

THE NINETY-THIRD DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), May 10, 2005

Senate called to order at 11:05 a.m.

President pro Tempore Amodei presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Titus, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Peggy Locke.

How great is our God! Be strong and take heart, all who hope in the Lord, the Most High is our rock and fortress!

We pray today for all those in authority over us. Give us wisdom, discernment and grace. We pray for our troops in harms way; give protection, courage and peace. We pray for those gathered together today; help us to do good, to act justly, to love faithfulness and to walk humbly with our God.

May the Most High bless and keep us and our families. May His face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May He turn His face toward us and give us peace. And may we honor Him in all we do as we serve this great State of Nevada.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Senator Raggio moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the President pro Tempore and Secretary be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 341, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was rereferred Senate Bill No. 78, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Finance, to which were rereferred Senate Bills Nos. 32, 380, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which were referred Assembly Bill No. 184; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 14, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 518, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 118, 486, 537, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARK E. AMODEI, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 80, 159, 181; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DEAN A. RHOADS, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Taxation, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 404, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MIKE MCGINNESS, *Chair*

Mr. President pro Tempore:

Your Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 220, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DENNIS NOLAN, *Chair*

Senator Washington moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:10 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:16 a.m.

President pro Tempore Amodei presiding.

Quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 9, 2005

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 164, 257, 266, 278.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 27, Amendment No. 689, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendment.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 32, 33.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day concurred in the Senate Amendment No. 615 to Assembly Bill No. 106; Senate Amendment No. 667 to Assembly Bill No. 123.

DIANE KEETCH

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener; Assemblymen Marvel, Allen, Anderson, Angle, Arberry Jr., Atkinson, Buckley, Carpenter,

Christensen, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hettrick, Hogan, Holcomb, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley, Smith and Weber:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Memorializing Jackalyn Ross Laxalt, former First Lady of the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, The members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness the passing of Jackalyn Ross Laxalt on July 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, A true Nevadan, Jackalyn Ross was born to Margaret Burns Ross and the Honorable John R. Ross in Yerington, Nevada, on January 31, 1927, was raised in Carson City and attended the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, Jackalyn married Paul Laxalt in 1946 and, 20 years later, became Nevada's First Lady when Paul was elected Governor of the State; and

WHEREAS, Along with lovingly tending their family of six children and performing all the duties expected of the Governor's wife, Jackalyn took on the daunting task of overseeing the refurbishing and remodeling of the Governor's Mansion during the 4 years that the Laxalts, the largest family to occupy the Mansion, lived there; and

WHEREAS, After her service as Nevada's First Lady, Jackalyn Ross Laxalt spent many years working as a substance abuse counselor in Arizona and Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Jackalyn Ross Laxalt is survived by her children, Gail Laxalt Johnson of Denver, Colorado, Sheila Laxalt Lokan of Milwaukie, Oregon, John Paul Laxalt of Carson City, Michelle Laxalt of Alexandria, Virginia, Dr. Kevin Marie Laxalt of Greeley, Colorado, and Kathleen "Neena" Laxalt of Reno, 12 grandchildren, a great granddaughter and her brother, John Tom Ross of Carson City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature extend their condolences to the beloved family and many friends of Jackalyn Ross Laxalt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Jackalyn Ross Laxalt will be remembered for her warmth, her sense of humor and her love of her family and Nevada, and her radiant smile will be missed by all who knew her; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the children of Jackalyn Ross Laxalt.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio and Mathews.

Senator Raggio requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Mr. President pro Tempore and members of the Senate. During the interim, the State felt the loss of two former First Ladies. We honored the memory of Carolyn O'Callaghan last week, and today, we remember Jackalyn Ross Laxalt.

The two families, the Rosses and Laxalts, are among the most politically preeminent in the history of this State. Each of these families has contributed a great deal to Nevada. I had the privilege of knowing both families, the Rosses and the Laxalts, for many years. When I first became a lawyer, my first appearance in a court was at federal court in Carson City with Judge John R. Ross presiding. Everyone in the State and national judiciary knew Judge Ross. He was a tough taskmaster both knowledgeable and dedicated. His wife, Margaret, was a classy lady. They passed their attributes to their family including their daughter, Jackie. When I was a young district attorney, Paul Laxalt was the district attorney in Carson City. Later on, he became Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator for Nevada. During those years as Lieutenant Governor, Paul Laxalt presided over this Senate.

During those years, Jackie raised her family, not a small task. Theirs was the largest family to occupy the Governor's Mansion. There was much work to be done on the Mansion during their tenure there. It was in much disrepair, and she supervised its remodeling. Jackie Laxalt not only assumed all of the roles given her as First Lady, but she redid the Governor's Mansion as well. The Mansion had become shabby over the years so she gathered the contributions, provided the "elbow grease" and turned the Mansion into the showplace it is today.

Jackalyn Ross Laxalt was a true Ross. She had a lot of class, spoke what was on her mind, let you know what she thought, but she always did it in a way that was impressive. I valued her as a friend.

During some of my early years when I ran for other offices, she was there. She was a great campaigner. She helped her husband during his campaigns. She could always be counted on for political assistance and advice. I valued her friendship over the years and her support.

After leaving the position of First Lady, she went on to solve her own personal problems about which she was very open. She became a substance-abuse counselor. Throughout this State and in Arizona, where she lived for a time, she showed her dedication to her job. Many people owe their lives and their health to her intervention where she counseled them and helped them to deal with their lives. She not only left the memory for us as she was as First Lady, but she left a legacy of helping others. She was a success, a classy lady and a great mother and grandmother to a large family.

Let us remember the life of Jackalyn Ross Laxalt and send our condolences to her family for their loss.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

Thank you, Mr. President pro Tempore. I stand in support of this resolution. I knew the Laxalt family for a long time. I was asked if I knew the Laxalts, and I said, "If you have been in this State for more than a week, you know at least one Laxalt." I knew Jackie, and I knew the Governor.

My brother was appointed by Governor Laxalt as a cabinet member when he first became Governor. People have commented that they did not know there were any Black Republicans in Nevada back then. Luther Mack and Willie Winn were the only two Black Republicans in the whole State then. Governor Laxalt reached out and appointed my brother to his cabinet. During the 1960s, times were troubled in Nevada. It was courageous for the Laxalts to embrace us. They embraced us as a part of that family. When I ran for office, Jackie was the first one to call to tell me she supported me. In subsequent races, she was living at the Promenade on the River. Every time something was going on there, she would call me and tell me to get over there to meet people. She kept me in touch with what was going on with the senior citizens there. I will miss her during future races. I will miss her firm voice telling me what I could and could not do. There are not many who can tell me "no, you cannot do that," but she was one. I will miss Jackie, but I have Neena to keep me on track. I enjoy the family, and I love them. I appreciate all they have done for us.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Raggio moved that all rules be suspended and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34 be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:31 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:33 a.m.

President pro Tempore Amodei presiding.

Quorum present.

By Senator Titus:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 35—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of measures needed to protect and maintain the natural treasures of Nevada.

Senator Horsford moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 510—AN ACT making an appropriation for expenses relating to the arbitration associated with the design and construction of the Southern Nevada Veterans' Home; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 102.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 711.

Amend section 1, page 1, line 3, by deleting "\$126,000" and inserting "\$60,000".

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 78.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Judiciary:

Amendment No. 666.

Amend section 1, page 3, by deleting lines 1 and 2 and inserting:

"5. As used in this section:

(a) "Commission" means all fees collected by an agent, broker or group of agents or brokers to secure a purchaser for any personal property of an estate pursuant to this section, including all fees for costs related to the sale of any personal property pursuant to this section.

(b) "Manufactured home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 118B.015."

Senator Care moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Care.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 120.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Amendment No. 686.

Amend section 1, page 2, line 29, after "5." by inserting: "*The provisions of this section do not apply to surgical care requiring only the administration of oral medication to a patient to relieve the patient's anxiety or pain, if the medication is not given in a dosage that is sufficient to induce in a patient a controlled state of depressed consciousness or unconsciousness similar to general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation.*

6."

Amend sec. 3, page 4, line 36, after "5." by inserting: "*The provisions of this section do not apply to surgical care requiring only the administration of oral medication to a patient to relieve the patient's anxiety or pain, if the medication is not given in a dosage that is sufficient to induce in a patient a controlled state of depressed consciousness or unconsciousness similar to general anesthesia, deep sedation or conscious sedation.*

6."

Senator Carlton moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Carlton.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 257.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 267.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Judiciary:

Amendment No. 697.

Amend sec. 2, page 4, by deleting lines 4 through 7.

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 8, by deleting "(e)" and inserting "(d)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, by deleting lines 10 through 13.

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 14, by deleting "(g)" and inserting "(e)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 15, by deleting "(h)" and inserting "(f)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 17, by deleting "(i)" and inserting "(g)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 19, by deleting "(j)" and inserting "(h)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 24, by deleting "(k)" and inserting "(i)".

Amend sec. 2, page 4, line 25, by deleting "(l)" and inserting "(j)".

Amend the bill as a whole by renumbering sections 5 through 18 as sections 6 through 19 and adding a new section designated sec. 5, following sec. 4, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. NRS 200.5093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5093 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and who, in his professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated shall:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person to:

(1) The local office of the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources;

(2) A police department or sheriff's office;

(3) The county's office for protective services, if one exists in the county where the suspected action occurred; or

(4) A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources; and

(b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person involves an act or omission of the Aging Services Division, another division of the Department of Human Resources or a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward a copy of the report to the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources.

4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, advanced emergency medical technician or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats an older person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

(c) A coroner.

(d) ~~{(d)} Every clergyman, practitioner of Christian Science or religious healer, unless he acquired the knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person from the offender during a confession.~~

~~{(e)}~~ Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home.

~~{(f)} Every attorney, unless he has acquired the knowledge of abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of the older person from a client who has been or may be accused of such abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation.~~

~~{(g)}~~ (e) Any employee of the Department of Human Resources.

~~{(h)}~~ (f) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation officer.

~~{(i)}~~ (g) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for older persons.

~~{(j)}~~ (h) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

~~{(k)}~~ (i) Every social worker.

~~{(l)}~~ (j) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary.

5. A report may be made by any other person.

6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older person has died as a result of abuse, neglect or isolation, the person shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the cause of death of the older person and submit to the appropriate local law enforcement agencies, the appropriate prosecuting attorney and the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources his written findings. The written findings must include the information required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 200.5094, when possible.

7. A division, office or department which receives a report pursuant to this section shall cause the investigation of the report to commence within 3 working days. A copy of the final report of the investigation conducted by a division, office or department, other than the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources, must be forwarded to the Aging Services Division within 90 days after the completion of the report.

8. If the investigation of a report results in the belief that an older person is abused, neglected, exploited or isolated, the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources or the county's office for protective services may provide protective services to the older person if he is able and willing to accept them.

9. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Amend the title of the bill, fourth line, by deleting "person;" and inserting:

"person by certain persons; revising the provisions pertaining to the persons who are required to report the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person;"

Amend the summary of the bill to read as follows:

"SUMMARY—Makes various changes pertaining to abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of certain persons. (BDR 15-1244)".

Senator Care moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Care.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 473.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 527.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 10, 2005

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30.

DIANE KEETCH

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Designating April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Since 1989, April 28 has been observed as Workers Memorial Day by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and the day has been recognized internationally since 1996 when a Global Union delegation lit a commemoration candle at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City to highlight the plight of workers who die, are injured or become ill on the job; and

WHEREAS, This date is significant in that it is the anniversary of the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, and trade unionists in nearly 100 countries around the world now mark April 28 as an "International Day of Mourning"; and

WHEREAS, Workers Memorial Day is not only a day on which to remember the workers who have succumbed to an occupational disease or been injured or killed on the job, but a time to renew the commitment to prevent these tragedies from occurring in the future by supporting needed protections and defending the promise of safe jobs for all workers; and

WHEREAS, The theme for Workers Memorial Day for this year is "Good Jobs, Safe Jobs: Protect Workers Now"; and

WHEREAS, Decades of struggle by workers and their unions has resulted in significant improvements in working conditions, but the toll of workplace injuries, illness and deaths remains too high, with statistics showing that in 2003 alone, more than 4.3 million workers were injured, and 5,559 workers died as a result of job hazards and another 60,000 died from occupational diseases; and

WHEREAS, Too often these tragedies and the devastation they cause for the workers, their families and their coworkers are quickly forgotten; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby designates April 28, 2005, as Workers Memorial Day, a day to honor and remember the workers who have

succumbed to occupational diseases or been injured or killed as a result of work-related accidents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are hereby urged to observe this day by recognizing the need for strengthening safety and health protections in the workplace so that future workplace tragedies can be prevented.

Senator Horsford moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Horsford.

Senator Horsford requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

I stand in support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 30 and the 17th annual observance of Workers Memorial Day. Similar resolutions have been or are being adopted across the globe in observance of workers who have lost their lives or have been injured while performing their jobs in an effort to earn a living and provide for themselves and their families.

While the official statistics on workplace safety show improvement, every year about 6,000 people are killed at work, and each day more than 12,000 workers are injured not to mention some 60,000 workers who die annually from occupational diseases.

Thirty-five years ago, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job. Unfortunately, the intent of this act has yet to be fully realized. Some groups of workers are particularly at risk, suffering higher rates of job injuries and fatalities. There is a way to honor the commitment for those workers who have lost their lives or been severely injured by providing good jobs, jobs that pay decent wages and provide health benefits and pensions is a good way to start.

Another way is by investing in increased training for new and incumbent workers on how to perform their job safely and effectively. The top 10 companies on the Standard and Poor's 500 were the same companies that invested the most in the development of their workers through training, education, health and wage benefits. There is a correlation.

With all of the policy discussion that occur during the Legislative Session, I would like to thank my colleagues for taking the time to reflect on why we are all here in representing the best interests of the people of Nevada and today is a special day to appreciate all workers. I urge this body's support of the resolution.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that Senate Bills Nos. 341, 484; Assembly Bills Nos. 67, 68, 89, 163, 278, 292, 381, 436, 468, 470, 503, 507, 555; Assembly Joint Resolution 16 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

Senate Bill No. 68.

The following Assembly amendment was read:

Amendment No. 684.

Amend section 1, page 2, by deleting lines 4 through 7 and inserting:

"5. *Any other procedure approved by the Health Division for the surgical treatment of refractive errors of the eye.*".

Senator Washington moved that the Senate do not concur in the Assembly amendment to Senate Bill No. 68.

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 286.

The following Assembly amendment was read:

Amendment No. 682.

Amend the bill as a whole by adding the following Assemblyman as a primary joint sponsor: Assemblyman Munford.

Senator Washington moved that the Senate concur in the Assembly amendment to Senate Bill No. 286.

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Bill ordered enrolled.

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President pro Tempore and Secretary signed Senate Bills Nos. 92, 202; Assembly Bills Nos. 106, 123.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Raggio requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

Thank you, Mr. President pro Tempore. On each of the Senators desks is a flyer on "Cover the Uninsured Week." The Nevada chapter of "Covering Kids and Families" has presented the Senate with these hand-colored flyers completed by children who are uninsured.

During "Cover the Uninsured Week," designated nationally for May 1-May 8, it is pointed out that while the United States health care system has the highest health-care spending per capita, we have some of the lowest percentages of those covered. There was about 15.6 percent of the population in the United States, or 45 million people, uninsured in 2004. There are consequences for that uninsured with 8.4 million of them being children.

Nevada has gone a long way toward a commitment through many of our programs we have funded. The Institute of Medicine has pointed out that people without insurance have more serious health problems. Families suffer emotionally and financially when even a single member of the family is not covered. The Nation is economically disadvantaged because of poor health and premature death by its citizens caused by not receiving treatment soon enough because of lack of insurance.

Each of us has flyers on our desks. One of mine says, "To be uninsured means I am afraid to go to the hospital. I am afraid to get the hospital bill and not have the money to pay for it." Another says, "Kids going without necessary doctors' care. My twins had pyloric stenosis and without insurance, I would have been in debt for the rest of my life." These are poignant presentations. The Senators may wish to acknowledge them.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Horsford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Danny Thompson.

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students and teachers from the Lahontan Elementary School: Jonathan Avila, Garnett Cateil, Jason Cummins, Brittany Ferris, Anna Foley, Katharine Griffiths, Anthony Guerra, Kevin Heckathorn, Amy Hesselgesser, Kimberly Homen, Colton Jeffery, Tony Jenkins, Tabitha Johnson, Kevin Ohlandt, Kenneth Perry, Stephen

Phillips, Lisa Randall, Christopher Riddle, Kyle Rutberg, Brandon Smith, Lillian Smith, Miranda Smith, Suade Strange, Meaghan Summerbell, Morgan Taylor, Victoria Wagoner, Bryan Campbell, Kelsey Coon, Danyele Deardorff, Guarddeen Erler, Jasmine Evans, Corey Gray, Dylan Gray, Ashly Hill, Ashly Homen, Brady Johnson, Travis Johnson, Wesley Kyte, Ashley Ladner, Kendra Lozano, Melyssa Luesing, Lacie McElvain, Morgan Olson, Naomi Orr, Mitchell Pascual, Veronica Perry, Zha'Briele Peterson, David Revels, Dustin Smith, Melissa Stevens, Justin Turner, Timothy Boody, Lea Brown, Kyonna Caillouette, Dylon Chavez, Breanna Fain, Stephanie Gahr, Brandon Hafferty, Julianne Hale, Corey Haley, Christina Hesselgesser, Alice Horton, Joshua Klockman, Chasity Martinez, Brandy Mejia, Preston Moore, Edwin Navarro, Keith Perry, Christy Phipps, Rachel Smith, Kristina Taylor, Kylee VanGorder, Alicia Vanoosbree, Paul Vazquez, Derek Whitten, Kailyn Zielke; teachers: Mary Karrasch, Mrs. Madraso and Ms. Jones.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to John Paul Laxalt, Kevin Ross Laxalt, David Ross Laxalt, Joe Guild and Billie Calvin.

On request of Senator Townsend, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Neena Laxalt, Kevan Danielle Laxalt, the following students and teacher from the Sage Ridge School: David Adams, Alez Carpenter, Kelly Dickerson, Jennifer Machen, Kat Newman, Ian Norman, Ivette Quintero, Weston Spann, Tiffany Thomas, Jade Diaz and teacher: Rob VanCleve.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Approved:

MARK E. AMODEI
President pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate