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

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymen Leslie, Oceguera, and Parks, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Dixie Jennings-Teats.

Before our prayer, I’d like to share a few words of context. My husband and I lived in Malaysia and Indonesia for five years, in coastal fishing villages about 100 miles from the villages and cities devastated by the Tsunami in Aceh. I know all of us here today hold in our thoughts and prayers the people in the 11 nations affected by the tsunami. I am also aware of the hundreds of thousands of people who have lost their livelihoods from the destruction of the fishing economy and whatever farmland there was in the areas contaminated by salt water.

During this time many of our Asian brothers and sisters celebrate the lunar New Year, and have the custom of giving red paper envelopes filled with money to children for blessing and prosperity. Let us pray for that same kind of blessing and prosperity for the children and their families affected by the tsunami and the children and their families here in Nevada.

Let us pray:

Guide our feet, Lord, while we run this race. Remind us of all those in need of prayers for health, longevity, prosperity, and happiness. Keep us as flexible as bamboo bending, not breaking, in times of stress or conflict. In the decision making of this Assembly, give the members the inner strength that comes from this kind of flexibility, strength to work and create together for the good of all. We ask for Your blessing.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Buckley moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.
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February 9, 2005

THE HONORABLE RICHARD D. PERKINS, Speaker, Nevada State Assembly, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

DEAR SPEAKER PERKINS:

I am writing to you today to express my desire to address both houses of the Legislature during the 2005 legislative session. It appears that March 24, 2005, is available and I would enjoy the opportunity to share my views with the Legislature on national issues and the challenges that confront us in Congress. Many of these issues will affect Nevada citizens directly and the perspectives of the members of the Nevada Legislature are paramount to my decision-making.

I would appreciate it if you could contact my District Director, Tod Story, to confirm the date and time for my address to the Legislature. You can reach Tod at 702-220-9823.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

SHELLEY BERKLEY
Member of Congress

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE

By Assemblyman Holcomb:

Assembly Bill No. 48—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the annual reports of accountability prepared by the State Board of Education and the board of trustees of each school district; changing the name of “occupational education” to “career and technical education”; requiring the State Board for Occupational Education to prescribe a program of career and technical education; requiring each school district to establish and maintain a program of career and technical education in accordance with the program prescribed by the State Board; authorizing charter schools to establish and maintain a program of career and technical education in accordance with the program prescribed by the State Board; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Holcomb moved that the bill be referred to the Concurrent Committees on Education and Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Government Affairs:

Assembly Bill No. 49—AN ACT relating to the Marlette Lake Water System; authorizing the issuance of revenue or general obligation bonds to finance the capital costs of improving and modernizing the Marlette Lake Water System; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Pierce moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.
By the Committee on Judiciary:
Assembly Bill No. 50—AN ACT relating to the adoption of children; requiring the Division of Child and Family Services of the Department of Human Resources to notify certain persons of any medical history and medical information submitted to the State Register for Adoptions in certain circumstances; expanding information required to be maintained by the State Register for Adoptions to include medical history and medical information about certain persons; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Assemblyman Horne moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:
Assembly Bill No. 51—AN ACT relating to adoption; providing a procedure for parties to an adoption to enter into an enforceable agreement that provides for postadoptive contact; providing the procedure to modify such an agreement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Assemblyman Horne moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Transportation:
Assembly Bill No. 52—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; making various changes concerning the issuance of drivers' licenses to persons who are 16 or 17 years of age; revising certain restrictions relating to the transportation of passengers who are minors by persons who are 16 or 17 years of age; providing that a parent or legal guardian of a person who commits certain violations with respect to the operation of a motor vehicle is liable to pay the fine or penalties imposed for such a violation and may be required to perform community service if unable to pay the fine or penalties; revising provisions governing automobile driver education in public schools; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Assemblywoman Ohrenschall moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.
Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Arberry:
Assembly Bill No. 53—AN ACT relating to health care; creating the Division of Minority Health within the Department of Human Resources; creating an Advisory Committee to the Division of Minority Health; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Assemblywoman Giunchigliani moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.
By the Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments:

Assembly Bill No. 54—AN ACT relating to juveniles; creating the Legislative Committee on Juvenile Justice; prescribing its powers and duties; creating a full-time position in the Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau; requiring the Legislative Auditor to appoint an auditor to conduct performance audits of institutions and facilities where juvenile offenders are incarcerated, detained or under residential confinement pursuant to a court order; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Manendo moved that KNPB-TV Channel 5: Megan Berner; KRNV-TV: John Allen, Adrianna Banovich, Doug Barden, Bill Frankmore, Joe Hart, Sarah Johns, Michelle Kinney, Brian Shaw, and Parker Stremmell; KVBC-TV: Mark A. McBride and Gerard Ramalho; LAS VEGAS SUN: Kirsten Seear; MEDIA CENTER/SNCAT: Don Alexander, Henry King, Matthew Lahtinen, John Ponzo, and Earl Spriggs; WINNEMUCCA PUBLISHING: David Gouger be accepted as accredited press representatives, that they be assigned space at the press table in the Assembly Chambers and that they be allowed use of appropriate broadcasting facilities.

Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Senate Bill No. 1.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Allen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Lee Kennedy.

On request of Assemblywoman Angle, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Danielle Clarno.

On request of Assemblyman Mabey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Brian Scroggins.

On request of Assemblyman Manendo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Lisa Arellanes.

On request of Assemblyman Sherer, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Nolan.
On request of Assemblywoman Weber, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bonnie Weber and Diane Steele.

Assemblywoman Buckley moved that the Assembly adjourn until Monday, February 14, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Approved:  RICHARD D. PERKINS

Speaker of the Assembly

Attest:  NANCY S. TRIBBLE

Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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