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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 8—Assembly
Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Joint Sponsor: Senate Committee on Legislative
Operations and Elections

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Making a formal
request for the Governor to establish an open, fair and public
process to fill the vacancy in the Office of United States
Senator.

WHEREAS, The upcoming vacancy in one of Nevada's seats in
the United States Senate and the appointment of a temporary
replacement is a matter of critical importance requiring careful
deliberation and full transparency with the public; and

WHEREAS, The circumstances leading to the upcoming vacancy
compel the need for public confidence in the process and knowledge
that public, not political, interests are the sole factor in any decision
regarding the selection of a replacement; and

WHEREAS, The effective date of resignation and vacancy lends
time to establish a public process that ensures accountability while
still providing the State of Nevada with the representation it needs in
a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, When State Senator William J. Raggio resigned, the
Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County, empowered to
fill the vacancy, presented and conducted an open, fair and public
process that ensured public confidence in the selection of his
replacement; and

WHEREAS, Several factors in making any appointment need to
be weighed in full, and fair public scrutiny, including whether the
appointment of an honorable caretaker with no political motivations
or electoral ambitions, may be in the best interests of all Nevadans;
and

WHEREAS, Any appointment that creates a vacancy in another
office which necessitates a subsequent special election will cost
Nevadans hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer money at a
time when severe cuts to education and essential services are under
consideration; and

WHEREAS, The United States Senate seat belongs to the people
of Nevada, who are best served by a process in which they have as
much knowledge and input as possible into the choice of the person
who will represent them in the Senate; now, therefore, be it



RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Governor is hereby formally requested by the Legislature to develop and release an open, fair and public process for the purpose of making an appointment to fill the upcoming vacancy in the United States Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor should propose a timeline of not less than 1 week for any qualified Nevadans to apply and formally submit their names for consideration for appointment as a temporary replacement, and that any such appointment should be made only from those making such requests; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the information for those who have formally requested consideration for appointment be made available to the public for a period of not less than 1 week for public comment to be received before any appointment is made; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the official position of the State Legislature is that the people of Nevada deserve an open, fair and public process that is free from political calculations and partisan ambitions, and that the Governor should refrain from making any appointment until such a process is presented and conducted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Brian Sandoval as soon as practicable.

