THE NINETY-FOURTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), May 9, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:19 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by Rabbi Jonathan Freirich.

Jewish mysticism, or Kabbalah, tends to be better known for its celebrity adherents than for its practical and useful teachings. Today, let us reflect on the substance of one of these teachings instead of their superficial appearance in our society.

An idea from Jewish mysticism describes our inner lives as opportunities to create balance between attributes, that otherwise left to themselves, might turn positive characteristics into burdens. One sense of this is that the attributes form the ends of a bar, like a tight-rope walker might use, and that our whole self might be better realized by walking that tight rope with greater steadiness.

So, a sense of self, without humility, leads to egotism, and humility, without self, leads to an inability to act.

So, a zeal for justice, without kindness, leads to authoritarianism, and kindness, without justice, leads to a world without structure.

May we all find our way with greater balance between our internal forces so that we can create a world that is a vision of reconciliation from our insides to our actions.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was rereferred Senate Bill No. 239, 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:

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 148, 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

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 8, 2007

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 484.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bills Nos. 115, 526.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Cegavske, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Munford, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Oceguera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32—Recognizing the value and importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools and encouraging the expansion of those programs.

WHEREAS, The Education Commission of the States' report on The Arts in Education found that substantial arts education programs in the public schools provide significant benefits to pupils and to the community; and

WHEREAS, The provision of music and other arts education programs engages pupils, stimulates the school setting and improves the quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, The benefits of music and other arts education programs for pupils in the public schools include improved performance in reading and mathematics, improved performance on standardized tests, enhanced abilities for creative thinking, improved social skills and improved engagement and self-motivation; and

WHEREAS, Research has shown that music has a positive effect on spatial-temporal reasoning, social and emotional development and behavioral objectives, and that even passive listening to music enhances cognitive development and brain function; and

WHEREAS, The positive effects of music and other arts education programs that emanate from the school environment expand to society in general because pupils learn skills in how to engage in positive and meaningful communication and interaction with others; and

WHEREAS, Nevada law requires arts education for all pupils in kindergarten through grade 6 and offers arts elective courses for pupils in grades 7 through 12; and

WHEREAS, The school districts in Nevada that provide substantial music and other arts education programs should be commended and encouraged to continue and expand such programs; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools and the need to encourage the development, enhancement and expansion of those programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the vital need for Nevada's public school pupils to be exposed to music and other arts education programs because the benefits to those pupils and to society in general is significant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the superintendent of each school district and the president of the board of trustees of each school district.

Senator Cegavske moved the adoption of the resolution. Remarks by Senators Cegavske and Schneider. Senator Cegavske requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

This resolution supports and encourages the use of music education and other arts education programs in our schools to improve student performance and help our children reach their full potential.

In the world of education, there are often arguments about what is good and what is bad, but the benefits of music and arts education are undisputed.

The research on arts education and, especially, music education is overwhelmingly positive.

Children who are exposed to music do better in math and test well in other subject areas.

The Education Commission of the States, under the leadership of Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, recently published a report titled *Governor's Commission on the Arts in Education*.

The report discusses the progress made by the states in promoting and incorporating music and arts education in the schools.

I am happy to report that a survey of our school districts shows that Nevada schools are using music and arts education to improve student performance.

Nevada has adopted academic standards for music and most school districts are devoting a significant amount of time each week to music and the arts or are incorporating music and the arts into their lessons on other subjects.

I think we are on the right track, and I hope this resolution serves to keep us headed in the right direction.

SENATOR SCHNEIDER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of this resolution. For 16 years, I have stood in the Legislature and have supported arts education. Children educated with discipline-based arts score higher in math and science than children without.

In Australia, art is a core-curriculum subject all the way through high school. Right now, the Australian businessman is a "hot" commodity internationally because it has been discovered that Australian businessmen think more creatively than businessmen from other areas of the world. It is because of the art education they have had. They are more creative thinkers. They look at problems differently than we do in this Country. I hope the sponsor of this resolution will, as I will, support more funding for education and more funding for arts education. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

By Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Gansert, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Oceguera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Congratulating Tad Dunbar on his long and illustrious broadcasting career and for his public service.

WHEREAS, Tad Dunbar has been an important part of the KOLO-TV news team for more than 35 years and has been a broadcaster for 48 years; and

WHEREAS, Tad began his career at the young age of 15 as a disc jockey for a small radio station in Palestine, Texas, and worked his way through high school and college by reading the news, thereby honing his journalistic skills; and

WHEREAS, In 1963, Tad took the first of many television jobs in Texas, working at KPAR in Abilene, KMID in Midland, KGNS in Laredo and KIII in Corpus Christi; and

WHEREAS, Tad was influenced to make the change from disc jockey to newscaster by the Kennedy assassination; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1969, Tad moved to Reno and assumed the duties of News Director and anchorman for News Channel 8 and, aside from a short stint as Press Relations Manager for Harrah's, Tad has been at KOLO ever since; and

WHEREAS, Tad has worn many hats at News Channel 8, including assignment editor, photographer, film editor, writer and producer, and one of his most interesting assignments has been appearing in the series "Tad & Tyson's Excellent Adventure," which began as a story on the water shortage in Las Vegas and grew into the concept of driving down U.S. Highway No. 95 with John Tyson, doing colorful stories of interest to Nevadans along the way; and

WHEREAS, According to John Tyson, "Being on the road with Tad Dunbar is the most fun you can have at our age," and they "both have a deep and abiding respect for that indelible pioneering spirit that makes our Nevada unique"; and

WHEREAS, Among Tad's most memorable stories are the fire that occurred in the studio at KOLO during a newscast and the Priscilla Ford trial; and

WHEREAS, When not anchoring for News Channel 8, Tad and his wife Minda love gourmet cooking, fine wine, sports and spending time with their children and grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Nevada Legislature congratulate Tad Dunbar on his long and illustrious career in broadcasting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Tad is also recognized for his public service through his support of various nonprofit organizations throughout the Truckee Meadows and for his involvement with Sheep Dip, an annual fundraiser which benefits various charitable causes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Tad Dunbar.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio, Townsend, Mathews, Amodei and Washington.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

It is a distinct privilege for me to join with the other members of the Senate in honoring someone who is so easily recognizable. I must say the following with much humor and tongue-in-cheek. I think everyone here in the Senate has, at one time or another, had either favorable or unfavorable comments made by Tad Dunbar about each one of us. However, today, we are going to overlook the unfavorable comments to recognize his significant contributions to this State and to his profession as a news reporter, or whatever you would like to call what they do with the news. Sometimes, the correlation between what they report and what we do here is barely recognizable. Tad has contributed a great deal to that process!

Tad Dunbar is one of the most notable and recognizable figures in our State, certainly in this area. On name recognition alone, Tad Dunbar would be at the top of the list.

I will choose my words carefully and say he must be the "oldest living newsman" in this State. He has been with the same station, KOLO, Channel 8, since the days when I was a fledgling district attorney. I say that recognizing that he is much older than I am. He has been a stalwart in his profession, having been at Channel 8 in excess of 36 years. Tad came from Palestine, Texas, where he began work at the age of 15. I might jokingly say that to start at that

young age, he must have been a "drop out" from school, which I might say is readily apparent from his pronunciations on the air.

This significant occasion results from the announcement of his retirement. Many of us had really hoped for that occurrence a long time ago; however, he managed to stick it out to become an icon in the profession.

In all seriousness though, he has achieved great distinction in his profession and deserves this recognition. Tad and his staff, over the years, have provided a balanced view of the news. Usually, he ends his broadcast with what he considers a funny story. Sometimes it is; sometimes he might be the only one who is laughing. Today, we recognize Tad Dunbar's dedication in the field of news broadcasting. Congratulations for staying with it and going through all of the travails and putting up with the often-distasteful news items you must discuss. Some were pleasant, and we hope today is one of those pleasant occasions as we recognize your achievements and your years of dedication to your profession.

SENATOR TOWNSEND:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would, now, like to say something nice about Mr. Dunbar. I have gotten to know Tad, not just from watching him on television, but from, as they say, "the back of the house." At one time, I was married to one of his previous co-anchors.

I have been told by the people with whom he works and have worked, they have the highest regard for him as a journalist, and as a person. They feel a great deal of love for him. I am told he is a pleasure to work with. The true measure of someone's character is what others say about you. I have never heard a bad word said about him. He has been the news director there for a very long time, and the people who work for him cannot say enough nice things about Tad. They say he is a mentor, not just a leader in the news profession. It is a pleasure for those of us who know him and who have known him for a long time, off the air, to have him have this recognition. Tad, you really are the "Walter Cronkite" of northern Nevada. He is the person to whom we turn.

It is wonderful you can retire and enjoy your newfound extra time. We know you will not take any of that time to come here to see us again. If we see you as you drive by, give a little honk and a wave. That would be great. Congratulations. We are glad to give you this resolution.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

I am proud to call myself a friend. All of these years, Tad has been coming to the Black community to eat soul food. He would show up in June on "Tent" days and eat soul food. I knew he was from Texas by what he would select from that food. He liked BBQ, collard greens; I could just name all of the dishes in the soul food list. Tad would always start off the news with the bad news and the sad stories, deaths, fires, devastation, but he would always end the newscast with a light note. I appreciate that. He would let you cry for a little while, but he would leave you with a smile on your face. Thank you for being there, Tad.

SENATOR AMODEI:

Tad's involvement in Sheep Dip was something I knew about, but I did not have a chance to experience it until after the 2003 Legislative Session.

For those of you who were here, that was the one when we were here well after July 4th, involved the Supreme Court, arm wrestled with the Governor, and did not agree on much of anything.

The Sheep Dip Program is a fundraiser held in Washoe County. They take great pride in making fun of various institutions in government. The year before the 2003 program, DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) got their highest award, the Shaft Award. They say a bunch of mean things about you; most of which are actually true. The four Senators from Washoe County were mysteriously unavailable for this day. So in 2003, I got a call from the Sheep Dip organizers asking me to attend. I think there is supposed to be some suspense about who really gets the Shaft Award. This particular year, the Legislature, represented only by the Senate, was competing with UNR's football coach, Chris Ault, because he had been athletic director, then had gone back as a football coach. There were some issues that put us in the competition with him for this award. I agreed to accept the Shaft Award if the Legislature won. I asked where Senator Mathews or Senator Townsend were since this is a Truckee Meadows thing, but they

would not really tell me. What they did say was that, "if you get it, you get to be on stage with Tad Dunbar." I thought that it did not get much better than that, to be on stage with him.

They told me not to come for dinner unless I bought a ticket. They said if I came 15 minutes before the award, I would get to be on stage with Tad Dunbar. I thought that was as cool as it could get.

Now, when I arrived, I found that the stage was set up with one podium on one side of the stage and one podium on the other. One was for Tad Dunbar, and the other was for the person receiving the Shaft Award. The runner up was Chris Ault who was not there to receive his award. To accept his award, they dressed a guy up in a football jersey, and he was too tall.

Then, they said the Legislature won. I asked, "When do I get to talk to Mr. Dunbar?" They told me I needed to talk to the publicity department at Channel 8, but not tonight. Annoyed, I went on stage anyway and said something like, "Senator Raggio helped me do my hair. I have on Senator Townsend's tie. Senator Washington made sure I was color coordinated, and Senator Mathews told me not to swear when I got this.

Everyone else was laughing and having a great time, but I still did not get to talk to Mr. Dunbar. This is as close as I have ever been and is probably as close as I will be.

Thank you for giving the Legislature the 2003 Shaft Award, and I could not agree more with Senator Townsend on his reference to Walter Cronkite. You are part of the fabric of the community, and I will miss you. It will be hard to turn on Channel 8 and not see the guy you have been looking at for the last few decades. That is another sign that all of us are getting younger. The best to you in your retirement.

SENATOR WASHINGTON:

Tad has been a mainstay in our community. I can remember when I first moved up here in the mid-1970s, was recruited by that same football coach and would watch the news at night. I remember seeing Tad and knowing it would be all right after all. I want to say congratulations and good luck to you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

By Senators Cegavske, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Arberry, Allen, Anderson, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Oceguera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Memorializing former Assemblyman Vincent Lovell Triggs.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature are saddened to learn of the loss of one of their own, former Assemblyman Vincent Lovell Triggs; and

WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master's degree in education from California State University, Hayward, Vincent Triggs moved to Las Vegas in 1975 to teach severely developmentally disabled and emotionally disturbed children, eventually developing a private group home to care for them; and

WHEREAS, According to his wife, Jonna Triggs, Vincent's devotion to helping other's began at an early age when one of his eight younger siblings had been mislabeled retarded because he couldn't read and Vincent patiently helped his little brother learn that skill; and

WHEREAS, Vincent founded the Nevada Association for the Handicapped in 1981, which became Easter Seals Southern Nevada in 2004, and served as the Executive Director of the Association for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century, Vincent was considered the voice of the disabled for this State and spent his career fighting for measures to improve the quality of life for the disabled, such as more parking, accessible entrances to public buildings, opportunities for independent living, and better employment and housing; and

WHEREAS, Serving in the Assembly in the 1987 and 1989 legislative sessions, Vincent Triggs was the champion for many of the social issues in which he believed and was instrumental in creating the Commission on Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, Enforcement and Treatment and the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services; and

WHEREAS, When Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman took office in 1999, Vincent served in his "Kitchen Cabinet" of minority advisers as the representative of the disabled community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Nevada Legislature offer their condolences to the family and friends of Vincent Triggs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Vincent is survived by his wife Jonna, his daughter Courtney, and four brothers and two sisters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Vincent Triggs will be remembered as a committed humanitarian who believed that all individuals deserved equal and fair treatment and as a man who fought with passion for those beliefs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Vincent's beloved wife of 27 years, Jonna, and his treasured daughter, Courtney.

Senator Cegavske moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Cegavske, McGinness and Coffin.

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

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Vince Triggs was my representative in the Nevada State Assembly when he served in the Legislature. I do not want to repeat everything that is stated in the resolution, but I would like to remind you that Vince served two sessions in the Legislature. During that time, he sponsored or cosponsored important legislation that improved services for persons who are disabled.

As the resolution indicated, he was a tireless advocate for people who were physically or mentally disabled. From founding the Nevada Association for the Handicapped to serving as an advisor on issues relating to the disabled to Mayor Oscar Goodman, Vince was always eager to help whenever and wherever he could.

Î have worked with Vince's wife, Jonna, on various projects over the years. Although she and his daughter, Courtney, are not able to be with us today, they are very appreciative and thankful for this recognition. I thank my colleagues for their support of this resolution.

SENATOR MCGINNESS:

Thank you, Mr. President. My first session in the Assembly in 1989, I sat way up in the back row on the east side of the building between Mr. Arberry and Vince Triggs. Chair Spinello, of the Assembly Committee on Education, asked me to handle an amendment, and the color drained from my face since I had not worked with amendments previously. Mr. Triggs and Mr. Arberry coached me through the rules of handling amendments in the Assembly. I am still appreciative for that education.

Toward the end of my first session, the Assembly allowed casual-dress Fridays. Most people wore their coats and ties with Levi's. Mr. Triggs pushed Speaker Dini a little too far. He tried to

wear his coat and tie with Bermuda shorts one Friday. Mr. Dini and Mr. Triggs had a meeting that day, and Mr. Triggs did not wear his Bermuda shorts to work again.

I will miss him. I send my condolences to his family.

SENATOR COFFIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I can say I helped Vince come to the Legislature. He and I were on a long flight from Las Vegas that included a stop at the Reno Airport in 1984. He had come to attend an Interim Finance Committee meeting or perhaps it was for a Special Session. That flight became the beginning of a long friendship. Vince asked me many questions about the Legislature. I did a lot of talking on that trip. Any politician will tell you that is what we do best. I did not realize that Vince was entertaining the idea of running for office. I gave him encouraging words because I had previously seen him testify as an advocate in committee meetings, and I knew that he would be good in office. He was bouncy, energetic and truly a man of action.

I am so sorry Vince died so young. He was only 59 years old. We just received word by e-mail last week that he had passed. I asked myself, from what? I had seen him last year, and he looked fit as a fiddle. Apparently, he was taken quickly by liver disease. It spread fast. He was not a drinker. He was not a smoker. He was one of those poor unfortunate folks who lived a great and wonderful life and left us too soon.

He served well when he was in the Legislature. I did not serve at the same time as he did in the Assembly since I had already come to serve in the Senate. I tried to do a favor for him in 1989 just before the Assembly was going to override the Governor's veto on the pension increase. I told Vince I thought he had a long lifetime in the Legislature, and I asked him to please not vote for that override of the Governor's veto. He did it anyway, being kind to his leadership. He realized that long timers such as Mr. Dini and others would benefit from the overriding vote and they deserved the pension increase. His vote in theory ended his career in the Legislature as well as many others at that time.

Vince's activism continued to grow, and he became an even better activist. His is the face I put on the community that do work for the disabled. He worked so hard, as if he had to work harder because he was not disabled. It was as if he was in a chair or unable to speak. He did that for everybody. Maybe he died early because of his efforts, and he may have worked himself to death. I cannot think of any other reason why we should lose such a good soul so early. I am glad Senator Cegavske brought this resolution to honor Vince before the deadline, while his services we attended Saturday were still fresh in our minds. When I saw Vince's cremains, I thought I should bring his urn to Carson City on the plane to bring Vince for one last visit to the Legislature he loved so much. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that the Secretary of the Senate dispense with reading the histories and titles of all bills and resolutions this legislative day.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Assembly Bill No. 115.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 484.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 526.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 2.

Bill read second time.

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

Amendment No. 679.

"SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to automotive repairs. (BDR 52-92)"

"AN ACT relating to automotive repairs; requiring a garage or body shop to repair a motor vehicle in accordance with the specifications of the manufacturer of the motor vehicle and the written estimate or statement of the cost of repairs most recently agreed upon by the garage or body shop and the person authorizing the repairs; requiring a body shop to comply with certain other requirements relating to the repair of a motor vehicle; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a garage is required to display a sign in a conspicuous area of the garage setting forth the rights of the customer, including, without limitation, the right to receive a written estimate of charges and to inspect all replaced parts. (NRS 597.490) In addition, garages that perform repairs of \$50 or more on motor vehicles are required by existing law to provide the person authorizing the repairs with a written estimate of the total cost to repair the motor vehicle. (NRS 597.510) If additional charges are required to perform the repairs, the garage is required to obtain the consent of the person authorizing the repairs before it may perform the repairs for the additional charges. (NRS 597.520, 597.540) A person authorizing repairs of a motor vehicle may waive the requirement for a written estimate or approval of additional charges. (NRS 597.530)

Section 1 of this bill requires garages and body shops to perform repairs to a motor vehicle in accordance with the specifications of the manufacturer of the motor vehicle, if any, and the written estimate or statement of the cost of the repairs that is most recently agreed upon by the body shop or garage and the person authorizing the repairs.

Sections 2-10 of this bill make existing provisions of law that are applicable to garages and garagemen also apply to body shops. Those provisions include, without limitation, the requirement to post a sign in a conspicuous area of the body shop setting forth the rights of customers of the body shop.

Sections 11 and 12 of this bill authorize injunctive relief and civil penalties for a violation of the provisions of section 1 of this bill. Section 16 of this bill

authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to issue a license or to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license of a body shop for willful failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 of this bill.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 597 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

If a body shop or garage performs repairs on a motor vehicle, the body shop or garage shall perform the repairs in accordance with any specifications of the manufacturer of the motor vehicle, and the written estimate or statement of the cost of the repairs that is most recently agreed upon by the body shop or garage and the person authorizing repairs.

- Sec. 2. NRS 597.480 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.480 As used in NRS 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 1. "Body shop" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 487.600.
 - 2. "Garage" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 487.540.
 - [2.] 3. "Garageman" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 487.545.
 - [3.] 4. "Motor vehicle" means:
 - (a) A motorcycle as defined in NRS 482.070:
- (b) A motortruck as defined in NRS 482.073 if the gross weight of the vehicle does not exceed 10,000 pounds;
- (c) A passenger car as defined in NRS 482.087;
- (d) A mini motor home as defined in NRS 482.066;
- (e) A motor home as defined in NRS 482.071; and
- (f) A recreational vehicle as defined in NRS 482.101.
- [4.] 5. "Person authorizing repairs" means a person who uses the services of a garage. The term includes an insurance company, its agents or representatives, authorizing repairs to motor vehicles under a policy of insurance.
 - Sec. 3. NRS 597.490 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.490 1. Each garageman shall display conspicuously in those areas of his place of business frequented by persons seeking repairs on motor vehicles a sign, not less than 22 inches by 28 inches in size, setting forth in boldface letters the following:

STATE OF NEVADA
REGISTERED GARAGE
THIS GARAGE IS REGISTERED WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
NEVADA AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR CUSTOMER
BILL OF RIGHTS

AS A CUSTOMER IN NEVADA:

YOU have the right to receive repairs from a business that is <u>REGISTERED</u> with the Department of Motor Vehicles that will ensure the proper repair of your vehicle. (NRS 597.490)

YOU have the right to receive a WRITTEN ESTIMATE of charges for repairs made to your vehicle which exceed \$50. (NRS 597.510)

YOU have the right to read and understand all documents and warranties BEFORE YOU SIGN THEM. (NRS 597.490)

YOU have the right to INSPECT ALL REPLACED PARTS and accessories that are covered by a warranty and for which a charge is made. (NRS 597.550)

YOU have the right to request that all replaced parts and accessories that are not covered by a warranty BE RETURNED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF SERVICE. (NRS 597.550)

YOU have the right to require authorization BEFORE any additional repairs are made to your vehicle if the charges for those repairs exceed 20% of the original estimate or \$100, whichever is less. (NRS 597.520)

YOU have the right to receive a COMPLETED STATEMENT OF CHARGES for repairs made to your vehicle. (NRS 487.035)

YOU have the right to a FAIR RESOLUTION of any dispute that develops concerning the repair of your vehicle. (NRS 597.490)

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2. Each body shop shall display conspicuously in those areas of its place of business frequented by persons seeking repairs on motor vehicles a sign, not less than 22 inches by 28 inches in size, setting forth in boldface letters the following:

> STATE OF NEVADA LICENSED BODY SHOP THIS BODY SHOP IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES NEVADA AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR CUSTOMER **BILL OF RIGHTS**

AS A CUSTOMER IN NEVADA:

YOU have the right to receive repairs from a business that is LICENSED with the Department of Motor Vehicles that will ensure the proper repair of your vehicle. (NRS 597.490)

YOU have the right to receive a WRITTEN ESTIMATE of charges for repairs made to your vehicle which exceed \$50. (NRS 597.510)

YOU have the right to read and understand all documents and warranties BEFORE YOU SIGN THEM. (NRS 597.490)

YOU have the right to INSPECT ALL REPLACED PARTS and accessories that are covered by a warranty and for which a charge is made. (NRS 597.550)

YOU have the right to request that all replaced parts and accessories that are not covered by a warranty BE RETURNED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF SERVICE. (NRS 597.550)

YOU have the right to require authorization BEFORE any additional repairs are made to your vehicle if the charges for those repairs exceed 20% of the original estimate or \$100, whichever is less. (NRS 597.520)

YOU have the right to receive a COMPLETED STATEMENT OF CHARGES for repairs made to your vehicle. (NRS 487.035)

YOU have the right to a FAIR RESOLUTION of any dispute that develops concerning the repair of your vehicle. (NRS 597.490)

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- 3. The sign required pursuant to the provisions of subsection 1 or 2 must include a replica of the great seal of the State of Nevada. The seal must be 2 inches in diameter and be centered on the face of the sign directly above the words "STATE OF NEVADA."
- [3.] 4. Any person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.
 - Sec. 4. NRS 597.500 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.500 Whenever any *body shop or* garageman accepts or assumes control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of making or completing any repair, [he] the body shop or garageman shall comply with the provisions of NRS 597.510 to 597.570, inclusive [...], and section 1 of this act.
 - Sec. 5. NRS 597.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.510 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 597.530, a person requesting or authorizing the repair of a motor vehicle that is more than \$50 must be furnished an estimate or statement signed by the person making the estimate or statement on behalf of the *body shop or* garageman, indicating the total charge for the performance of the work necessary to accomplish the repair, including the charge for labor and all parts and accessories necessary to perform the work.
- 2. If the estimate is for the purpose of diagnosing a malfunction, the estimate must include the cost of:
 - (a) Diagnosis and disassembly; and
 - (b) Reassembly, if the person does not authorize the repair.
- 3. The provisions of this section do not require a *body shop or* garageman to reassemble a motor vehicle if he determines that the reassembly of the motor vehicle would render the vehicle unsafe to operate.
 - Sec. 6. NRS 597.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.520 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 597.530, if it is determined that additional charges are required to perform the repair authorized, and those additional charges exceed, by 20 percent or \$100,

whichever is less, the amount set forth in the estimate or statement required to be furnished pursuant to the provisions of NRS 597.510, the *body shop or* garageman shall notify the [person authorizing the repairs] owner and insurer of the motor vehicle of the amount of those additional charges.

- Sec. 7. NRS 597.540 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.540 1. [A person authorizing repairs] An owner [or] and the insurer of a motor vehicle who [has] have been notified of additional charges pursuant to NRS 597.520 shall:
 - (a) Authorize the performance of the repair at the additional expense; or
- (b) Without delay, and upon payment of the authorized charges, take possession of the motor vehicle.
- 2. Until the election provided for in subsection 1 has been made, the *body shop or* garageman shall not undertake any repair which would involve such additional charges.
- 3. If the [person] <u>owner or insurer of the motor vehicle</u> elects to take possession of the motor vehicle but fails to take possession within a 24-hour period after [such] the election, the *body shop or* garageman may charge for storage of the vehicle.
 - Sec. 8. NRS 597.550 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.550 1. Whenever the repair work performed on a motor vehicle requires the replacement of any parts or accessories, the *body shop or* garageman shall, at the request of the person authorizing the repairs or any person entitled to possession of the motor vehicle, deliver to [such] the person all parts and accessories replaced as a result of the work done.
- 2. The provisions of subsection 1 do not apply to parts or accessories which must be returned to a manufacturer or distributor under a warranty arrangement or which are subject to exchange, but the customer on request is entitled to be shown [such] the warranty parts for which a charge is made.
 - Sec. 9. NRS 597.560 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.560 The *body shop or* garageman shall retain copies of any estimate, statement or waiver required by NRS 597.510 to 597.550, inclusive, as an ordinary business record of the *body shop or* garage, for a period of not less than 1 year [from] after the date [such] the estimate, statement or waiver is signed.
 - Sec. 10. NRS 597.570 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 597.570 In every instance where charges are made for the repair of a motor vehicle $\frac{1}{1.1}$ by a garageman, the garageman making the repairs shall comply with the provisions of NRS 487.035 as well as the provisions of NRS 597.510 to 597.550, inclusive. $\frac{1}{1}$ A garageman is not entitled to detain a motor vehicle by virtue of any common law or statutory lien, or otherwise enforce such a lien, $\frac{1}{1}$ for shall he have the right or to sue on any contract for repairs made by him, unless he has complied with the requirements of NRS 597.510 to 597.550, inclusive, in addition to those of NRS 487.035.
 - Sec. 11. NRS 597.580 is hereby amended to read as follows:

597.580 The Attorney General or any district attorney may bring an action in any court of competent jurisdiction in the name of the State of Nevada on the complaint of the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs or of any person allegedly aggrieved by such violation to enjoin any violation of the provisions of NRS 597.510 to 597.570, inclusive [.], and section 1 of this act.

Sec. 12. NRS 597.590 is hereby amended to read as follows:

597.590 Any person who knowingly violates any provision of NRS 597.500 to 597.570, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* is liable, in addition to any other penalty or remedy which may be provided by law, to a civil penalty of not more than \$500 for each offense, which may be recovered by civil action on complaint of the Commissioner of Consumer Affairs, the Director of the Department of Business and Industry or the district attorney.

Sec. 13. NRS 598.990 is hereby amended to read as follows:

598.990 The Division shall:

- 1. Establish and maintain a toll-free telephone number for persons to report to the Division information concerning alleged violations of NRS 487.035, 487.530 to 487.570, inclusive, 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive, and *section 1 of this act, and* 598.0903 to 598.0999, inclusive.
 - 2. Develop a program to provide information to the public concerning:
- (a) The duties imposed on a body shop by the provisions of NRS 487.035, 487.610 to 487.690, inclusive, and 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive, and section 1 of this act;
- (b) The duties imposed on a garageman by the provisions of NRS 487.035, 487.530 to 487.570, inclusive, and 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive $\frac{1}{12}$
 - (b) , and section 1 of this act;
- (c) The rights and protections established for a person who uses the services of a garage;
 - $\frac{(e)}{(d)}$ (d) The repair of motor vehicles; and
- $\frac{(d)}{(e)}$ Deceptive trade practices relating to the repair of motor vehicles by a garage.
 - Sec. 14. (Deleted by amendment.)
 - Sec. 15. (Deleted by amendment.)
 - Sec. 16. NRS 487.650 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 487.650 1. The Department may refuse to issue a license or, after notice and hearing, may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a license to operate a body shop upon any of the following grounds:
- (a) Failure of the applicant or licensee to have or maintain an established place of business in this State.
- (b) Conviction of the applicant or licensee or an employee of the applicant or licensee of a felony, or of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor for a violation of a provision of this chapter.
 - (c) Any material misstatement in the application for the license.

- (d) Willful failure of the applicant or licensee to comply with the motor vehicle laws of this State and NRS 487.035, 487.610 to 487.690, inclusive, or 597.480 to 597.590, inclusive [-], and section 1 of this act.
- (e) Failure or refusal by the licensee to pay or otherwise discharge any final judgment against him arising out of the operation of the body shop.
- (f) Failure or refusal to provide to the Department an authorization for the disclosure of financial records for the business as required pursuant to subsection 2.
- (g) A finding of guilt by a court of competent jurisdiction in a case involving a fraudulent inspection, purchase, sale or transfer of a salvage vehicle by the applicant or licensee or an employee of the applicant or licensee.
- (h) An improper, careless or negligent inspection of a salvage vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.800 by the applicant or licensee or an employee of the applicant or licensee.
- (i) A false statement of material fact in a certification of a salvage vehicle pursuant to NRS 487.800 or a record regarding a salvage vehicle by the applicant or licensee or an employee of the applicant or licensee.
- 2. Upon the receipt of any report or complaint alleging that an applicant or a licensee has engaged in financial misconduct or has failed to satisfy financial obligations related to the operation of a body shop, the Department may require the applicant or licensee to submit to the Department an authorization for the disclosure of financial records for the business as provided in NRS 239A.090. The Department may use any information obtained pursuant to such an authorization only to determine the suitability of the applicant or licensee for initial or continued licensure. Information obtained pursuant to such an authorization may be disclosed only to those employees of the Department who are authorized to issue a license to an applicant pursuant to NRS 487.610 to 487.690, inclusive, or to determine the suitability of an applicant or a licensee for [such] licensure.
- 3. As used in this section, "salvage vehicle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 487.770.

Sec. 17. (Deleted by amendment.)

Senator Heck moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Heck.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 16.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 22.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 28.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 135.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 220.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 303.

Bill read second time.

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

Amendment No. 677.

"SUMMARY—Adds provisions relating to insurers who require medical examinations before issuing, renewing, reinstating or reevaluating policies of insurance. (BDR 57-919)"

"AN ACT relating to insurance; requiring insurers to provide notice to policyholders or prospective policyholders, [or] and their primary care physicians, of potentially serious medical conditions detected during required medical examinations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto." Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the requirements and procedures regarding the issuance, renewal, reinstatement and reevaluation of the terms of policies and certificates of insurance and annuity contracts. (Title 57 of NRS) This bill provides that if an insurer requires a medical examination of a policyholder or prospective policyholder before the insurer will issue, renew, reinstate or reevaluate the terms of a contract of insurance or annuity contract and a potentially serious medical condition is detected as a result of that medical examination, the insurer must notify the policyholder or prospective policyholder [1, or] and, if he has one, his primary care physician [1, of that potentially serious medical condition within 30 days after the date on which the potentially serious medical condition is detected. This bill also provides that if the policyholder or prospective policyholder is a minor, the required notice must not be sent to the minor, but instead must be sent to his parent or legal guardian.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 687B of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. [Hf] Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an insurer requires a medical examination of an applicant or an insured before the issuance, renewal, reinstatement or reevaluation of the terms of any policy or certificate of insurance or annuity contract, the insurer shall:
 - (a) If the applicant or insured has a primary care physician, notify:
- (1) The physician of any potentially serious medical condition that is detected as a result of that medical examination; and
 - (2) The applicant or insured $\frac{\{that\}}{:}$:

- (I) Of any potentially serious medical condition that is detected as a result of that medical examination; and
- (II) That his primary care physician has also been notified of [a] any potentially serious medical condition detected as a result of that medical examination.
- (b) If the applicant or insured does not have a primary care physician, notify the applicant or insured of any potentially serious medical condition that is detected as a result of that medical examination.
- Any notice required pursuant to this section must be sent by registered or certified mail not later than 30 days after the date on which the potentially serious medical condition is detected. If the applicant or insured is under the age of 18 years, any notice required pursuant to this section must not be sent to the applicant or insured, but instead must be sent to a parent or legal guardian of the applicant or insured.
- 2. The Commissioner may adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- 3. The provisions of this section do not apply to a policy of workers' compensation insurance or industrial insurance.
- 4. As used in this section, "potentially serious medical condition" includes, without limitation, any medical condition that:
- (a) Is life-threatening or potentially life-threatening if it is not treated immediately or is not closely monitored; or
- (b) Causes the insurer to refuse to issue, renew, reinstate or reevaluate the terms of a policy or certificate of insurance or annuity contract.

Senator Hardy moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Hardy.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 348.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 543.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance: Amendment No. 681.

"SUMMARY—Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Motor Vehicles for various costs. (BDR S-1263)"

"AN ACT making supplemental appropriations to the Department of Motor Vehicles for various costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Director's Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles the sum of [\$615,116] \$655,116 for an anticipated shortfall in operating costs for

kiosks throughout the State. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 32 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1943.

- 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Automation Division, the sum of \$374,024 for unanticipated Department of Information Technology charges. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 32 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1943.
- 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Hearings Office of the Department of Motor Vehicles the sum of \$5,378 for a shortfall in operating costs due to an increased hearing caseload. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 32 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1943.
 - Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, reengrossed and to third reading.

MOTIONS. RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Washington moved that Senate Bill No. 404 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried.

Senator Washington moved that Assembly Bill No. 577 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried.

Senator Raggio moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 14, 15, 39, 43, 90, 102, 118, 198, 215, 266, 278, 283, 299, 329, 504, 520, 536, 548, 556; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 400.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 400:

YEAS—21.

NAYS-None.

Senate Bill No. 400 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 463.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 463:

YEAS—21.

NAYS-None.

Senate Bill No. 463 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Bills Nos. 121, 122, 150, 177, 208, 220, 294, 473; Senate Joint Resolution No. 9; Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 11, 28, 29; Assembly Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

I would like to acknowledge the many members of the Service Employees' International Union who are in attendance in the upper gallery.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Beers, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Marc Gohres and the following students and chaperones from the Word of Life Christian Academy: Kenan Anderson, Brenan Adams, Jordan Clay, Mia Fields, Nolan Sears, Marcus Webster, Kyra Johnson, Marcus Lightfoot, Audrianna Binggeli, Jennifer Awayan, Stepheni Collins, Joseph Visser, Isaiah Harwell, Nicole Zilahi, Naomi Shiferan, Triston Jones, Taylor Dove, Hanna Albano, Jacob McGhee, Morayah Ciprien, Dillan Morgan, Alisa Morisicato, Alvin Nix, Matthew Resler, Marcus Webster; chaperones: Latasha Anderson, Brenna Clay, April Johnson, Nancy Wilson, Stephen Collins, Grace Albano, Milande Ciprien, Angie McGhee, Toni Morgan, Shelly Nix, Zema Gardener, Serene Silverman-Kacsur, Dreana Resler, Mark Skomal and Tehelena Shiferan.

On request of Senator Cegavske, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Carol Bumgarner and Alan Lewis.

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

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tad Dunbar, John Tyson and Bob Page.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Wayne Smith and Valerie Smith.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students, chaperones and teachers from the Green Valley Christian School: Jackson Armstrong, Baylee Bernstein, Ezenma Brinson, Jourden Brown, Giancarlo Elumba, Dallis Godron, Dylan Goodwin, Zoie Koch, Jaenica Mendoza, Holly Messmer, Sienna Montero, Alezie Oliviera, Breanna Orlandos, Mackenzie Piascik, Daniel Rodilosso, Natalie Sanchili, Mia Sanoja, Brittani Sheehan, Cierra Smith, Kyle Walker, Colby-Ryan Winkler; chaperones: Teresa Koch, Lori Smith, Jeannette Montero, Lynne Bernstein, Melissa Lardomita, Chip Walker, Rachael Savalli, Nancy Armstrong, Jason Oliveria; teachers: Sonja Finley-Tratos and Shirley Cron.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, May $10,\,2007,\,$ at $11\,$ a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI *President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

Secretary of the Senate