

**THE NINETY-FIFTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Thursday), May 11, 2023

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

President Anthony presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Spearman, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Member Steep Weiss.

Hello, Senators and citizens. We read in the Book of Isaiah 33:22:

For the Lord is our judge,  
the Lord is our lawgiver,  
the Lord is our king,  
it is He who will save us.

Let us pray.

Dear God, our Father, guide us today in humble service to the people of Nevada. May we reflect the qualities of Your ideal government, such as Your wisdom, Your goodness, mercy and justice.

May we exercise our ability to discern truth today. Help us to be willing to correct or leave behind imperfect modes of human will in favor of Your perfect, intelligent love which casts out fear that would hold us back. Show us how to move forward with selfless patience and enduring faith when progress seems impossible.

We give thanks that because of Your unconditional and endless love for all humanity, we can go forward today appreciating and respecting each other. We thank You for freely providing everything we need to do Your good will in these proceedings today.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Education, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 43, 73, 118, 212, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

ROBERTA LANGE, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 237, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MARILYN DONDERO LOOP, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Growth and Infrastructure, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 2, 47, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DALLAS HARRIS, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 445; Assembly Bills Nos. 24, 40, 116, 136, 215, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

FABIAN DOÑATE, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JAMES OHRENSCHALL, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 19, 131, 162, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JULIE PAZINA, *Chair*

#### MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 8, 2023

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 5.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

SUSAN FURLONG  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 10, 2023

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill No. 464.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 4, 6.

SUSAN FURLONG  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Cannizzaro, SeEVERS Gansert, Buck, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Harris, Krasner, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible, Spearman, Stone and Titus:

Senate Resolution No. 4—Inducting Richard Bryan into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Richard Hudson Bryan was born in Washington, D.C. but moved at a very young age with his family to Las Vegas, where he graduated from Las Vegas High School; and

WHEREAS, Richard received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and his bachelor of laws degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, and became a Captain in the Army Reserve, where he served in the Judge Advocate General Corps; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Richard was appointed to the position of Clark County Public Defender, the youngest Public Defender in the nation at the time; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Richard was elected to the Nevada Assembly and in 1972, he was elected to the Nevada Senate, serving 4 years in the Assembly and 6 years in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, During his 10 years as a Legislator, Richard served as the Chair of the Senate Education and Senate Taxation Committees, and helped pass the Corporate Gaming Act, which expanded the gaming industry in this State; and

WHEREAS, After completing his legislative service in 1978, Richard was elected Nevada Attorney General, where he worked to remove organized crime from Nevada's gaming industry; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Richard was elected as the 25th Governor of Nevada, where he prioritized diversifying Nevada's economy and attracting new businesses to the State, and served as President of the Council of State Governments; and

WHEREAS, Richard was elected as a United States Senator where he served until 2001, and during his tenure he passed the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act and lead the fight against the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump; and

WHEREAS, Richard will be remembered for his resounding integrity, support of Nevada's gaming industry, and longstanding friendship with former Senator Harry Reid; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his many years of devoted service to the State of Nevada as a member of both the Nevada Senate and Assembly, as the Nevada Attorney General, the Governor of Nevada, and as a member of the United States Senate, Richard Hudson Bryan is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Senator Cannizzaro moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Cannizzaro, Seevers Gansert, Ohrenschall, Hammond, Titus, Neal and Dondero Loop.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I am deeply honored, and beyond proud, to open today's Senate Hall of Fame induction ceremony by saying a few words about former Senator Richard Hudson "Dick" Bryan. Where to begin is really the question. The list of titles alone is overwhelming: Deputy District Attorney, Public Defender, Assemblyman, Senator, Attorney General, Governor and United States Senator. We also cannot forget husband and father, colleague and friend, mentor and, of course, Gold Dust Twin, a name given to Dick Bryan and Harry Reid during the 1969 Legislative Session as the two shared such bright political futures. Bright indeed, Senator Bryan's career in public service to

Nevada spans more than 50 years and runs from Las Vegas to Carson City to Washington D.C. and back again.

As you all are aware, the Senate Hall of Fame was established to honor former members of the Senate who served with great distinction and did exceptional work for the people of the State of Nevada. I can think of no one who better meets those criteria than Senator Bryan.

Senator Bryan was born in Washington D.C. while his father was attending law school, but he is absolutely a native Nevadan. After growing up in Las Vegas, Senator Bryan, like his father, attended the University of Nevada, Reno—go Pack—where he met his future wife, Bonnie. They were married in 1962 and have three children, Richard, Jr., and daughters Leslie and Blair. I am saddened that Bonnie is not here with us today, but I have no doubt she is pleased to see this celebration of your incredible career and the life you made together.

After completing his military service as a captain in the Army Reserve, Senator Bryan attended law school graduating from the Hastings College of Law with honors. He then promptly headed back to Nevada where he was admitted to the bar at 26 years old and within two years was appointed to the newly created position of Clark County public defender, the first in the State and the youngest public defender in the country.

Senator Bryan was elected to the Assembly in 1968 where he served two terms before moving to the Senate in 1972. He served in the Senate until 1978 when he was elected Attorney General for the State of Nevada.

A review of the bills he sponsored shows us a Legislator deeply concerned with criminal justice; but also with prison reform; a Legislator committed to ethics in government and consumer protection; and a Legislator who fought to see Nevada's natural treasures protected and preserved for future generations. One also finds that Senator Bryan cosponsored many pieces of legislation with his friend and colleague, Senator William Raggio, a testament to Senator Bryan's willingness to work across the aisle for the betterment of our State. One final special note, while it did not pass, in 1975 Senator Bryan sponsored a resolution directing the Board of Regents to study creating a law school at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Clearly, he knew a good idea when he saw one. It should surprise no one then that Senator Bryan was also instrumental in the creation of the William S. Boyd School of Law.

Senator Bryan is perhaps best known for working alongside his Gold Dust Twin, Senator Harry Reid, to ensure that Nevada's gaming industry would be well-regulated and free of criminal influence. Similarly, they spent years fighting to keep Nevada from becoming the nation's nuclear waste dump, and today the Yucca Mountain project is no more.

In these short remarks, I have been able to note only a few of the major highlights of Senator Bryan's life and career. His achievements truly are too many to count. More importantly, I would like to finish by saying that Dick—this towering figure in Nevada politics for over 50 years—is above all a kind, humble, thoughtful and generous man.

I first met Senator Bryan when I was just 11 years old. He may not remember this, but those of you who know Senator Bryan know he might actually remember this. We were at a Lyon County fair, and my aunt and uncle, who lived in Yerington, were huge fans of Senator Bryan, had invited us to attend this political picnic. A very precarious 11-year-old me was so excited to meet Senator Bryan. He was so kind to take the time to talk to me, ask me questions and delve into my educational pursuits about what I was interested in. I remain ever appreciative and cherish that memory very much. This weekend, I was desperately trying to find a box my aunt gave me with a host of things from your legislative service and your run for Governor. My aunt was very supportive and loved having Senator Bryan.

Even to this day, I think the one thing, if you have ever met Senator Bryan, you know is that if he has met you once, he will remember you and remember all those memories. It is truly a testament to the kind of person he is. We are lucky to have had you serve in this body. I am pleased to have you with us today. It is truly my honor to begin this day by inducting you into the Senate Hall of Fame. Thank you for all that you have done for our State, for our nation and for every Nevadan that you have ever met and spoken with. I know you have touched them and their lives in a profound way. Thank you for being here with us. Thank you so much for your service. I urge my colleagues to support Senate Resolution No. 4.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I support Senate Resolution No. 4. I met Senator Bryan when I first ran for election in 2004. I gave him a call. It did not matter that I was a Republican or that I was from the north. He met with me in downtown Las Vegas, and we had a great conversation.

I also had the pleasure of working at the University of Nevada, Reno, for about eight years, and the university wanted to honor him with a statue. We worked closely together to get an amazing statue. If you have been on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, you will know there was only one statue for over 100 years, and that was John Mackey. The only other statue now is that of Senator Bryan, and we had the same artist who did the Sara Winnemucca statue that is in the Capitol here and in the U.S. Capitol; his name is Ben Victor. If you take a tour of the campus and go to the northwest end of the quad, you travel towards what is called the Student Achievement Center. It resides there, and around it there are six benches, one for each office that he served and after listening to the bio, I realized we missed that he was the president of his eighth-grade class.

When you heard his biography, he has a lifetime of public service, even starting in eighth grade. He was the president of the University of Nevada, Reno. That was one of his first elected offices that was broader than eighth grade. I feel blessed to know you on a personal level and your family, who I admire so much. I urge support for Senate Resolution No. 4.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I support Senate Resolution No. 4. Where I practiced law as a deputy public defender, we would not have that office without Senator Bryan's courage to start the first public defender's office down in Clark County. I am proud of what he did there.

One of my memories as a teenager growing up in Nevada is when a senator from Louisiana sponsored the bill that went from looking at three or four different sites for a high-level radioactive waste dump to just one site, Yucca Mountain. I thought, "Wow, we are a small state in population. They passed this law in Congress. What are we going to do? How are we going to fight this?" Senator Bryan led the charge. A lot of folks around the country thought that was an impossible fight. How on earth would we stop it?

There is no high-level radioactive waste in Yucca Mountain today. We owe an immense debt of gratitude to Senator Bryan for leading the charge and making sure he put Nevada's health, safety and economy first. He looked at what is best for us and now for the whole country. Now, I think the rest of the country is seeing it was a flawed plan to begin with. I thank Senator Bryan for everything he did, and I urge support.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

I support this measure. I could not go without saying something. It is in my nature because when you see good, you have got to say something about good. I am not going to talk about your accolades, your positions or anything like that. I am going to say two things about the man. One, we often talk about making sure we as Nevadans work together. I have never met another person in my life—other than some of the other ones we will be talking about today, but he is the first one I met—who was willing to talk to anybody. As my colleagues said, it did not matter. He will talk to you, and he wanted to know what he could do to help out as a Nevadan.

Number two, if there is anything that we all should learn—especially for those who will be here for many years on the Floor working in this building, either here or in the Assembly—you always have to bring everything down to one person. He always made everybody he talked to feel special. I do not care if it was my daughter, who was 11 years old at the time, or anybody else, he made you feel like you are the only person in the room for the 10 or 15 minutes that he wanted to talk to you. That is how you personalize politics, making sure that everyone is heard. Everybody could learn that lesson from that man.

When you can talk to people one-on-one, that is how you will be successful in life. He made everybody feel like, "I have nothing else to do but talk to you. I do not need to know anything about anybody else except for you right now." That is a testament to your character. You have taught that lesson to many people, and that is why I rise in support of this resolution. This is going to be a great day.

SENATOR TITUS:

I support this. We have heard a lot of accolades on what Senator Bryan has done in the past and his legacy. Now, he is in the Hall of Fame. Let me say a little bit about what he has done for the future. I have two kids that go to the Richard Bryan Elementary School in Las Vegas. They are impressed with his history and that he comes to the school. I wanted to think my granddaughter ran for the student council there because of me, but no, no, no. She ran and is involved in student council because of Richard Bryan and his legacy and how important it is. He has done much for our past, but what he has really done is install a future.

SENATOR NEAL:

Senator Bryan, you have been a part of my life since I was a child and a part of my father's life, who is no longer here. You have always been kind to me, and I have known you for a long time. When I look at your legacy, it has been a powerful legacy. Clearly, there was destiny for your leadership because of the movement from the Assembly to the United States Senate, and how you remained a solid and trusted leader in the State of Nevada. Everyone has always respected you from both sides of the party. I know my dad highly respected you and believed in you as a leader in the Senate, as Attorney General and in the United States Senate. You were a part of helping so many families in my neck of North Las Vegas. I support this; I honor you; I am glad that you are here to have that legacy and have us honor you while you are in this space.

SENATOR DONDERO LOOP:

The Donderos and the Bryans go way back, clear back to Las Vegas High School—once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat, and he wears that proudly on the license plate on his car. He knew both my parents, and as kids, somewhere one of us along the line went to school with a Bryan. I remember the house on 100 Circle Park. You had to pass his house to go to the Huntridge Theater, which we did on Saturday afternoons. Coming this way, you had to pass our house to go to John C. Freemont or one of the other schools. That was old Las Vegas, and we honor you and your legacy. We are happy you are a part of Nevada and Nevada history and thank you for all you have done. I support Senate Resolution No. 4.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Cannizzaro requested that former Senator Bryan's remarks be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR BRYAN:

Thank you for the kind remarks. I am aware of what Lyndon Johnson said when he was introduced with such effusive praise. He said, "My father would have loved it; my mother would have believed it." I am humbled. There are so many people to thank. None of us achieve our own objective without having wonderful people that provide the foundation that all of us are dependent upon.

I enjoyed my service in the Legislature, but perhaps some may not be aware that it was not easy. It has been 46 years since I last served in the State Senate. There were those that did not share the thoughts so many of you have expressed and said today. The timing and persistence, only one of them still survives. I thank you for taking the opportunity to make this happen.

I have my daughter here and my kids. My father used to say that each of us has an obligation to pay his or her civic rent. I do not know whether this is original with him. What he meant is to contribute something to the community. Not everybody has to be an elected person. Not everyone needs to be involved with politics, per se. That is a rule that I followed from my father's own example of trying to give back to the community, it really was.

I accept the recognition. I appreciate the opportunity. When I came to the Legislature, it was so long ago, we all were in the old Capitol building. Nobody had a secretary, except the Speaker and the Majority Leader in the State Senate. There were no places you could get a bite to eat. Nobody had an assigned secretary. We all met on the floor of the Assembly. Those were good old times. The State's population was about 400,000. Today, our State has eight times that population. When people are inclined to be critical of your efforts, you cannot help but think how difficult and

challenging it is today because we have 3.2 million people. I cannot imagine how busy you are with eight times the population that we dealt with.

For those who could not make it today, I want to say that I believe that there is a period of forgiveness for all of you. I am grateful for you to show up. Thank you, again. I appreciate this honor, and I am delighted to have my daughter here as a family member representing us. Thank you.

By Senators Cannizzaro, SeEVERS Gansert, Buck, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Harris, Krasner, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible, Spearman, Stone and Titus:

Senate Resolution No. 5—Inducting Joseph Paul Hardy into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Paul Hardy, better known as Joe, was born in Reno, Nevada and graduated from Sparks High School, where he served as the Student Body President; and

WHEREAS, Joe received his bachelor of science degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, before attending the School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, receiving a Doctor of Medicine degree, and served as a Major in the United States Air Force for 9 years before beginning his career in private practice; and

WHEREAS, Outside of his service to the Legislature, Joe served as a Boulder City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tempore, and enjoyed a career as a family physician and Associate Professor at Touro University Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Joe was elected to the Nevada Assembly and in 2010, he was elected to the Nevada Senate, serving 8 years in the Assembly and 12 years in the Senate, where his service extended to the Interim Finance Committee, the Legislative Commission and nearly every Senate Committee; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Senate, Joe served in leadership positions such as Minority Whip, Assistant Minority Leader and President Pro Tempore; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a champion of improving healthcare in Nevada and sat on the Committee on Health and Human Services every regular session that he served; and

WHEREAS, Joe is known for being a dedicated and knowledgeable public servant who serves this State with humility, dignity and an unwavering commitment to the people of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Joe was elected as Mayor of Boulder City where he continues his long career of public service, and where his eldest son, Joe Hardy Jr. had the distinct pleasure of administering the oath of office in his official capacity as a Judge in the Clark County District Court; and

WHEREAS, Joe has continuously demonstrated his passion for public service through his elected offices, military service, career as a physician, involvement in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the various other public bodies on which he has served; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his many years of devoted service to the State of Nevada as a member of both the Nevada Senate and Assembly, to Boulder City and as a physician, Joseph Paul Hardy is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Senator Seevers Gansert moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Seevers Gansert, Cannizzaro, Ohrenschall, Stone, Hammond, Neal, Buck, Harris and Goicoechea.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

It is my honor today to rise in support and introduce my good friend, Senator Joseph "Joe" P. Hardy as a 2023 Senate Hall of Fame inductee.

Senator Hardy was born in northern Nevada and raised in Sparks, where he graduated from and served as the student body president of Sparks High School. After completing a mission for the Church of Latter-day Saints in France, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nevada, Reno, and receive his Doctor of Medicine from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Senator Hardy served as a major in the United States Air Force. After his military service, he moved to Boulder City to embark on his nearly 50-year medical career. He and his beloved wife, Jill, are the proud parents of eight children, all of whom attended school in Boulder City, and many grandchildren who are now attending Boulder City schools.

Before beginning his legislative career, Joe served as a member of the Boulder City Council from 1999 to 2002, where he was chosen as Mayor pro Tempore. He was then elected to the State Assembly in 2002. While serving there from 2002 to 2010, he honed his policymaking skills in several policy committees including Education, Health and Human Services and Government Affairs, among others, while also serving on Assembly Ways and Means. He was named Assembly Co-Minority Whip in 2007.

In 2010, Joe was elected to the Nevada State Senate. During his tenure in the Senate, Senator Hardy served in many leadership positions including Senate Minority Whip in 2013, Senate President pro Tempore in 2015 and Senate Assistant Minority Leader for the 2019 and 2021 sessions. While in the Senate, he also served on the Commerce and Labor, Health and Human Services and Government Affairs Committees, to name a few of his many policy interests.

During his 20 years as a State Legislator, Senator Hardy's primary concerns were for the people of Nevada and the public health of its citizens. Senator Hardy served on the Health and Human Services Committee during every session of his entire legislative service and as Senate chair in 2015. While Senator Hardy is well-known for his knowledge of medicine, he was also known as someone who studied the craft of legislation. He often rose on the floor of the Senate with an eye towards making Nevada a better state for all. His voice was always compassionate, eloquent, humble and well-reasoned.

Senator Hardy championed many issues during his time in the Legislature including legislation requiring health care plans to provide coverage for prescriptions and prohibiting health insurance companies and health care plans from denying coverage. He also passed legislation to allow law enforcement and certain licensing boards access to the database that tracks controlled substances. Health care, veterans' issues and advocating for the education and welfare of the children of our State were never far from Senator Hardy's mind.

Outside of his desk here in the Senate, it was also widely known that Senator Hardy was often giving of his medical knowledge. Throughout his storied medical career, he was board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine for over 35 years and was twice named Nevada Family

Physician of the Year. Senator Hardy was truly a citizen legislator who knew what it meant to sacrifice for the greater good.

Senator Hardy has earned many titles throughout his long and distinguished career in medicine, as a community advocate and volunteer and as an elected public official: the titles of doctor; bishop and president of his church; Assemblyman and Senator; professor and associate dean of clinical education at Touro University; Boulder City councilman and now mayor; and who could forget Doc, as he was well known; and star basketball player in the biennial Donkeys vs. Elephants basketball game. Today, we are honored to add the title of Senate Hall of Fame member.

I also want to add a little more information. Senator Hardy, "Doc Hardy," as we would refer to him, always had a smile on his face. He was always willing to work with everyone. The members of this body who were here when he was serving knew he carried a little index card in his pocket that had all of his bills on it. We talked about his mastery of legislation, and he always knew there would be a way for him to amend his legislation into somebody else's bill if he was not able to pass his bill. He did that many times, and he helped others do that.

It was part of the role that you served here. He was an outstanding Legislator but also a mentor and a counselor. Members of this body could go to Joe because they knew he would give them sound, good advice. I went to him to ask about different issues that were going on in this Legislature. I am grateful to have served with him in the Assembly and the Senate. I am excited to have him inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame today. Congratulations to Senator Hardy and welcome.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. I am pleased to have with us who I think we all refer to as Doc Hardy here in the Senate. It has always been a pleasure. He has been here with me for my tenure of service here. I have always been amazed and appreciative of his willingness to come to the table and talk about pieces of legislation, whether they were his own, they were something you were running or something that was coming through Health and Human Services. I know he worked hard to make sure that we could get the legislation to a good place and was always willing to do that. I think that speaks volumes to the kind of public servant he is. I have always been grateful for his willingness to find a bill where his bill could fit into and help us all get to a good place, especially when it came to public health policy. He always has been willing to have open conversations, discuss where things may be and ask good questions.

I have sat on the Legislative Commission with him, been on the Commerce and Labor Committee with him and have been before him many times to testify on bills. He was always someone who had read the bill before him, asked good questions and wanted to know more. I think that is exactly the kind of person we love to have in legislative service, who are trying to find the right balance and policy, the right thing to do for Nevadans.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank him for being our resident doctor to help make sure that we were all okay, whether that was checking in to make sure, "Hey, how are you doing? Is everything ok? How are you feeling?" or on the rare occasions we needed advice. He provided that in such a kind way.

Thank you for all your public service and for being here with us today. Congratulations on your induction into the Hall of Fame. I have enjoyed our service together, and I know this body misses you in your leadership and ability to help us navigate some of those issues that come before us. I rise in strong support, and I urge my colleagues to support Senate Resolution No. 5.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. I have fond memories of serving with now Mayor Hardy. There was a time when he was a little upset at me. He felt that I voted "no" on his bills a little too much, and he called me "No-renschall." He said, "Are you going to vote 'no' today on my bill, No-renschall?" We got over that.

I was proud, in 2009, when he and I served in the Assembly together. He and I cosponsored legislation to mandate health insurance coverage for children on the autism spectrum. He was the only physician Legislator who cosponsored that with me. I know it was a big leap of faith for him because he did not love the idea of another mandate in statute, but he felt it was good. I was proud to have you as a cosponsor.

Mayor Hardy and my mom served together in the Assembly. Speaking about his medical skills, there was a period when my mom was having an issue where her hands were getting numb. She did not realize she cut her finger until she saw the blood. She did not feel it. Dr. Hardy counseled her, "Genie, this could be something serious. You need to get it looked at." She got it looked at, and they told her if she had not gotten it looked at and then had surgery on her spine, she could have become paralyzed. He is a wonderful doctor, Legislator and friend.

Also, I did not vote "no" all the time.

SENATOR STONE:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. As many of you know, I am new to the Nevada environment. My district mostly was Senator Joe's district. As I was walking door-to-door and talking to people, you think we would talk about taxes and other issues of the day. But the most common reaction I would get was about the love for Senator Joe Hardy and what he meant to the community, as a member of the church and as a veteran serving in the Legislature, serving in local government.

This man always wants to give back. When you talk to his patients, I think he delivered half the State of Nevada because many people I ran into said, "Dr. Hardy delivered me" and talked about the personalized service as he was known as "Doc." As a general practitioner that saw people with all different ailments, he made all his patients feel worthy and important. For those of you that are as old as I am, you might remember a television show called *Marcus Welby, M.D.* This is our Marcus Welby, M.D. in Nevada because every patient was important to him.

My only regret is I did not have the opportunity to serve with you, Senator Hardy, but I will say that in all the years I have been in office, there have been a few people I like to call mentors, people that I can call on to give me good advice on how to better serve people. Sir, you are at the top of that list, and I really appreciate you.

My friends, as you have heard me say before on this floor that in the scheme of things, life can be considered short. Today, we are going to memorialize and recognize today, forever, Senator Hardy into this Hall of Fame. A good name that will be known today and will be known for millennia to come. It is an honor to have you here today, sir, and to induct you into the Hall of Fame.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. I would like to talk to my good friend—Joe, move out of the way—Jill. Without Jill, you do not have Joe. You never saw Joe in the building without Jill being in the building as well. The two come together. I will say this about Jill: I love you to death. My kids are the ones who love you more than Joe.

I will say this about Senator Dr. Hardy: Thoreau once said, "As if you could kill time without injuring eternity." Here is a man who knows exactly what that means. He does not waste any time. He never stops. He just keeps going. That card you would pull out with all your bills on it, it was not only his bills. As we know, he would farm out seven, eight, nine, ten bills. We are only allowed—how many are we allowed, 20 bills? He would have about 35 bills out there because he never wasted any time. He was firing them out, and then come by and check in, "How is your bill?" He was nice enough to call it "my bill," "How is your bill?"

That is the guy who understood you cannot waste time. You have to keep going. He always talked about how old he was, "I am long in the tooth, really old." What does he do in retirement? He becomes the mayor of his town because he loves his town. He loves his civic duty. That is the kind of person he is. He keeps going because he does not want to waste the time he has here and the people he is around. He does not waste his time with the trivial matters of the day. He cares about the big picture. He is always careful to make sure he develops that relationship with people. If you look at the character of good, honest, civic-minded elected officials, they have something in common. They care about the person and make that person feel like the most important person of that moment, and here is another example of it, Doc Hardy.

I will say this, if there is nothing else I have learned from you. I spent two or three sessions on Judiciary where I had Senator Hutchison and Senator Brower on each side. After one session, I felt like I had taken one year of law school because all they did was tell me everything I did not want to know. They just kept telling me things. With Doc Hardy, I feel like I have gotten at least a little bit of medical school. The only thing I know—I will close with this—is if you guys need any medical advice and you are stupid enough to come to me, I will pass this along to you: it is

two Aleve twice a day for two weeks, and you are done. Doc Hardy, if I get nothing else from you than that, then I am ready to go out in the world for the next 20-something years. Thank you. I support Senate Resolution No. 5.

SENATOR NEAL:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. I want to quickly say I have become fond of you, Doc Hardy. My first time serving with you was in my first session in the Senate as vice chair of Senate Commerce and Labor when I think my Republican-leaning tendency showed up. We, more often than not, were siding together to kill about three or four bills in my colleague from District 1's committee. I was probably running the risk of getting in trouble because, for whatever reason, I was thinking what you were thinking: "I hate this bill." That relationship helped me to see how methodical you are, and consistently. We built a friendship from those experiences on Zoom and also when we finally got a chance to sit in the committee room. I like how you think. It has been a weird relationship in this building with me being a Democrat but having Republican leans on certain policy. I am so glad you are being honored and you are now mayor of your city, that you can't allow to grow any further than it is. But I appreciate it and thank you and I honor you for being here and being a friend to me. Thank you.

SENATOR BUCK:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. Senator Hardy is a special person. My first session was during the height of COVID. He dedicated an hour each day from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Jill and him, to help me through the session every evening. Sometimes, when the going would get rough, he would say, "Come on, we are going on a field trip." They would take me for a drive all over Northern Nevada, and I got to experience that with them.

They are an amazing, genuine couple. He is a mayor, Senator, professor, doctor, husband to Jill, father to eight and grandpa. He is beloved. He is a mentor of mine. For that I will be forever grateful. He is such a lifeline. I always know I can call him. In fact, just a couple of days ago, somebody was having trouble getting their Physician's Assistant license. I called Doc Hardy, and sure enough, magically, she got her license. He is an amazing lifeline, and Nevada is better because of him and his service. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on Senate Resolution No. 5.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Over the last election season, I was fortunate to have a group of students, young political leaders from Kenya and Botswana come to visit. I was having trouble getting some of the Republican campaigns to respond to my calls, but not Senator, Doctor and soon-to-be Mayor Hardy. He and Jill opened their home to this group of strangers. True to Doc Hardy form, I had given him a couple things I wanted him to talk about, and he did not mention any of them. He went off and did his own thing. He and Jill were so kind to them. It was my first time in his home, and I certainly hope it is not the last. He was very welcoming to his town of Boulder City, and I know that it is an experience they will take with them and that I will take with me for the rest of my life.

I really appreciate who he is, not to mention his sense of humor, which I do not think we have mentioned enough. He is a very funny guy—and not just funny looking. I think all of you in this space who know him understand what that experience must have been like for a group of young political leaders from a different country to come on into Doc Hardy's home and hear a bit about what he does and why he does it. Thank you for that. I appreciate you and congratulations.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

I support Senate Resolution No. 5. Joe and I came here together in 2002, and I am just going to thank him. He was a confidant; I could go to him when I needed help. He is the one that said, "Hey, maybe you better go see a doctor. You are having a heart attack." Again, Joe, I cannot thank you enough. It did not matter what the issue was. If I had an issue, I would go to him, and if he had an issue, he would come to me. It is an honesty you do not really see all the time in this chamber. Joe, I thank you, and you have definitely earned what you have got. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Cannizzaro requested that former Senator Hardy's remarks be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR HARDY:

My wife, you know, this is all about her. My wife, Jill, this is what she said to me when I was getting up to solve somebody else's problem. She put her hand on my leg, preventing me from rising, and said, "It is not about you." That is true; it really is not about me. It is about all of us working together, being together and enjoying each other's company.

Again, it is not about me. Jill and I decided when we die, our kids will come to the funeral. So we decided to have a prefuneral. That way they did not have to come to the real one. If they came to the prefuneral, they got a pass. So far, it has worked out very well. So, we took one step further, and we had to get a picture taken. I called it our obituary picture because you have to have one of those for the newspaper. We have done everything we can to avoid this particular moment.

I thank all of you individually and collectively for your willingness to do this process and to support those who are doing the process. I am grateful for the concept of forgiveness that you have forgiven me for. Thank you. I love people. I enjoy helping. I have been very blessed to be involved with this process in my home state. I am grateful for the associations that I have had. Thank you very much, and may the Lord bless you all.

By Senators Cannizzaro, SeEVERS Gansert, Buck, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Harris, Krasner, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, OhrenschaLL, Pazina, Scheible, Spearman, Stone and Titus:

Senate Resolution No. 6—Inducting Claire Jesse Clift as an honorary member into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Claire J. Clift was born in Reno and raised in Carson City, where she graduated from Carson High School and Western Nevada College and afterward worked for 11 seasons for the United States Forest Service in North Fork, Idaho, where she met her husband Jim, a whitewater rafting guide, and learned that one's survival depends on self-reliance and the ability to make tough decisions; and

WHEREAS, As a fifth-generation Nevadan, her ancestry includes great-great-grandfathers who were pioneer settlers, one of whom, Daniel Clark Simpson, established a trading post and served as an Assemblyman in 1871, another, William George Harris, who was a miner who helped build the Sutro Tunnel, and her great uncle, Forest Lovelock, and uncle, Coe Swobe, who both served in the Senate and her grandfather, Hugo Quilici, who was mayor of Reno; and

WHEREAS, Claire's state service began in the Nevada Senate as a Committee Secretary for the Senate Committee on Natural Resources in 1987 and 1989, where she learned the legislative process and experienced the in-depth vetting of bills through testimony, discussion and amendments, and after a brief time away, she returned to the Senate as the Media Clerk under the tutelage of then-Secretary of the Senate, Jan Thomas, and in this position helped develop and improve computer programs as the liaison for information systems to assist the Legislature as it entered the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Upon the retirement of her predecessor, Claire Clift was appointed as the Secretary of the Senate, continuing a long-standing tradition of holding an elected position of public service in her family, served as

Secretary of the Senate during 9 regular sessions and 15 special sessions, which included the Senate's first impeachment proceeding against a state constitutional officer, and with the support of legislative leadership, helped effect statutory changes to employment practices of session staff that affected salaries, retirement vestment and opportunities for legislative staff to transfer employment to the state's classified service; and

WHEREAS, Claire's public service extended beyond Nevada, serving on two Mason's Manual Commissions with the National Conference of State Legislatures, as co-chair and chair, shepherding the manual to its decennial revision with the 2020 edition of *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, as well as being active in the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries where she chaired multiple committees and served two terms on the ASLCS Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Claire Clift is remembered for her poise, professionalism and confidence, was well-respected by all who worked with her, and always kept the interests of the Senate and Legislature at heart; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada wishes to recognize Claire J. Clift for her dedicated service and vast knowledge of parliamentary procedure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, Claire Jesse Clift, for her decades of devoted service to the State of Nevada as Secretary of the Senate, is hereby inducted as an honorary member into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Senator Cannizzaro moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Cannizzaro, Seevers Gansert, Scheible, Hammond, Harris and Ohrenschall.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

It is my great pleasure to have the honor to introduce former Secretary of the Senate, Claire J. Clift, as a new honorary member of the Senate Hall of Fame. Claire becomes just the fourth honorary member that this body has inducted and the first honorary inductee since 2001. This is indeed a rare honor but one that I could not be prouder to support.

Claire J. Clift was born in Reno and raised here in Carson City, one of five children of Edward August Jesse, Jr., and Maizie Harris Jesse. Claire attended St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School and graduated from Carson High School. She studied agriculture at Western Nevada College before moving to North Fork, Idaho, to work for the United States Forest Service, where she worked for 11 seasons. While working in the Salmon National Forest in Idaho, Claire met her husband, Jim, a whitewater rafting guide.

Claire is a fifth-generation Nevadan with roots dating back to the 1850s. Her great-great-grandfather, Daniel Clark Simpson, served in the Nevada Legislature, representing Eureka County. Her grandfather, Hugo Quilici, served as the Mayor of Reno in the early 1960s. Her great-uncle, Forest Lovelock, served in the State Senate. Her uncle, Chester "Coe" Swobe, was a long-term Assemblyman and State Senator and is represented in the Senate Hall of Fame. Claire's commitment to public service in the Silver State indeed runs deep.

Claire was first hired by the Senate as a committee secretary for the Senate Committee on Natural Resources for both the 64th and 65th Sessions. After a brief break in the Pacific Northwest, Claire returned to Carson City and served as the Senate's brand-new media clerk for the 69th and 70th Sessions. In this position, she helped to develop and implement new-and-improved computer

programs as the liaison for information systems, which helped drive the Legislature into the 21st century.

Claire was then selected Secretary of the Senate in 2000. She served as a most distinguished Secretary of the Senate from the 71st Session through the 75th Session. She then returned as Secretary for the 78th Session and served every session thereafter before retiring after the conclusion of last session.

Claire's interest in parliamentary procedure and public service extended beyond Nevada with her involvement with the National Conference of State Legislatures. She served on two Mason's Manual Commissions, assisting with the decennial revisions of the Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure. Claire was elected as chair of the commission in 2019 and was an integral member in the creation of the 2020 edition of the manual. Claire was also an active member in the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, a network of legislative professionals that is critical for the development of new clerks and secretaries.

Claire is known for her comprehensive legislative knowledge—and I'm sure that we have experienced that in depth—as she is recognized nationally as an expert in parliamentary procedure. Claire is a proven leader who was well respected for her poise, professionalism and confidence as the Secretary of the Senate.

I first got to work with Claire, in fast fashion, in 2019. I have to say that as much as she may be glad to not have to do every single day with all of us, we truly do miss having you in the Senate. I knew that I had to learn a lot quickly, and you were right there with me to make sure everything that needed to get done got done. There was never a question about parliamentary procedure that Claire was not able to answer or correct us on the floor of the Senate. Luckily, she was there to save us from ourselves in many ways and ensure that we were doing things correctly.

In summary, I know that you have tirelessly dedicated yourself to the betterment of this body and the citizens of the State. I truly am grateful for the time that we got to spend working together. I know that I learned an immense amount of knowledge from you in parliamentary procedure, how we should be acting in this body and how we should be respecting the institution of the Legislature. I think that is a testament to your dedication and service. Thank you. I am honored to have the opportunity to be part of this induction to the Hall of Fame. Congratulations, thank you again for being here with us.

SENATOR SEEVERS GANSERT:

I support Senate Resolution No. 6. I was honored to serve with Claire for many years, but she served for so many years beyond that. I just learned in the bio she is a fifth-generation Nevadan and of her contacts in the State. My family has been here for a long time, too, and some of my relatives probably served with your relatives long ago from the rural counties. As the Majority Leader mentioned, Claire's knowledge of process and procedure is unmatched. She always made sure that we were following the correct process and would let us know if we were going astray. She is a perfect example of nonpartisan staff and how well nonpartisan staff works for this body. Every time something would come up, you can always rely on her. She knew exactly what the answer was for any questions that would arise. Respect for the institution was also mentioned, the decorum and how we operate here. That is part of why we have such a successful body and why the United States is so successful, because we treat each other respectfully. I am grateful that you set that stage and the precedent in this body when I was here and years beyond. I congratulate you on this induction.

SENATOR SCHEIBLE:

I support this resolution and want to thank Mrs. Clift for coming back to join us today. I want to express how much I appreciate her leadership and how much I admire Claire. In my first session in 2019, as we were all rapidly trying to get up to speed and learn parliamentary procedure, we developed a little bit of a shorthand. If we did not know how to do something, but we needed a firm answer we knew was correct, we would go to her and come back to say, "I got this Claire-ified." I have been Claire-ified a couple of times on the floor of the Senate or off the floor of the Senate. Those are memories I take with me and cherish because the truth is, I want to be Claire when I grow up.

In 2019, I chaired the Natural Resources Committee, where all the great leaders start, and where she was a secretary, obviously. It took me a while to get my feet underneath me, and I am still

working on it. In the three sessions I have been here, and as I graduated to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have asked, "Who could I model myself after?" "Who would I like to emulate?" Claire Clift is one of those people. When I first started trying to emulate Claire Clift, I asked myself, "How does she command that respect on the Senate floor?" Her knowledge of the procedure, her knowledge of the process absolutely is part of it.

I think I figured out the secret, and I am willing to share it with all of you. It's that she believes in our success. The reason Claire learned everything that she did, spoke with such confidence and kept us focused on our job was because she wants all of us to succeed. She never wanted anybody on this floor to make the wrong motion or to do things in the wrong order. It is why she would talk to us off the floor, why she would answer our questions in advance, explain how something should be done and why it should be done that way so when our constituents log on and watch this impressive-looking body full of people in suits saying all these fancy legal words, we look like we know what we are doing. That is because of great leadership. I try to emulate that and help my committee members and colleagues succeed. One day, if I can be half the leader that Claire is, I will consider it a success. I am happy to support inducting you into our Hall of Fame this year.

SENATOR HAMMOND:

I have not spoken this much this session. This is great, and I could not pass up the opportunity, right? By the way, this is on the record, right? This is on the record. I get to say Claire, Claire, Claire Bear. This is on the record. Thank you. I have been looking forward to this moment for a very long time. I have the floor now; you cannot cut me off.

You are the model of decorum. You are that clarifying voice, which is why I made you my project. I thought if I can break this woman, I will have achieved something in my lifetime. There was nothing more important to me than to make you laugh, smile or get you off your game a little bit.

I can remember the one time I did, and it was a glorious day. It was amazing. I was there in 2015 when you were brought back. Everybody talked about you, and this is going to be run efficiently. I could not wait for that. I love efficiency, but I also love a challenge. I love her because I love to be around people who are always happy. She was always happy, even though she may have that stern look on her face. I knew bubbling underneath there was somebody who really loved, had a good time and loved life. I remember that one day, though, I got you to break a little bit. I tried to do it with you today. When you call out my name, just as you call out my name, I say "yes" before you get it all out. And you broke. You could not say anything for a few seconds. That was a good day. I could not say anything else. It is on the record now. I get to put it all on the record.

I have enjoyed my association with you, Claire, and I am happy for you. This is an amazing dedication to you, your life achievements and all the things you have done and I appreciate it. I am glad your husband is here to see this. I am glad you brought a lot of family here because I wanted them to hear everything I have to say. This is an amazing thing. It is a good day for me. I am enjoying today. I have got a lot of good people here, and it is fun to talk to all these folks that I have these associations with over the last 14 years. Congratulations, and I am in support of, what is it, Senate Resolution No. 6? Is that the Claire Bear Measure?

SENATOR HARRIS:

For those of you who do not know, my colleague from District 18 is excited because he never would have gotten away with "Claire Bear" when she was on the other side of that desk.

I was appointed in 2018 in December, which is just a couple months before session started. I knew absolutely nothing. I did not have a Twitter account. I did not know what a bill draft request was. During the training, which I had missed a couple, I was sitting in the back on the floor. The first time I was called "Senator" in this chamber was by Claire Clift. That is when it becomes very real for you.

She taught me how to press the buttons that we do not even have any more. I can only imagine how many other Senators have come through this body and had the same experience where Claire set the tone for what your service was going to look like. My first time on this floor, it was an empty chamber. It was me, maybe two other Senators and Claire Clift showing us how it was done. Personally, I hope I have made you proud in the last couple of sessions. We miss the heck

out of you. Congratulations. I cannot think of a better person to bestow this honor upon. I am glad I could be here to share it with you.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I support Senate Resolution No. 6. My first memory I have of working with Claire was the 78th Session when I was serving over in the Assembly. It is about 11:56 p.m., right before *sine die*. I was running across with a conference report, and she was doing her best to try to help me. We were having an issue transmitting everything back and forth. We were trying to save this bill, and finally, after much work, I got everyone to agree in both Houses. I will never forget how wonderful you were trying to help me iron out that problem with the conference report and get that bill through.

I remember whenever there was a question about parliamentary procedure or interpretation of the *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, once Claire gave her ruling, there was no question of appealing beyond that. That was a final ruling. It was wonderful knowing that was the ruling and that was where we needed to be in terms of parliamentary procedure.

I love our conversations about Nevada history and about your service to the State and the Senate. I remember one conversation where you mentioned that during breaks in Senate floor sessions, Senator Raggio would sometimes pick up the microphone and sing to the chamber. I do not think any Senator has picked that up since then, but it was wonderful hearing about that. Do not worry, I am not going to sing today; I am not inspired to do that. It was a pleasure serving with you. You gave a tremendous contribution to our State.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Cannizzaro requested that former Secretary of the Senate Claire J. Clift's remarks be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SECRETARY OF THE SENATE CLAIRE CLIFT:

Thank you, Senators, for this incredible recognition and honor. Congratulations to Senator Bryan and Senator Hardy. Thank you for sharing this day with me, I really appreciate it. Being the Secretary of the Nevada Senate has been a terrific and awesome career. As a person who values fairness and rules, I cannot think of a better life's profession. I would not have been here, as your Secretary, without the trust and support of the Senate's Majority and Minority Leaders throughout the years, former Senators Raggio, Titus, Roberson, Ford, Atkinson, Settelmeyer and the Senate's current Majority Leader, Senator Cannizzaro. Our rules state that the Secretary answers to the Majority Leader, but for me, all of you, the 21 Senators who sit in this chamber were my Majority Leaders. You were what mattered, the institution, the body of the Senate. That was my charge.

To stand here today is to stand on the shoulders of a multitude of talented and loyal legislative staff, from the Senate's Front Desk and office staff, Sergeants at Arms, leadership staff, Administrative Services and support staff, committee staff, proofreaders, and, especially, my mentor, former Secretary Jan Thomas and former and current senior staff members Mary Jo Mongelli, Shirley Hammon, Susan Whitford, Jane Gill, Jeanine Wittenberg, Sherry Rodriguez and Liz Teixeira—all of the Legislative Council Bureau's competent divisions and units that worked with the Senate throughout the bienniums to make sessions successful, to the other House's staff who have been generous partners in this legislative journey. Personally, I would like to thank my past confidants and colleagues, former Director Rick Combs, former Legal Counsel and current Director Brenda Erdoes and Chief Clerk Susan Furlong. When times got difficult and sometimes messy, they were there for me to confide in and seek advice from.

It has been such a privilege to stand in this chamber and listen to you debate. You made me laugh; you made me cry; and you made me stand in awe of your courage to take on the most difficult matters and responsibilities as Senators for the people of this great State. You have made me blessed and grateful to be a part of your legacy. Thank you very much.

Mr. President announced that if there were no objections, the Senate would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 12:42 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 1:00 p.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Cannizzaro moved that Senate Bills Nos. 159, 167, 275 and 452 be taken from their positions on the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

By Senator Lange:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Urging the expansion of comprehensive cardiovascular screening programs and directing the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to conduct a study concerning such programs.

Senator Lange moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Directing the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Government Affairs to conduct a study of the use of polygraphic examinations on certain employees.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6—Directing the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary to conduct a study relating to battery which constitutes domestic violence.

Senator Lange 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. 477—AN ACT relating to tourism; authorizing the Director of the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs to appoint a Deputy Director of the Division of Tourism; creating the Fund for Tourism and Cultural Affairs; eliminating the ex officio, nonvoting members of the Commission on Tourism; revising provisions relating to the Nevada Magazine; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 478—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Secretary of State for an unanticipated shortfall related to credit card processing fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 479—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services for an unanticipated shortfall to fund costs in excess of the maximum contribution amounts of counties for the provision of indigent defense services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 480—AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for an unanticipated shortfall related to firefighting costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 481—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Office of Finance in the Office of the Governor for the reimbursement of counties for costs in excess of their maximum contribution amounts for the provision of indigent defense services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 482—AN ACT making appropriations to and authorizing the expenditure of money by the Office of the Attorney General for the replacement of ballistic vests and for licenses to upgrade the computer operating system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 483—AN ACT making appropriations to the Office of the Secretary of State for the purchase and replacement of computer hardware and associated software and certain equipment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 484—AN ACT making appropriations to and authorizing the expenditure of money by the Office of the Secretary of State for the costs of risk-limiting audits of election results, voter education materials and outreach, signature verification services, a mail ballot tracking and notification system and a statewide top-down voter registration database and election management system; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 485—AN ACT making appropriations to the Office of the Secretary of State for costs related to the Office's business registration and filing system, Internet website and information security; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 486—AN ACT making appropriations to the Nevada Promise Scholarship Account and the Millennium Scholarship Trust Fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 487—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Department of Indigent Defense Services for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 488—AN ACT making appropriations to the Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission for the replacement of certain systems, furniture, vehicles and computer hardware and associated software; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 489—AN ACT making appropriations to the Department of Taxation for information technology projects and equipment, employee training and a money counter machine; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 490—AN ACT making appropriations to the Nevada Gaming Control Board for the continuation of the replacement of the Board's information technology system and for certain computer hardware, software, subscriptions, licenses and equipment and related employee training; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 491—AN ACT relating to the Department of Business and Industry; extending the date of reversion of the appropriation made by the 81st Session of the Nevada Legislature to the Real Estate Division of the Department for an update of its licensing software system; making appropriations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 492—AN ACT making appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the replacement or purchase of certain information technology, vehicles and equipment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 493—AN ACT making appropriations to and authorizing the expenditure of money by the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement or purchase of computer hardware and associated software, data lines and software licenses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 494—AN ACT making appropriations to and authorizing the expenditure of money by the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy of the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement or purchase of computer hardware and software, a database for surveillance and utilization review and a centralized credentialing process; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 495—AN ACT making appropriations to and authorizing the expenditure of money by the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services for the replacement of computer hardware and associated software, equipment and vehicles and for deferred maintenance projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Lange, Hammond and Seevers Gansert and Assemblyman C.H. Miller:

Senate Bill No. 496—AN ACT relating to economic development; enacting the Nevada Film Studio Infrastructure Act; requiring the Office of Economic Development to enter into a development agreement with the Las Vegas Media Campus Project and the Summerlin Production Studios Project to establish certain development and investment criteria for the development of infrastructure for the production of motion picture and other qualified productions; authorizing a production company located at the Las Vegas Media Campus Project or the Summerlin Production Studios Project to apply to the Office of Economic Development for film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the sites of the Projects; enacting provisions governing the eligibility for and calculation of film infrastructure transferable tax credits for qualified productions produced at the Projects; revising provisions relating to noninfrastructure transferable tax credits for

motion picture and other qualified productions; authorizing an additional amount of noninfrastructure transferable tax credits; establishing the Board for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training and the Account for Nevada Film, Media and Related Technology Education and Vocational Training; providing for the distribution of money from the Account to certain entities and organizations that provide education and vocational training for workforce development for the production of qualified productions in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the action whereby Senate Bill No. 496 was referred to the Committee on Finance be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 464.

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

Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 21.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 27.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 29.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 78.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 107.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 146.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 236.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 276.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 354.

Bill read second time.

Senator Hansen moved that the bill be taken from the Second Reading File and placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Remarks by Senators Hansen, Cannizzaro and President Anthony.

SENATOR HANSEN:

It is interesting we had our discussion—

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Point of order. I do not believe this is a debatable motion.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

I believe he can make remarks. He can make remarks on the motion to explain the motion.

SENATOR HANSEN:

In *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, which is our guide in this procedure, it says clearly in Section 42, "There must be opportunity to debate. Whenever a legislative body is making decisions, the members must have an opportunity to debate the proposals to be voted upon. They have the right to express their opinions and hear the opinions of others to aid them to come to an agreement and reach valid joint decisions."

In Section 56, it reads, "Before the members of any legislative body can reach intelligent decisions, it is necessary that they understand the subject upon which they are making a decision and the effect of any decisions they are making. To accomplish these purposes, an opportunity is given for debate on all questions of business to be decided."

It continues—

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Senator Hansen, if you could be specific about why you are making the motion.

SENATOR HANSEN:

I am, and this is absolutely tied to the purpose of the motion. From Section 56, "As an essential part of this free discussion, every member must have a right to present that member's own views for the consideration of other members of the body, to have the opportunity to persuade them to that member's way of thinking and to be able to listen to the arguments of others."

My last point is in Section 90, the right to debate. "Debate is the essential feature of a legislative body. It is the means by which the opinions of members are exchanged, proposals are deliberated, and conclusions are reached on the business before the body. Members have the right to try to persuade the majority to accept their views, and there can be no legal wrong from such an attempt. It is a fundamental rule of parliamentary procedure governing all legislative bodies that the opportunity to deliberate—and, if possible, convince their fellow members—is the right of the minority, of which right they cannot be deprived by the will of the majority"

The purpose of this motion is, frankly, we need to take these two bills—I will make the same statement on Assembly Bill No. 355 in a minute—and we need to re-refer them back to the Senate Judiciary Committee, who I have complete confidence in, by the way. The reason for this is, we have not had an opportunity to have a vigorous, honest and robust debate on these gun bills.

We had, in the same Senate committee on Friday, an interesting discussion on the Fourth Amendment. It was one of the proudest moments I had as a Senator to hear an in-depth discussion of the importance of protecting fundamental constitutional rights. The whole debate revolved around, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated . . ." We talked about that for an hour and a half because we are very much afraid of infringing on fundamental constitutional rights.

With these two bills, we had a token, so-called hearing in which the proponents of the bills got to speak for an hour and 45 minutes. The opposition was literally given one minute each to discuss it. When it came to the Senate, we put it on a concur, and it should not have been on that.

Quickly, I want to give everyone in this audience, especially those of you in Clark County, an example of the one group that wanted to speak on that bill and was denied the opportunity. For those of you who have heard of Shot Show, Shot Show is the fourth biggest convention that comes to Nevada. It brings over 60,000 visitors. They generate at least \$200 million in sales in Clark

County. There are 2,500 exhibiting businesses that come with that, and guess who wanted to talk and complain about that—

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Point of order. Mr. President and Secretary of the Senate—

SENATOR HANSEN:

I will be finished in one minute.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Senator Cannizzaro, go ahead with your point of order.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

On a motion to place a bill on the Secretary's Desk, it is not a debatable motion. The movement can make a reasoning for why it is being placed on the Desk, but I believe we are now in the position where this is an ongoing debate. It is out of order, and I would ask for this body to respectfully rule the same.

SENATOR HANSEN:

I am going to wrap it up, Mr. President, right now.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Yes, wrap up why you made the motion.

SENATOR HANSEN:

The purpose of the motion is to redirect that bill back to a committee so we can have a serious discussion on it. I am simply pointing out the type of people that wanted an opportunity to present their concerns about that bill and were denied it. I—

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Thank you—

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Point of order—

SENATOR HANSEN:

—would urge my colleague to vote in favor of this motion.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Point of order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Senator Cannizzaro.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

Again, we are debating. There can be a reason for it being placed on the Secretary's Desk, but this is not a debatable motion.

PRESIDENT ANTHONY:

Thank you.

Motion failed.

Senators Hansen, Stone and Titus requested a roll call vote on Senator Hansen's motion.

Roll call on Senator Hansen's motion:

YEAS—8.

NAYS—Cannizzaro, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Harris, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible—12.

EXCUSED—Spearman.

The motion having failed to receive a majority vote, Mr. President declared it lost and Assembly Bill No. 354 ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 355.

Bill read second time.

Senator Hansen moved that the bill be taken from the Second Reading File and placed on the Secretary's Desk.

Remarks by Senator Hansen.

To give us an opportunity to have a robust discussion.

Motion failed.

Senators Hansen, Stone and Titus requested a roll call vote on Senator Hansen's motion.

Roll call on Senator Hansen's motion:

YEAS—8.

NAYS—Cannizzaro, Daly, Doñate, Dondero Loop, Flores, Harris, Lange, Neal, Nguyen, Ohrenschall, Pazina, Scheible—12.

EXCUSED—Spearman.

The motion having failed to receive a majority vote, Mr. President declared it lost and Assembly Bill No. 355 ordered to third reading.

#### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

The first thing I want to do is tell everybody happy Mother's Day. My mom passed away about three years ago. Sunday is Mother's Day, and we will not meet before that. On a positive note, my wife and I share a unique experience in serving the Legislature. We have eight children together, and while she is very proud, I know, to be called an Assemblywoman—just as I am proud to be called a Senator—by far, the greater titles for both of us is mother and father and nowadays grandfather and grandmother. I want to start with that.

My second issue is the question of the financing for the Owyhee School District building. I want to give everybody a little reminder of that. We are getting towards the end of the session. I know that the chair of Ways and Means on the Assembly side is working aggressively on it, but I want to keep that issue in front of this body.

Lastly, now is obviously the time to discuss, quickly, my concerns over those two gun bills that I just tried to get moved back into the Senate Judiciary Committee. First, I would like to compliment the Senate Judiciary chair. She has done an excellent job. Like I said, we had a very interesting debate on the Fourth Amendment. We need to have that same debate, though, on the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment, very much like the Fourth Amendment, says, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

We had a good debate on being very careful in something that sounds very simple, that is to allow the police with probable cause rather than with a full-on search warrant, a court order, to be able to put a tracking device on somebody's automobile. The reason it was a robust debate is because we could potentially be infringing on a fundamental constitutional right. That same exact principle applies when it comes to the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment, the First Amendment and the Fourth Amendment are the only ones that have the clause, "the right of the people" in it. It is an individual, constitutional right. As we go forward with this gun debate, we want to make sure we not only be exceptionally careful about not infringing on fundamental rights but also that we have a thorough, robust and invigorating debate on what exactly that constitutional provision means and how far we should or should not go.

I also want to remind everybody the Nevada Constitution has a right to keep and bear arms. In Article 1, Section 11, "Every citizen has the right to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes." I would strongly suggest

that Assembly Bills Nos. 354 and 355 are fundamentally flawed in that they are constitutionally questionable.

The biggest issue of all that I am worried about. There has been, in my seven sessions here, an absolute erosion, especially in the Assembly, of the concept that I mentioned from the *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*. Everybody in this room has a right to represent their district, to have their voices heard, even if it is in the minority, an unpopular position, and to allow those things to go forward fairly and completely.

I think back to my sophomore year when I had Marilyn Kirkpatrick, who was the Speaker of the Assembly. Marilyn, to this day, to me, is the gold standard for how to do it right. We had ten minutes to speak on the floor. She encouraged all of us to engage aggressively and debate. She made sure that in every committee both sides were given full and fair hearings so that when the policies were passed, they were passed with the full knowledge of all the Legislators voting on them. I want to just say thank you to Marilyn Kirkpatrick on that.

What I have observed—less so in this House than in the other—is a kind of national trend. You see on college campuses, which used to be where free speech was encouraged, people literally screaming, yelling and forcing people to not be able to express an opinion that they find offensive or disagree with. That is not the way it is supposed to be in America. I see this kind of stuff going on in these chambers. When we had the Fourth Amendment discussion I mentioned in the Senate Judiciary Committee, that discussion did not take place in the Assembly. In fact, the individual for the District Attorney's office told us that when she came and testified, she was denied the opportunity to present her concerns on that bill. Now, to our credit on the Senate side, our chair not only did a great job in doing that but also ensured everybody got to discuss it. We had a very interesting discussion between the public defenders, the law enforcement people and the district attorneys as well as a great deal of input from people on the committee who have experience in these areas. That is how it should be every time in every committee in this place.

When I hear of committee chairs shutting down debate, shutting down opportunities for people to ask questions and then going on the floor like I am doing right now and expressing opinions, that is a fundamental right of every Legislator in this building, including the ability to say opinions that you may not agree with. I am concerned of this erosion of what we should all consider a fundamental principle for all of us. Whether you like what I am saying right now or not, you certainly should not deny me the right to be able to express those views here. That is why I quoted from *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, which Claire Clift was one of the main writers of. If we really want to honor Claire and people like her, we should make sure that when these issues go forward that are controversial, that every Legislator in the Assembly and the Senate, all the chairs and all of us in leadership positions make sure that the process is carried out as fully and completely as possible so that the policies we pass in the State, which affect 3.2 million human beings, are completely vetted so that every aspect of them is carefully reviewed, especially when dealing with fundamental constitutional rights so we do not infringe on those in any way, shape or form.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Richard Bryan, former Secretary of the Senate Claire Jesse Clift, Jim Clift, Linda Givens and Helaine Morres.

On request of Senator Doñate, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Shelly Capurro and Keith Lee.

On request of Senator Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Dondero and Molly Dondero.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jim Gibson.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Shirley Hammon, Mary Jo Mongelli and Ann-Berit Moyle.

On request of Senator Lange, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Leslie Bryan-Hart, John Jelavich and Marlene Lockard.

On request of Senator Neal, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Diana Jones, Susan Whitford and Jeanine Wittenberg.

On request of Senator Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Greg Ferraro, Mitch Forman, D.O., Weldon Havins, M.D., Monica Moradkahn, Catherine O'Mara and Rene Yeckley.

On request of Senator Scheible, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Rett Jesse and Tamie Jesse.

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Leah Casper, Jill Hardy, former Senator Joseph Hardy, Rob Hardy, former Senator Ben Kieckhefer and former Senator James Settlemeyer.

On request of Senator Stone, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dominique Etchegoyhen.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Archer, Jacqueline Nguyen and Blayne Osborn.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, May 15, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Approved:

STAVROS ANTHONY  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY  
*Secretary of the Senate*