

THE THIRD DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), February 9, 2005

Assembly called to order at 11:08 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblywoman Ohrenschall, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Dixie Jennings-Teats.

Most Merciful One, seeing your new generations unfold makes us aware of our own mortality. As we acknowledge the finiteness of human life, we are only too aware that we are all broken and hurting people in need of Your amazing grace. Touch us, we pray, and open our hearts to remember Your blessing always with us; blessing in our lives, in our families, in the people and land of Nevada, in Your world.

Help us to be true servants in love to Your world, for from dust we have come and to dust we shall return. Make our daily lives and the work of this 2005 Nevada State Legislature be acts of healing in Your world.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Buckley 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 7, 2005

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

MARY JO MONGELLI

Assistant Secretary of the Senate

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 8, 2005

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 1, 2.

MARY JO MONGELLI

Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio and Titus:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1—Providing for the compensation of the clergy for services rendered to the Senate and Assembly during the 21st Special Session and the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

WHEREAS, The members of the 21st Special Session and the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature appreciate the daily religious services that are rendered by members of the clergy representing various denominations; and

WHEREAS, The invocations offered by the clergy provide inspiration and guidance for the members of the Nevada Legislature as they face the challenges and demands of a legislative session; and

WHEREAS, A reasonable compensation should be provided for the clergy who perform such services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the State Controller is authorized and directed to pay the sum of \$35 per service out of the Legislative Fund to the members of the clergy who performed religious services for the Senate and the Assembly during the 21st Special Session and for those members of the clergy who perform religious services for the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.

Assemblywoman Koivisto moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Koivisto and Hardy.

Resolution adopted.

By Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington, and Wiener:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2— Declaring 2005 to be “The Year of Languages.”

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, language education programs throughout the United States are celebrating 2005 as “The Year of Languages”; and

WHEREAS, For over 200 years, citizens from other countries have settled in our communities, enhancing the diversity of this nation and underlining the importance of understanding different cultures and languages; and

WHEREAS, Americans have growing social, cultural and economic ties to the global community, offering great opportunities and presenting new challenges as we seek to communicate with and understand those from different linguistic and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, The underlying tenet of “The Year of Languages” is to celebrate the increasing importance of learning other languages for use in our schools and everyday life, not only to promote a greater understanding of others, but to enhance career opportunities and to provide life-long learning opportunities for people beyond school age; and

WHEREAS, Foreign language educators are working cooperatively to promote the benefits of language learning to students, parents, businesses, health and social services leaders, and policy makers throughout this State and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Language education in the 21st century includes a commitment to the study of long sequences of world languages beginning in early grades to allow students to develop the level of proficiency needed to communicate effectively with others from different cultures, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, The benefits gained from studying other cultures and languages include improved cognitive, analytical and communication skills, improved academic achievement, expanded career opportunities, and greater international awareness and understanding; and

WHEREAS, This year of celebrating languages serves as a look to the future for young Americans who will be entering the workforce at a time when international awareness, cross-cultural understanding and linguistic capacity are increasingly important for enhancing career opportunities and for their success as citizens of a broader world; and

WHEREAS, Each month “The Year of Languages” initiative will focus on different areas, including the importance of international engagement, the interrelationships between languages and other subject areas or professions, higher education learning, exploring different languages and cultures within our communities, adult learning and language use, parents’ roles in providing language opportunities, early language learning and maintenance of our heritage languages such as Native American languages and American Sign Language; and

WHEREAS, The success of “The Year of Languages” depends on the support and involvement of local foreign language teachers and guidance counselors, those who have access to the students, parents and community members to whom this effort is intended to reach; and

WHEREAS, Language educators are urging the public to recognize the value of delivering better education to students, of expanding the cultural and literary horizons of adult learners and of strengthening America’s position and security around the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislature of the State of Nevada does hereby recognize 2005 as “The Year of Languages”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the efforts of organizations such as the Sierra Nevada World Language Collaborative, a 26-year-old organization of Washoe County foreign language educators that meet to share teaching ideas and to promote the study of foreign languages in our schools are hereby recognized and encouraged; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are urged to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by language education programs in the State and to support and participate in these programs to gain proficiency not only in English, but in other languages as well.

Assemblywoman Gansert moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Gansert, Anderson, Hardy, and Leslie.

Assemblyman Hardy requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

Je voudrais vous dire que cette chose est très bonne. Merci Bien.

(I would like to tell you that this thing is very good.)

Resolution adopted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 47—AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; requiring that certain delinquent children be screened for mental health and substance abuse problems; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Resolutions Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Henley and Paulina Sparkuhl.

On request of Assemblywoman Giunchigliani, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Christopher Dornan.

On request of Assemblyman Hettrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Andre Portal and Paul Carelli.

On request of Assemblyman Mabey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lonnie Hammargren, Fumiko Okamura Bichard, and Wayne Tanaka.

On request of Assemblyman Munford, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bob Shriver and Alan DiStefano.

On request of Assemblywoman Parnell, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Rudolph Gunnerman.

On request of Assemblyman Sherer, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Richard Bryant and Shelley Hartman.

On request of Assemblywoman Weber, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gayle Anderson and Mariano Lemus.

Assemblywoman Buckley moved that the Assembly adjourn until Friday, February 11, 2005, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Approved:

RICHARD D. PERKINS
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: NANCY S. TRIBBLE
Chief Clerk of the Assembly