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Senate called to order at 11:17 a.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Roll called.

All present except for Senator Ohrenschall, who was excused.

Prayer by the Pastor Mandy Lucas.

In consideration of the following words of the prophet Micah:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy

and to walk humbly with your God.

In consideration of His words, we pray.

Lord, we thank You that You are gracious, compassionate and just. We ask that in every thought, word and deed this assembly would honor You. We pray for Your conviction of Your Holy Spirit to stand for justice and mercy and to do so with humility, remembering that as each one serves, they do not do so for their own gain but as representatives of the people of the State of Nevada.

We pray You would bless these proceedings, each member, their staff and their families.

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

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 171, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MICHELEE CRUZ-CRAWFORD, *Chair*

Senator Cannizzaro moved that all necessary rules be suspended and that Assembly Bill No. 171, just reported out of committee, be declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on third reading and final passage for immediate consideration.

Remarks by Senator Cannizzaro.

This egg-cellent bill comes to us from our Natural Resources Committee, and we would like to get it moving and cracking along so that we can help to address what is an ongoing egg shortage here in Nevada.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 171.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Titus and Pazina.

SENATOR TITUS:

I actually rise in support of this bill, and I just want to really put on the record quickly that there's been some news media and comments that it's a public health and safety issue, that we shouldn't be passing this bill. I totally support the bill and want to reassure the public that we are not putting the public at risk by passage of this bill and that there are no risks to the public, that the milk is safe, cheese is safe, and our eggs are all cracked up what they used to be.

SENATOR PAZINA:

Assembly Bill No. 171 authorizes the State Quarantine Officer, during any ongoing event that negatively impacts the national supply chain for egg products or shell eggs, to temporarily suspend requirements and prohibitions related to: the regulation of the sale of eggs in this State; the confinement of egg-laying hens in certain enclosures; and the sale, offering or exposing for sale, or transporting for sale, in this State, egg products or shell eggs that do not comply with egg-laying hen enclosure requirements.

The bill also authorizes the State Quarantine Officer to temporarily authorize the sale of Grade B eggs; prohibit or otherwise limit the purchase of eggs by state agencies and local governments, and authorize a farm owner or operator of a small egg flock to produce, sell or transport eggs and egg products to a retailer in this State.

Finally, Assembly Bill No. 171 specifies a temporary suspension may not exceed 120 consecutive days and remains in effect until the State Quarantine Officer orders the release of the temporary suspension. No more than two temporary suspensions may be ordered in one calendar year.

And this egg-ceptional bill is effective upon passage and approval.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 171:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Ohrenschall.

Assembly Bill No. 171 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Scheible moved that the following persons be accepted as accredited press representatives and be allowed the use of appropriate media facilities: Luis Omar Latino and Nancy Vazquez Loera of KOLO 8 News Now.

Motion carried.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senators Rogich and Steinbeck as sponsors of Senate Bill No. 96.

Senator Krasner approved the addition of Senator Steinbeck as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 103.

Senator Scheible approved the addition of Senator Krasner as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 167.

Senator Steinbeck approved the addition of Senator Krasner as a primary sponsor of Senate Bill No. 195.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Pazina, Neal, Flores, Scheible, Krasner, Cannizzaro, Cruz-Crawford, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Lange, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Rogich, Steinbeck, Stone and Taylor; Assemblymembers Roth, Nguyen and Gallant:

Senate Bill No. 201—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; prohibiting a unit-owners' association or a unit's owner who rents or leases his or her unit from imposing certain restrictions on the display of religious items; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Pazina moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Motion carried.

By Senator Ellison:

Senate Bill No. 202—AN ACT relating to crimes; making it unlawful to procure or offer a false or forged written rental agreement for purposes of committing the crime of housebreaking or unlawful occupancy; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ellison moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Senator Pazina:

Senate Bill No. 203—AN ACT relating to gaming; providing immunity from civil liability for certain agencies, entities and persons relating to the pari-mutuel system of wagering; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Pazina moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Motion carried.

By Senator Ellison:

Senate Bill No. 204—AN ACT relating to wages; authorizing a temporary agricultural foreign worker who performs herding or production of livestock on the range under an H-2A visa and his or her employer to enter into a written agreement to exclude from the wages of the worker certain specified periods for meals, sleep and other free time; exempting an employer of a temporary agricultural foreign worker who performs herding or production of livestock on the range under an H-2A visa from certain recordkeeping requirements; requiring the enforcement of certain provisions relating to payment of wages

and prosecution of violations thereof; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Ellison moved that the bill be referred to the Commerce and Labor. Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Hansen requested that his remarks be entered in the journal.

We are joined today by members of the Nevada Rural Electric Association (NREA), who are in Carson City to celebrate Public Power Day. NREA is the voice of our State's electrical cooperatives, power districts and municipal utilities. These not-for-profit organizations are owned and governed by their consumers, giving them a vested interest in the communities they serve. Many of these utilities were originally founded in the 1930s, but they've been at the cutting edge ever since, finding innovative ways to serve some of the most remote places left in the American West. The leaders here throughout the chamber are active in management and governance of the utilities from all across the State of Nevada. Please join me in giving them a warm welcome.

Senator Hansen requested that his/her remarks be entered in the journal.

Thanks, Mr. President, for a second bite at the apple. I wanted to follow up on what the Minority Leader was talking about. When this bill passed back in 2019, I opposed it then, not because I think we should avoid cruelty to animals but because I don't think sometimes we realize the implications of what we are talking about. For example, my wife always buys cage-free eggs by choice, and fortunately we are financially able to do that. But there are a lot of poor people in the State where even a few dollars difference in the price of a dozen eggs makes a big difference. But then on the other hand, we'll turn around and buy cage-free eggs, and then we'll place an order for a couple dozen chicken wings with mild sauce on it. Right? That's 12 chickens basically that we're eating. Now, what happens to the hens that are in those cages? A little fact we need to understand here: when they get older, and they are no longer producing eggs, they are then processed. If you've ever bought McDonald's Chicken McNuggets or you've ever had boneless chicken wings or anything like that, those are processed chicken products, which were actually the hens that were formerly in those little cages. So, while there is a kind of a false morality—that we like to feel good about ourselves when we buy cage-free eggs—the reality is those chickens are still processed and are being consumed by us. So, unless you are a member of PETA—by the way, I admire people that are but most of us aren't able to live that standard—the idea that we feel somewhat morally superior because we don't eat cage-free eggs, while on the other hand, we are eating all sorts of processed chicken, which is actually made up of the exact same animals that were in those cages, should be a little bit of an eye-opener to us. So, we gotta be careful about these false morality bills that we occasionally pass without realizing the much bigger implications, especially when it comes to issues like animal rights, animal cruelty and things like that.

So, just a little reminder, I think we should probably ultimately revisit the law we passed in 2019 and allow the market to determine what kind of eggs we have on our shelves and let the consumers decide whether or not they want to buy cage-free eggs or not.

Thank you for the second bite, Mr. President.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Buck, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to William Marquette and Ronald Niman.

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jennifer Denoo and April Libby.

On request of Senator Cruz-Crawford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to John Bagents, Tony Lopez and Gerardina Rodriguez.

On request of Senator Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Marsha Burgess, Elisabeth Hadler and Steele Hendrix.

On request of Senator Doñate, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Sherri Roach and Amanda Vesely.

On request of Senator Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Paul Donohue and Ken Maxwell.

On request of Senator Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Sarah Horm and Valerie Johnston.

On request of Senator Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Shawn Burt and Mandi Hitt.

On request of Senator Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Pascual Garrido and Suzanne Oliver.

On request of Senator Lange, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Scott Arkills, Ken Lange and Ralph A. Ramirez.

On request of Senator Neal, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michelle Caird and Robby Hamlin.

On request of Senator Nguyen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to MeLisa Garcia and Randall Ozaki.

On request of Senator Pazina, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Kyle Johnson and Tina Mullis.

On request of Senator Rogich, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Thad Ballard and Scott Egbert.

On request of Senator Scheible, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Soraia Bohner, Josh Haldeman and Matt Kershaw.

On request of Senator Steinbeck, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Todd Sorenson and Jon Wahrenbrock.

On request of Senator Stone, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Marvis Poole and Joseph Stubitz.

On request of Senator Taylor, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Nicole Cypers and Fiona Perreault.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Danny DeLaRosa and Michael Thomas.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Approved:

STAVROS ANTHONY
President of the Senate

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY
Secretary of the Senate