

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), February 23, 2011

Assembly called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymen Diaz, Flores, and Ohrenschall, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Bruce Henderson.

Lord, this is a special year. It is the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible—the Bible that was in most of our homes as we grew up. I thank You for Your Word. As I look around this room, I see a copy on display. We are thankful for the principles You have seen fit to place there for our guidance. I pray, though, that these words may be more than a display on a stand. May they be displayed in our lives. I pray in the Name of the One called the Living Word.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Conklin 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 22, 2011

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 19, 131.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Goedhart, Goicoechea, Hansen, Grady, Hambrick, Hammond, Hardy, Kirner, Kite, Livermore, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senator Halseth:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4—Claiming sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Assemblyman Goedhart moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Assemblyman Atkinson moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Atkinson.

Resolution adopted.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Carrillo, Kirkpatrick, Brooks, Daly, Ellison, Hansen, and Segerblom; Senator Manendo:

Assembly Bill No. 203—AN ACT relating to contractors; requiring the State Contractors' Board to issue or authorize the issuance of a written administrative citation to a person who acts as a contractor without an active license of the proper classification; increasing the penalty for certain violations of provisions relating to the unlawful use of a license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Carrillo moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Transportation:

Assembly Bill No. 204—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions relating to licensed automobile wreckers that obtain vehicles to be processed as parts or scrap metal; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Dondero Loop moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Hickey, Hansen, Bobzien, Anderson, Ellison, Goicoechea, Hambrick, Kirner, Kite, Livermore, Smith, Stewart, and Woodbury:

Assembly Bill No. 205—AN ACT relating to concealed firearms; authorizing certain members or veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, a reserve component thereof or the National Guard, who are at least 18 years of age but less than 21 years of age, to obtain a permit to carry a concealed firearm; revising provisions governing the renewal of a permit; increasing the fee for the renewal of a permit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Hickey moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 19.

Assemblyman Atkinson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 131.

Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 40.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Mr. Speaker announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 11:29 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:42 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, February 23, 2011

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Cegavske, Breeden, Brower, Copening, Denis, Gustavson, Halseth, Hardy, Horsford, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, McGinness, Parks, Rhoads, Roberson, Schneider, Settlemeyer, and Wiener; Assemblymen Hammond, Aizley, Anderson, Atkinson, Benitez-Thompson, Bobzien, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Conklin, Daly, Diaz, Dondero Loop, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hambrick, Hansen, Hardy, Hickey, Hogan, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Kirner, Kite, Livermore, Mastroluca, McArthur, Munford, Neal, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Pierce, Segerblom, Sherwood, Smith, Stewart, and Woodbury:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Recognizing the month of February 2011 as a month to honor the contributions of Ronald Reagan.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America, earning the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and achieving victory in 49 of the 50 states in the general election for his second term, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our Armed Forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, and in her values and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for countless numbers of people; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his years as President, Ronald Reagan displayed consistent optimism and the self-confidence that endeared him to millions, and even when personal danger touched him, as in the assassination attempt in 1981 that left him wounded, he was upbeat and reassuring; and

WHEREAS, The year 2011 marks the 100th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and the 7th since his passing; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby declare February 2011 as a month to honor Ronald Reagan for his many contributions to our country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are urged to celebrate the centennial month of his birth and reflect on the life of this noble American who dedicated his life to the service of our great nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Nancy Reagan, Ronald Reagan's devoted and loving wife of 52 years.

Assemblyman Hammond moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Hammond and Conklin.

Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick moved that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

Motion carried.

ASSEMBLYMAN HAMMOND:

As the resolution notes, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Ronald W. Reagan, the 40th President of the United States. Ronald Reagan was, in many ways, a typical American. He was born in a little apartment on the second floor of a commercial building in Tampico, Illinois. After he was elected president, he quipped that living upstairs in the White House was "just like living over the store again."

When he was nine, his family moved to the nearby town of Dixon. There he spent a happy childhood, playing on the Dixon High School football team, acting in the school plays, working as a lifeguard, and acquiring the popular nickname of "Dutch." After high school he attended Eureka College, a small liberal arts school where he excelled at sports, acting, and campus

politics. Those early years in small town America nourished his sunny, optimistic disposition and his faith in the fundamental goodness of ordinary Americans, a faith that he carried with him to the presidency.

Ronald Reagan came to the presidency in 1980. It was a time much like the present, a time of economic turmoil and international unrest. He made the theme of his presidency “morning in America,” and led our country to a successful conclusion of the Cold War, and the longest period of economic expansion in our nation’s history.

To many of us, Ronald Reagan is best remembered as the Great Communicator. We remember him as a powerful voice for freedom, patriotism, and self-reliance. Let me just share a few quotations that exemplify his keen insight and sharp wit:

- “A government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth.”
- “I don’t believe in a government that protects us from ourselves . . . That’s one of our sacred rights—to be stupid.”
- “Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.”
- “Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.”
- “I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency, even if I’m in a cabinet meeting.”
- “Man is not free unless government is limited. There’s a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: As government expands, liberty contracts.”

Please join today in remembering a great president, a great communicator, and a great American, Ronald W. Reagan.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

I rise in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 3.

Today, on President Reagan’s 100th birthday, he remains an inspirational and fascinating figure in American politics.

I was only ten years old when he became President, but as I was finishing my studies in high school and getting started for college towards the end of his second term, I knew what an impact he had had on our country.

I did not agree with everything that Ronald Reagan did during his two terms of office, but no President is immune from criticism or makes the absolute right decision every moment of every day.

When I did agree it was because he made tough choices, balancing his principles on the one hand and the fate of our nation on the other.

During his first election campaign he promised to dismantle the Departments of Education and Energy, but later he came to realize the consequences of following through, and in the end he not only preserved those vital institutions, but he expanded them.

The entire nation gave thanks to the President when he honored the service and sacrifice of our veterans by elevating the Department of Veteran’s Affairs to a cabinet level agency, where it remains today. There is absolutely no question our veterans deserve it.

Social Security is a promise to America that when you become too old to work we will be there for you, and when insolvency of the system seemed imminent, President Reagan took action and saved the only safety net many of our seniors have.

Throughout his presidency, Ronald Reagan grappled with the mounting deficits, skyrocketing unemployment, and other domestic issues.

Faced with those realities he came to understand he couldn't fund the services America needed to succeed with the revenues at his disposal, whether it was defense or social services or public safety. He always put country above ideology and asked the American people to do their part.

Sometimes it feels like history has forgotten this fact. After President Reagan cut revenue, he raised them, multiple times. Not because he wanted to but because he had to. You can only cut so much before you start destroying the very fabric of what makes this country great.

President Reagan to his credit, put his ideology aside and did what he knew was right for our county, and we must always remember it.

Today in Nevada we face record unemployment, a flailing education system, and a crumbling economy. To top it off, we may not have the revenue we need to pull ourselves out of this mess.

Investment in infrastructure and education to attract businesses—these are the things we must do, ladies and gentlemen. This is our Ronald Reagan moment—to put aside our differences and do what we know is right for our state and, Mr. Speaker, it is in that spirit that I support this resolution.

Resolution adopted.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Bobzien, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Christina Wall and Vidya Kailash.

On request of Assemblyman Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Arielle Cymerman.

On request of Assemblyman Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Ty Cobb, Sr. and Suellen Cobb.

On request of Assemblyman Kite the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sam Winter.

On request of Assemblywoman Mastroluca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sharon Gustowski, Rebecca Mills, and David St. Michel.

On request of Assemblyman Ocegueda, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to students and staff from Faith Christian Academy: Kaitlyn Christensen, Cady Contreras, Madelynn Hall, Wyatt Hicks, Hogan Hunter, J.P. Kelly, Audrey Pierce, Amanda Rogers, Garret Ross, and Weston Stulac.

On request of Assemblyman Sherwood, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Coral Carfora.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, February 24, 2011, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Approved:

JOHN OCEGUERA
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly