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## ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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### THE EIGHTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), February 10, 2025

Assembly called to order at 11:42 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymember Kasama who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Ken Haskins.

Our Sovereign Lord, Your kingdom is in the world, but not of it. Come, reign in our hearts so that we might love one another, promote the best interests of others and do Your will on earth as it is in heaven. I pray in Jesus' name.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

##### NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

February 9, 2025

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of Assembly Bills Nos. 32, 33, 49, 60, 62, 67, 80, 85, 100, 105, 109, 126, 149, 159, 190, 214, 219; Assembly Joint Resolutions Nos. 2, 3.

SARAH COFFMAN  
*Fiscal Analysis Division*

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the persons set forth on the Nevada Legislature's Press Accreditation List of February 10, 2025, be accepted as accredited press representatives, that they be assigned space at the press table in the Assembly Chamber, that they be allowed the use of appropriate broadcasting facilities, and the list be included in this day's Journal:

2 NEWS: Jake Reno; 8 NEWS NOW: Eric Jungblut; KOLO 8 NEWS NOW: John Langler; KTVN 2 NEWS NEVADA: Jay Akers, Jaden Urban; LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL: Kevin Cannon; LAS VEGAS SUN: Haajrah Gilani; NEVADA CURRENT: April Corbin-Gimus;

RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL: Jason Bean, Mark Robison; SIERRA NEVADA ALLY: Alex Couraud; THE NEVADAN: Jannelle Calderón, Casey Harrison

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 45 be withdrawn from the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 45 be rereferred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 67 be withdrawn from the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that Assembly Bill No. 67 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

#### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymember Marzola:

Assembly Bill No. 230—AN ACT relating to health care; ratifying and entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; authorizing the sharing of certain information with data systems created by the Compact; providing audiologists and speech-language pathologists practicing in this State under the Compact with the same legal status as persons who are licensed to practice audiology and speech-language pathology in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymembers Hunt, D'Silva and Jackson and Senator Neal:

Assembly Bill No. 231—AN ACT relating to insurance; requiring a service contract to impose certain duties upon the provider of the service contract; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Marzola moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 232—AN ACT relating to public employees; revising the computation of credit for service for certain members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed by a school district; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

##### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblymember Jauregui requested that Assemblymember Koenig's remarks be entered in the Journal.

##### ASSEMBLYMEMBER KOENIG:

Thank you, Speaker. On Sunday, February 9th, 2025, one of the Nevada Legislature's longest serving Legislators, who served in both houses of the Legislature for a combined total of 24 years of service, passed away. Senator Joseph "Mike" McGinness was born and raised and lived most of his 77 years in Fallon, Nevada. The main exceptions were when he spent five years in Schurz as a child; when he lived in Reno while obtaining his bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Reno; when he was away on duty with the Nevada Air National Guard; or when he used to stay in Carson City during legislative sessions. He attended Churchill County High School, where he edited the school newspaper, the beginning of a long career in media and journalism, and participated in Boys State, where he got his first taste of politics.

Mike married his high school sweetheart, Dee [Deanna] Pierce and they had three children Ryan, Brett, and Shannon; along with six grandchildren. When Mike and Dee were dating, her parents owned the radio station in Fallon. Dee's father liked to tell Mike that if he married his daughter, he would give him a job at the radio station, which he did. Mike was manager of the radio station KVLV AM-FM in Fallon for many years.

Mike McGinness was an ideal example of the type of person who serves and represents the public well in our "citizen legislature." He was a family man, a businessman, and a statesman. His first four years, 1988 to 1992, were in the Assembly. His last 20 years, 1992 through 2012, he served in the Senate. In his last legislative session in 2011, Mike was selected by his caucus to serve as Senate Minority Floor Leader. His longtime legislative assistant, Ricka Benum, retired after his final session, but she and her husband remained close friends with Dee and Mike.

Senator Mike McGinness chaired the Senate Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations during the 1993 and 1995 sessions, but he is probably best remembered as Chair of the Senate Committee on Taxation for six regular sessions from 1997 to 2007. The other two committees that Mike was most associated with in both houses were the Judiciary, 11 regular sessions, and Natural Resources, 9 regular sessions.

Mike authored many excellent pieces of legislation over the years. Two of his most memorable bills dealt with the safety and welfare of children. These were Senate Bill 122 of the 1997 session which prohibits a person employed by a school district from engaging in sexual contact with a student, and Senate Bill 142 of the 2009 session which established the crime of criminal gang recruitment. As a good representative of rural Nevada and some of it is ranching, farming, mining, and military communities, Mike sponsored a number of bills over the years on rural topics. These bills covered subjects such as cleaning out river channels, farm products, farm vehicles, geothermal resources, grazing leases, hunting and fishing licenses, irrigation districts, livestock management, military installation, off road vehicles, organic produce, water rights, and wildlife management.

Over the years, Senator McGinness represented all or part of 11 of Nevada's 17 counties: Churchill Clark, Douglas, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and White Pine. Mike's senatorial district included the Fallon Naval Air Station, Creech Air Force Base in Clark County, NELIS Air Force Range, and the Nevada Test Site.

Mike was active in state and local civic affairs, serving as president of the Nevada State Board of Directors and chairing the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Commission and the Churchill County School Board. Mike was a long-standing member of the Kiwanis Club. He sponsored many legislative resolutions to designate a specific day in the spring as Kiwanis Day in Nevada.

In 2017, the Nevada Senate inducted Mike McGinness into the Senate Hall of Fame. Twenty of his 24 years of legislative service were in the Senate. I am grateful that he was recognized during his lifetime for the many years of service he dedicated to the Nevada Legislature, and I hope his family and friends will find comfort in knowing that he will long be remembered in these halls.

So, I want to take a couple of sentences of personal privilege where I knew Mike personally. He was a friend of my dad's growing up. In fact, I think they went to college together. Mike was an inspiration for me. When I first got elected to the school board, he approached me and let me know that he started on the school board and ended up here, in these halls. And he kind of inspired me to do the same. If possible, Speaker, if we could have a moment of silence to remember Mike McGinness.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblymember Considine, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Mayor Michelle Romero.

On request of Assemblymember Flanagan, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Arbenia Peebles, Eva G. Simmons and Tommie Wooden-Medlock.

On request of Assemblymember Jauregui, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. Tya Mathis-Coleman.

On request of Assemblymember Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nedra D. Cooper.

On request of Assemblymember Mosca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Arly Corriolo.

On request of Assemblymember Orentlicher, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Aalycia Roseburgh and Ashley Floyd.

Assemblymember Jauregui moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., and that it do so in memory of Senator Mike McGinness.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Approved:

STEVE YEAGER  
*Speaker of the Assembly*

Attest: BONNIE BORDA HOFFECKER  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*