

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Eighty-second Session
March 28, 2023**

The Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair James Ohrenschall at 3:48 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, in Room 2149 of the Legislative Building, Carson City, Nevada. [Exhibit A](#) is the Agenda. [Exhibit B](#) is the Attendance Roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair
Senator Skip Daly, Vice Chair
Senator Heidi Seevers Gansert
Senator Lisa Krasner

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Nicole J. Cannizzaro (Excused)

GUEST LEGISLATORS PRESENT:

Senator Melanie Scheible, Senatorial District No. 9

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nicolas Anthony, Policy Analyst
Diane Rea, Committee Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bryan Wachter, Retail Association of Nevada

CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

Senator Scheible will be introducing [Senate Joint Resolution \(S.J.R.\) 5](#).

[SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 5](#): Urges Congress to expand the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition

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Program for Women, Infants and Children to cover the purchase of menstrual products. (BDR R-980)

SENATOR MELANIE SCHEIBLE (Senatorial District No. 9):

I am pleased to present S.J.R. 5 which is simple. I presented Senate Bill (S.B.) 161 in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, a bill which allows Nevadans who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) funding to utilize those benefits for purchasing menstrual products. They are currently not allowed to do so.

SENATE BILL 161: Provides for the use of certain federal benefits to purchase menstrual products. (BDR 38-811)

The challenging part is at the federal level where SNAP and WIC do not allow the use of those funds for products other than food. Senate Joint Resolution 5 is the companion piece to S.B. 161 which says Nevada is going to ask Congress to change this at the federal level.

I hope this is the start of a longer project for me personally working to advocate for this change at the federal level.

BRYAN WACHTER (Retail Association of Nevada):

The Retail Association of Nevada looks forward to the journey Senator Scheible is on.

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CHAIR OHRENSCHALL:

I have received written testimony ([Exhibit C](#)) from Wendi Schweigart in support of the bill.

Having nothing further to come before the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, we are adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Diane Rea,
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Senator James Ohrenschall, Chair

DATE: _____

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