92—AN ACT relating to education; expanding the duties of the English Mastery Council; extending the termination date of the Council; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 93—AN ACT relating to license plates; authorizing the Administrator of the Division of State Lands of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to provide grants to nonprofit organizations from the Account for License Plates for the Support of the Preservation and Restoration of the Natural Environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Assembly Bill No. 94—AN ACT relating to controlled substances; requiring certain professional licensing boards that regulate prescriptions for controlled substances or practitioners who issue such prescriptions to develop and disseminate an explanation or technical advisory bulletin concerning certain requirements relating to such prescriptions; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 95—AN ACT relating to water; requiring the State Engineer to continue to allow withdrawals of groundwater from domestic wells under certain circumstances in groundwater basins where withdrawals

have been restricted to conform to priority rights; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 96—AN ACT relating to historic preservation; requiring the Office of Historic Preservation of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to create a passport program to issue stamps in a booklet for participants that visit certain historical sites; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 97—AN ACT relating to public health; placing certain restrictions on grants and other allocations of money by the Department of Health and Human Services and its divisions to certain entities for health care or related services; providing for the allocation of certain money to address public health needs; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 98—AN ACT relating to the Tahoe-Douglas Visitor's Authority; clarifying the uses of the convention center for which the Authority is required to use certain tax proceeds to plan, construct and operate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Wheeler:

Assembly Bill No. 99—AN ACT relating to education; requiring public schools to provide pupils with certain instruction in the founding principles of American government; requiring the Department of Education to submit reports to certain committees of the Legislature; requiring the Department to make available to teachers certain opportunities for professional development regarding the required instruction in the founding principles of American government; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Sprinkle:

Assembly Bill No. 100—AN ACT relating to crimes; revising the definition of "officer" to include security guards for the purpose of enhancing the penalties for assault and battery against such a person; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Daly:

Assembly Bill No. 101—AN ACT relating to declaratory judgments; authorizing a private plaintiff to bring an action for a declaratory judgment regarding a violation of state law or a local ordinance by certain governmental entities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Ellison:

Assembly Bill No. 102—AN ACT relating to crimes; enhancing the criminal penalty for certain crimes committed against certain family members of first responders; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Wheeler:

Assembly Bill No. 103—AN ACT relating to collective bargaining by local governments; revising certain provisions relating to employee leave; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Swank:

Assembly Bill No. 104—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Account for the Nevada Main Street Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Assemblywoman Krasner:

Assembly Bill No. 105—AN ACT relating to parole; requiring any person who provides testimony to the State Board of Parole Commissioners to submit a statement signed under penalty of perjury that such testimony is true and correct to the best of the person's knowledge and belief; revising provisions relating to standards adopted by the Board to assist in determining whether to grant or revoke the parole of a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Krasner:

Assembly Bill No. 106—AN ACT making an appropriation to Crisis Support Services of Nevada for the employment of two additional full-time staff members by Crisis Support Services of Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 107—AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; establishing provisions relating to the electronic recording of certain custodial interrogations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Fumo:

Assembly Bill No. 108—AN ACT relating to state employment; requiring certain state agencies to provide an employee orientation to new employees, to allow certain employee organizations to provide a presentation during such an orientation or meet with a new employee under certain circumstances and to provide such an employee organization with certain information concerning new employees; requiring certain state agencies to allow certain employee organizations to meet with employees at certain locations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Fumo:

Assembly Bill No. 109—AN ACT relating to offenders; authorizing a court to provide credit for time spent in residential confinement before conviction to

reduce a sentence of imprisonment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Growth and Infrastructure:

Assembly Bill No. 110—AN ACT relating to public safety; authorizing the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to release the contact information of a person who has been issued a traffic citation to a court or its traffic violations bureau under certain circumstances; revising provisions governing citations for minor traffic and related violations; revising provisions relating to hearings on alleged traffic and related violations; prohibiting the issuance of a bench warrant for a person's failure to appear in court for a parking violation in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections:

Assembly Bill No. 111—AN ACT relating to children; requiring the Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice to conduct a study concerning the funding of the child welfare system in this State; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 112—AN ACT relating to criminal justice; revising certain provisions governing the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice; repealing certain subcommittees of the Advisory Commission; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblywoman Titus:

Assembly Bill No. 113—AN ACT relating to taxation; revising provisions governing the sales and use taxes imposed on the delivery or transfer of a firearm from outside this State under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

By Assemblyman Ellison:

Assembly Bill No. 114—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to establish a course of study in the prevention of suicide for pupils in certain grades; requiring licensed educational personnel to receive training in certain topics relating to suicide by pupils; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Sprinkle:

Assembly Bill No. 115—AN ACT relating to health care; providing a privilege to an organized committee of certain groups of physicians to refuse disclosure of certain information; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Health and Human Services:

Assembly Bill No. 116—AN ACT relating to Medicaid; requiring an actuarial study to be conducted by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the cost to the State of revising certain reimbursement rates; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 117—AN ACT relating to gaming; revising provisions relating to charitable gaming; requiring the Nevada Gaming Commission to adopt regulations providing a procedure to appeal the denial of the registration to operate a charitable lottery or charitable game; requiring the Commission to adopt regulations establishing the fees that a qualified organization must submit to the Chair of the Nevada Gaming Control Board when registering to operate a charitable lottery or charitable game; increasing the penalty for the commission of certain unauthorized acts relating to lotteries; repealing provisions relating to charitable games; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 4, 2019

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bill

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ

Assistant Secretary of the Senate

## INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Senate Bill No 1

# MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that all rules be suspended, reading so far had considered first reading, rules further suspended, and Senate Bill No. 1 be declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson.

Motion carried unanimously.

## GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 1.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 1:

YEAS-42

NAYS-None.

Senate Bill No. 1 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

## GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Assefa, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tsehay Assefa, Libanos Assefa, Daniel Assefa, Abraham Assefa, Simon Assefa, Etsegenet Assefa, Zenash Mebratu, Mekuria Denbel, Dereje Wolle, Beyene Ansa, David Anberbir, Bereket Eyob, Mebratu Alemayehu, Mequanent Alemu, Kassa Ali, Negash Adera, Neftalem Mulat, Eden Mesfin, Abiy Beshah, Yosef Zenebe, Salem Tigabu, Alazar Mekuria, and Nuhamin Gebremariam.

On request of Assemblywoman Backus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sandy Backus-Allred, Leland Eugene Backus, Jerry Allred, Mare McDermont, Cathy Backus, Sandy DiGiacomo, Aaron Stantom, Kyle Backus, Kerry Horcasitas, Patael Horcasitas, and Antonio Ramirez.

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jeff Thompson, Lillian Thompson, Eli Thompson, Sandra Thompson, and Truckee Thompson.

On request of Assemblywoman Bilbray-Axelrod, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Molly Bilbray-Axelrod, Michaelene Bilbray, Danny Axelrod, April LaLone, and Matthew Fonken.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Merritt Carlton.

On request of Assemblyman Carrillo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Char Frost, Mark Peckham, and Jenny Lehner.

On request of Assemblywoman Cohen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Carol Cohen, Aileen Cohen, and Min Jaroslov.

On request of Assemblyman Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lisa Daly, Brian Daly, Sara Daly, and Duane Waters

On request of Assemblywoman Duran, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Marco Hsiung, Breanne Fernandez, and Martha Macias.

On request of Assemblyman Edwards, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Linda Law, Catherine Bodenstein, Mike Fleck, and Catherine Fleck.

On request of Assemblyman Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cindy Ellison, Michelle Mosley, Nicole Beshea, Mike Mosley, Anthony Mosley, Josalynne Mosley, Allison Ulibarri, and Henrik Beshea.

On request of Assemblyman Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Victor Flores, Griselda Flores, and Karen Montiel.

On request of Assemblyman Frierson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Abbie Frierson, Matthew Frierson, Laila Frierson, and Anne Lee.

On request of Assemblyman Fumo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Ellen Fumo, Dominic Velgos, Latoya Kent, and Mo Youssouf.

On request of Assemblywoman Gorelow, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Andrew Gorelow, Hailey Gorelow, and Aaron Gorelow.

On request of Assemblyman Hafen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to M. Kent (Tim) Hafen, Janet McJunkin, Greg Hafen Sr., Suzanne Hafen, Harrison Hafen, Jennifer Baker, Liam Lovinella, and Tracy Davis.

On request of Assemblyman Hambrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy Hambrick and Sheree Rosevear.

On request of Assemblywoman Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Daniel Hansen, Ali Hansen, Finn Hansen, Forrest Hansen, Vander Hansen, Jacob Hansen, Erica Hansen, Ian Hansen, Mallory Reed, Thayne Reed, Larissa Hansen, Ira Hansen, Sharon Hansen, Danielle Quirk, Leah Quirk, Kenneth Quirk, Aly Quirk, Robert Quirk, Heather Matuzak, John Matuzak, Skye Matuzak, Gary Purdum, LaRee Purdum, Rachel Haack, London Haack, Sarah Gurries, Sawyer Gurries, Joshua Hansen, and Theodore Hansen.

On request of Assemblywoman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Damon Hardy, Celssie Hardy, Paul Anderson, Connie Close, Melvin Close, and Ross Hemminger.

On request of Assemblywoman Jauregui, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Truman Fleming, Cecilia Jauregui, Raul Jauregui, and Wendy Jauregui-Jackins.

On request of Assemblyman Kramer, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nathan Tea and Pablo Valles.

On request of Assemblywoman Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Charles Krasner, Henry Krasner, Harry Krasner, and Peggy Bohn.

On request of Assemblyman Leavitt, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Rebecca Leavitt, Rory Leavitt, Isabella Leavitt, Addison Leavitt, Peggy Leavitt, Charles Leavitt, Rose Woodbury, and Bruce Woodbury.

On request of Assemblywoman Martinez, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Victoria Pineiro, Adriana Martinez, and Alexandra Noriega.

On request of Assemblyman McCurdy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to William McCurdy, Sr., Billie McCurdy, William McCurdy III, Brian Shepard, Clara Thomas, Jessica Rivas-Rocha, and Brennan Maragh.

On request of Assemblywoman Miller, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Karen Leardi, Joseph Leardi, and Chris Miller.

On request of Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Celena N. Monroe-Moreno, Sophia Rae Harris, Koa King Harris, Chris Miller, Avery Giovanna Monroe-Speed, Cassandra N. Monroe-Moreno, Candace N. Monroe-Speed, Gary L. Fisher, Jeunesse Monroe-Speed, Patrina McKinney, and Danna Lovell.

On request of Assemblywoman Munk, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Richard Munk, Marty Goad, Bob Goad, Wade Clack, Cassidy Clack, Connor Clack, Ardie Flyr, Gary Flyr, Linda Ziskin, and Donna West.

On request of Assemblywoman Nguyen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to D. Matt Lay, Henry Lay, Hannah Lay, Thang Nguyen, and Dale Lay.

On request of Assemblywoman Peters, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Matt Peters, Isabelle Peters, Castiel Peters, Rose Peters, Margot Chappel, Val Chappel, Theo McCormick, Natalie Isaacs, Loretta Terlizzi, Zephyr Perkins, Kayt Kruk, Tony Kruk, Dietrick McGinnis, Melissa Chanselle-Hary, and Janet Serial.

On request of Assemblyman Roberts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Maria Roberts, Ryan Roberts, and Alexandra Phillips.

On request of Assemblywoman Spiegel, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to William Spiegel, Steven Barre, Ronnie Barre, and Joseph Spiegel.

On request of Assemblyman Sprinkle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kristi Sprinkle, Michael Sprinkle, Devin Sprinkle, Mathew Sprinkle, Austin Sprinkle, Ardynne Sprinkle, Amanda Sunder, Cassie Guichu, Alejandra Medina, and Christian Thauer.

On request of Assemblywoman Swank, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Scott Swank, Erin Stiles, and Anna Allen.

On request of Assemblyman Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sonja Barnum Mason and Darion Weatherspoon.

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Allen Veil and Laurel Wilson.

On request of Assemblywoman Tolles, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lynn Nielson, Laura Lou Tolles, Par Tolles, Riley Tolles, and Mia Tolles.

On request of Assemblywoman Torres, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kristian Santos, Marco Penaloza, Varsha Srinivasan, Tillie Lynore Torres, Rigoberto Antonio Torres, Kevin Torres, Gabriela Torres, Sofia Elizabeth Penaloza, Gilberto Saravia, and Hember Ernesto Rodriguez Torres.

On request of Assemblyman Watts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Leora Olivas, Diane Rundgren, Howard Watts Jr., and Dulce Valencia.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Charlee French, Jaxson French, Tyler Orta, Bella Wheeler, and Yvette Clark.

On request of Assemblyman Yeager, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bita Yeager, Brian Yeager, Charles Yeager IV, Sally Yeager, and James Zygadlo.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG

Chief Clerk of the Assembly