

THE EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), April 30, 2019

Senate called to order at 11:55 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Spearman, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Minister Brian Underwood.

Dear Lord, we thank You for another day of life and the opportunity to serve and bring glory to You in our thoughts, words and deeds. Father, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from above, and today, we petition You for gifts of wisdom and discernment.

Your Word teaches if any lacks wisdom, that he or she turn to You and that You, the Author and Perfector of our faith, will give generously and without reproach. "Blessed is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding; for the gain from her is better than gain from silver, and her profit, better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her."

In these important days, fill these faithful servants with the wisdom of Solomon in a manner that seeks You and Your Kingdom. Assist them in their many endeavors and place those after Your own heart before them to guide and keep them. May Your chosen leaders remain ever faithful to the oaths they have taken and to following You.

In Your most precious Name,

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Madam President:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 147, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

JULIA RATTI, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 29, 2019

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 136, 220.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 29, 2019

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 71.

MARK KRMPOTIC
Fiscal Analysis Division

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 503—AN ACT making an appropriation for the continuation of the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 504—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Office of Finance for outreach and educational activities for the 2020 federal decennial census; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 505—AN ACT relating to making an appropriation to the Office of Finance for an adjustment to school districts affected by the district of residence issue; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 506—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Division of State Library, Archives and Public Records for the replacement of a large book scanner; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 507—AN ACT relating to state financial administration; making an appropriation to the Office of Finance as a loan for the support of Marlette Lake; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 508—AN ACT making an appropriation to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement of information technology infrastructure; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 509—AN ACT making appropriations to the Division of Water Resources for the replacement of vehicles and computer software and hardware; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 510—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation for a database system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 511—AN ACT making appropriations to the Department of Corrections for the replacement of roof hatches and a sewer pump and the repair of flooring, plumbing and a sewer grinder at various correctional centers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 512—AN ACT making appropriations to the Nevada Gaming Control Board for the costs of modernization of the technology system and replacement of security system equipment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 513—AN ACT making appropriations to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services for the Child Support Enforcement Modernization system for the child support enforcement program and the replacement of computer hardware and software and office equipment; authorizing the expenditure of money by the Division for these purposes; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 514—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for replacement of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System; authorizing the expenditure of nonappropriated money for the same purpose; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 515—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Division of Parole and Probation for the replacement of computer equipment and the Offender Tracking Information System; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 516—AN ACT making appropriations to the State Board of Parole Commissioners for the replacement of computer software and hardware, video conferencing equipment and hearing room chairs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 517—AN ACT making appropriations to the Nevada Highway Patrol for maintenance and support of the radio system, replacement of computer hardware and software, mobile data computers and portable and mobile radio equipment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 518—AN ACT making an appropriation from the State General Fund to the Department of Taxation for the needs assessment for the modernization of the Unified Tax System; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 519—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Office of Finance for a Snowcat vehicle for winter access to the pump house and dam at Marlette Lake; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 520—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the State Distributive School Account for an unanticipated increase in K-12 enrollment for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 521—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Nevada Highway Patrol for an unanticipated shortfall in dignitary protection services for visiting dignitaries; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 522—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Nevada Highway Patrol for an unanticipated shortfall in gasoline costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 523—AN ACT relating to making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Education for an unanticipated shortfall in personnel services expenditures for literacy programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 524—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Non-State Retiree Rate Mitigation Account, created by section 72 of chapter 396, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2650, for a projected shortfall related to payment of supplemental subsidies for coverage of non-state, non-Medicare retirees under the Public Employees' Benefits Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 525—AN ACT making appropriations to the Division of Forestry for equipment and maintenance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 526—AN ACT making appropriations to the Nevada Highway Patrol for the replacement of patrol vehicles and motorcycles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ratti moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 527—AN ACT making appropriations to the Division of Child and Family Services for deferred maintenance projects and security camera system upgrades at various facilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 528—AN ACT making appropriations to the Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health for research, clinical studies, operations and educational programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 136.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 220.

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

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 7.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 9.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 12.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 24.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 31.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 63.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 91.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 98.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 134.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 189.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 207.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 221.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 130.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Assembly Bill No. 130 transfers all duties and authority relating to the Nevada ABLE Savings Program from the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services to the State treasurer.

The federal Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) of 2014 permitted the creation of ABLE Accounts. These accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts for persons who have certain qualifying disabilities and their families, and they must be established and maintained by the qualified person's state of residence.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 130:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Spearman.

Assembly Bill No. 130 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 169.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Ratti.

Assembly Bill No. 169 is a bill I was proud to cosponsor, and it establishes the Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the Department of Health and Human Services. The Committee is required to review incidents of maternal mortality and, to the extent that resources are available, severe maternal morbidity in this State; disseminate findings and recommendations concerning maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity to providers of health care, medical facilities, other interested persons and the public; publish an annual report consisting of data relating to maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, and submit to the Legislature a biennial report containing a description of incidents reviewed by the Committee and recommendations to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in Nevada.

The bill authorizes the Committee to take measures necessary to perform its duties, including consulting with interested persons and entering into contracts. The Committee is entitled to certain records it deems necessary to perform its duties. Meetings of the Committee are closed to the public; its records are confidential and are not public records.

We have too many women we are losing to childbirth. This is true in the State of Nevada, and it is true across the Nation. This is an effort to put together a qualified group of individuals and make sure we understand what is going on. The good news is there is funding available at the federal level. If we can get this passed and moving along before May 8th, we have the opportunity to apply for a federal grant to support these efforts. I urge your support.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 169:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Spearman.

Assembly Bill No. 169 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 194.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hammond.

Assembly Bill No. 194 requires that the membership of the Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council include a member who is a representative of the pediatric mental, physical or behavioral healthcare industry. The Council is required to submit to the Legislature an annual report outlining its activities and recommendations for improvement to Nevada's early childhood system.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 194:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Spearman.

Assembly Bill No. 194 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Resolutions Nos. 5, 6.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Bevan Lister and Darrell Purcel.

On request of Senator Ratti, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Fred Cooper, Hieu Le, Marilyn Melton, Royle Melton, Scott Smith and Lori Way.

On request of Senator Settlemeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Doug Bussleman, Sam Mori, Jennifer Ott and Dr. Boyd Spratling.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate