Senate called to order at 10:33 a.m.
Senator Cegavske, Chair of Legislative Operations and Elections, presiding.
Roll called.
All present except Senators Amodei and Lee, who were excused.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Brian Bilbrey.
Our Father, as we draw to a close of another week, we thank You for Your guidance, Your wisdom and Your hand of mercy upon each one, here, today. We ask that You be with these Senators as they deliberate the issues for the needs of the people of this State.
Lord, we also ask that You plant within us the seed of Your character; that integrity, honesty, courage and compassion will be the landmarks of our lives.
Father, we now ask that You pour out Your blessing upon the people of this State.
We ask these things in the name and character of Christ.
AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Senator Raggio moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Chair of Legislative Operations and Elections and Secretary be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Madam Chair:
Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 59, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, Chair

Madam Chair:
Your Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 12, 87, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DENNIS NOLAN, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 24, 2005

To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1.

DIANE KEETCH
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Coffin moved to suspend Standing Rule No. 50 which requires a one-day notice to withdraw a bill or resolution from a committee.
Remarks by Senator Coffin.
Motion carried.
Senator Coffin moved to withdraw Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 from the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Remarks by Senator Coffin.
Motion carried.
Senator Coffin moved that no further consideration be given to Senate Joint Resolution No. 4.
Remarks by Senator Coffin.
Motion carried.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1.
Senator Nolan moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:
Senate Bill No. 135—AN ACT relating to interior designers; revising provisions governing the qualifications of an applicant for a certificate of registration to practice as a registered interior designer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Senator Townsend moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:
Senate Bill No. 136—AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; revising the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Jurisdiction on the Colorado River to grant certain law enforcement officers concurrent jurisdiction to arrest offenders for prohibited conduct in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Senator Washington moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

By the Committee on Judiciary:
Senate Bill No. 137—AN ACT relating to the Division of Parole and Probation of the Department of Public Safety; expanding the list of persons who may conduct investigations of certain persons being considered for probation and who may verify certain information relating to the economic hardship of a person placed on probation to include all employees of the Division; providing that all information obtained in the discharge of official duty by an employee of the Division is privileged; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.
Senator Washington moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.
By the Committee on Taxation:

Senate Bill No. 138—AN ACT relating to taxation; limiting the circumstances in which the Department of Taxation may apply overpayments of taxes to underpayments in another reporting period to reduce penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator McGinness moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By Senator Titus:

Senate Bill No. 139—AN ACT relating to transportation; changing the composition of the Board of Directors of the Department of Transportation; requiring the Legislative Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Transportation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Titus moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

Motion carried.

By Senators Care and Titus:

Senate Bill No. 140—AN ACT relating to ethics in government; revising provisions governing the financial disclosure statements of candidates for certain public offices and certain public officers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security:

Senate Bill No. 141—AN ACT relating to traffic laws; increasing the term of imprisonment under certain circumstances for a driver of a vehicle who leaves the scene of an accident involving bodily injury to or the death of a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

Motion carried.

By Senator Schneider:

Senate Bill No. 142—AN ACT relating to pharmacy; providing for the appointment of an additional member to the State Board of Pharmacy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.
MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Raggio moved that Senate Bills Nos. 17, 49, 70 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.
Remarks by Senator Raggio.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
There being no objections, the Chair of Legislative Operations and Elections and Secretary signed Senate Bill No. 40; Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR
Senator Hardy requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.
As part of the Associated Builders and Contractors Group (ABC), we have 160 people participating in an apprenticeship program. As part of that program, we hold a statewide craft olympics where they display what they have learned. It is hands-on experience, hands-on work. They are judged based upon their ability to perform the work they have been taught in the apprenticeship program. The winner of the state competition goes on to compete nationally against hundreds of apprentices from throughout the United States. One of our apprentices from the Southern Nevada Chapter of ABC, Aaron Barnum from Berg Electric, won the national competition in Florida this week. We are very proud of him and for his dedication to the craft. The Southern Nevada Chapter of ABC has won the award twice in the last four years. That is an unprecedented accomplishment. I would like to recognize this young man today. Thank you.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, February 28, 2005, at 11 a.m.
Motion carried.
Senate adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Approved: BARBARA CEGAVSKE
Chair of Legislative Operations and Elections

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate