Assembly called to order at 11:34 a.m.
Madam Speaker presiding.
Roll called.
All present and one vacancy.
Prayer by the Chaplain, Bishop Russell Stoddard, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Pyramid Lake Ward, Sparks, Nevada.

Our kind and loving Father in Heaven,
We come before Thee this day, in sincere humility and gratitude for all that Thou has blessed us with. We thank Thee for this great state that we live in and for this country where freedoms abound and opportunities to learn, work, and provide for our loved ones are plentiful. We recognize that all of our blessings come from Thee.

Father, we ask a special blessing to be upon this Nevada State Assembly, upon these elected members who serve us, and upon those who work hard to support these good men and women. We pray that Thou would bless this Assembly with wisdom and the ability to accomplish great things together. We pray that they can be instruments in Thy hands as they represent the people of the state of Nevada. We pray that Nevada can be a model for other states in this great country.

We ask Thee to bless those who serve in the military, to watch over and protect them as they stand for what is good and right.

Father, please bless the children and youth in this state, that they will be protected from evils that aim to destroy them, that they will work hard and desire to do good and become great. Wilt Thou bless them to filter out all of the distractions of immorality, entertainment, and peer pressures and focus on their educations, families, and becoming all that we know they are capable of becoming.

Wilt Thou please continue to protect our freedoms, our families, and strengthen our faith.

Father, we express our love to Thee and to Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and thank Thee for Thy loving guidance and happiness found in His gospel. We now pray that Thou would continue to be with this Assembly during this session, and do so in the name of Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.
Assemblyman Horne 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Madam Speaker:
Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 95, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DAVID P. BOBZIEN, Chair

Madam Speaker:
Your Concurrent Committee on Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 222, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

ELLiot T. ANDERSON, Chair

Madam Speaker:
Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 249, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Teresa Benitez-Thompson, Chair

Also, your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 13, 16, 85, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON, Chair

Madam Speaker:
Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 69, 80, 158, 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

Madam Speaker:
Your Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, to which was referred Assembly Bills Nos. 19, 128; Assembly Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 5, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

Also, your Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 121, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

SKIP DALY, Chair

Madam Speaker:
Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 403, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Without recommendation.

MAGGIE CARLTON, Chair
MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, April 1, 2013

To the Honorable the Assembly:

It is my pleasure to inform your esteemed body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 117, 233, 285. Also, it is my pleasure to inform your esteemed body that the Senate on this day passed Senate Joint Resolutions Nos. 9, 12; Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 of the 76th Session.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 1, 2013


CINDY JONES
Fiscal Analysis Division

WAIVER OF JOINT STANDING RULE(S)

NOTICE OF WAIVER

A Waiver requested by Senator Denis.

For: A new BDR No. R-1208
SJR: Urges Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform

To Waive:
Subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14 (2 BDRs from Assemblymen and 4 BDRs from Senators requested by 8th day).
Subsection 1 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14.2 (dates for introduction of BDRs requested by individual legislators and committees).

Has been granted effective: Monday, April 1, 2013.

SENATOR MOISES DENIS
Assemblywoman Marilyn K. Kirkpatrick
Senate Majority Leader
Speaker of the Assembly

Senate Joint Resolution No. 9.
Assemblyman Horne moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.
Motion carried.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.
Assemblyman Horne moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Motion carried.
Assemblyman Horne moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Taxation. Motion carried.

Assemblyman Horne moved that Assembly Bill No. 403 be rereferred to the Committee on Education. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Senate Bill No. 117. Assemblywoman Dondero Loop moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 233. Assemblywoman Dondero Loop moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 285. Assemblywoman Dondero Loop moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Motion carried.

Madam Speaker appointed Assemblymen Carrillo and Oscarson as a committee to invite the Senate to meet in Joint Session with the Assembly to hear an address by United States Representative Steven Horsford.

The members of the Senate appeared before the bar of the Assembly.

Madam Speaker invited the President of the Senate to the Speaker’s rostrum.

Madam Speaker invited the members of the Senate to chairs in the Assembly.

IN JOINT SESSION

At 12:02 p.m. President of the Senate presiding.

The Secretary of the Senate called the Senate roll. All present.

The Chief Clerk of the Assembly called the Assembly roll. All present and one vacant.
The President of the Senate appointed a Committee on Escort consisting of Senator Denis and Assemblywoman Pierce to wait upon Representative Horsford and escort him to the Assembly Chamber.

The Committee on Escort, in company with the Honorable Steven Horsford, United States Representative from Nevada, appeared before the bar of the Assembly.

The Committee on Escort escorted the Representative to the rostrum.

The Speaker of the Assembly welcomed Representative Horsford and invited him to deliver his message.

United States Representative Steven Horsford delivered his message as follows:

MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE OF NEVADA
SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION, 2013

Good afternoon. It is indeed an honor to be back home and to be with all of you, my former colleagues, today.

Governor, thank you very much for being here today. We appreciate you. Lieutenant Governor, thank you as well. To Madam Speaker, Majority Leader Horne, as well as Senate Majority Leader Denis, and Minority Leaders Hickey and Roberson; to the Chief Justice and the Justices who are here, and to all of you, the members of the Assembly and the Senate, thank you for joining us and inviting me to speak this afternoon.

Thank you to my wife for being here and for supporting me through this ongoing journey. I could not do this without your love and understanding, and I appreciate you very much.

I'd also like to thank the many volunteers here who are advocating for our children as part of Nevada Children's Week at the Nevada Legislature. And to the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA), I know its AKA Day at the capital, so it's good to have you back as well.

Before I begin, I'd like to ask for a moment of silence to honor those who we recently lost due to the injuries at the live-fire training accident just a few hours away in Hawthorne.

Thank you. The wounds from this accident are still very fresh for the close-knit community of Hawthorne, and the tragedy has affected the lives of everyone in town. I had the opportunity to tour the Hawthorne Army Depot in January and had the honor of meeting the fine men and women who work on-site. Two weeks ago, under very different circumstances, I visited five brave men in the hospital in Reno: four Marines and one Navy corpsman. The corpsman suffered serious injuries from the explosion, but as the medic responsible for the health of his unit, he refused medical assistance for over an hour until his Marines were treated first. He is alive today because he was able to treat his own wounds while others received care. That is a true lesson in courage, and while his life has changed forever because of the accident, his bravery and loyalty will stand unchanged as an example for all of us. When I visited this young man in Reno, he could not speak, but he wrote me a note. It is something I will continue to carry with me as a reminder of the sacrifices of our men and women in the military. His story makes clear that, while we face challenges as public servants, they pale in comparison to those who truly sacrifice and struggle.

As someone who grew up in poverty in West Las Vegas, I can honestly say that addressing the Nevada Legislature as a Congressman was never part of my plan. But a difficult past is something I never tried to shake. My experiences remind me why I serve—to help the hard working and the less fortunate. It has been quite a journey from the Nevada Legislature to the
United States Congress. You know, I started in this building as an intern. I remember the first time I came to the floor. I didn't even have a tie to wear, and several members took me down to the old Woolworth's to pick one up so I could actually come on to the floor. Having served in the other chamber for eight years and now to be here as a member of Congress is somewhat surreal.

I know we joke about it, but the Assembly usually did have more fun than the Senate. I think the most fun I had was when I did a call of the house at 4 in the morning that prevented then-Senator Warren Hardy from using the restroom. It's that way in Congress, too. The People's House is a lot less stuffy than the upper body across the Capitol.

I now represent one of the most diverse districts in the United States, both geographically and demographically. Nevada's 4th Congressional District is 52,000 square miles, roughly the size of Alabama, and includes Nevadans from all walks of life. No city or town in this district is the same. They all have different perspectives, different economies, and different needs. From the Walker River Paiute Tribe in Mineral County, to the workers at the solar plant in Tonopah, to the residents of North Las Vegas, and every community in between, these diverse constituencies reflect the changing face of our state and our country. While our state continues to become more diverse, more unites us than divides us. Nevadans want to get back to work, they want their children to have a shot at the American Dream, and they want peace of mind in their golden years.

Although progress is slow and I shake my head at some of the nonsense in Washington sometimes, I am optimistic about what can be accomplished in Washington. The 113th Congress has picked up the pace compared to the previous class, and I'm hopeful that we are going to get things done. I was glad to see congressional gridlock break on the first bill I cosponsored the Violence Against Women Act. This law ensures that victims and their families have access to the services they need to be safe and to rebuild their lives. The 2013 reauthorization of this law expands protections to LGBT victims, immigrants, and Native Americans. While the previous Congress stonewalled reauthorization for over 500 days, we were able to pass this law in just two months. I'm proud to have voted for and pushed this important legislation from day one.

After one month into my term, I introduced my first bill, the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act, which will create upwards of 800 jobs in Nevada. This jobs bill will help the people of Yerington and the Lyon County region grow their economy and create desperately needed work for a county struggling with high unemployment. The legislation is a work of compromise. It encourages economic development and protects an important forest known as the Wovoka Wilderness, while promoting the rights of ranchers and miners who earn their living on the land. I'm proud to have bipartisan support from the entire Nevada delegation and a willingness to work across the aisle from both parties in Washington for the sake of preserving the environment for future generations and creating good-paying jobs for working families. I hope, moving forward, that we can find common ground and protect Gold Butte, Tule Springs, and other natural treasures as well.

When we return next week, Congress will move forward on immigration reform. I'm honored to serve as a co chair of the Congressional Black Caucus' Task Force on Immigration Reform and contribute to the pursuit of a fair, just, and humane immigration policy. Comprehensive immigration reform is the civil and human rights issue of our time that affects everyone from all communities, including our veterans. Let me tell you a story about one of these families. James and Sharon Courtney are constituents of mine, and they recently traveled to Washington to share their story during a people's hearing in the House. James is a veteran. He served three tours in Iraq, he is disabled, and he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. His wife does not have a green card. In 2003, Sharon was detained and held for hours in El Paso by Border Patrol. She was denied a phone call and wasn't allowed to speak with anyone. Without explanation, she was instructed to sign a document. If she did that, she would be free to go. So she signed the papers. Now Sharon stands accused of falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen, and at age 35, a deferred action program cannot help her. James and Sharon's future together, their children's future,
depends on the outcome of comprehensive immigration reform. James is a man who fought for our country, who survived seven IED explosions. He is a living profile of courage. While he was fighting abroad, he said he worried more about protecting his family from deportation than his own personal safety. James has a family. He has put his life on the line for his country, and it’s time we repay him and pass comprehensive immigration reform. Surely, his request to keep his family together is not too great a burden for this country, given what he has done to honor and protect all of us.

So when an immigration bill is unveiled, I will fight for the Courtneys and the countless other families that are counting on Washington to show just a fraction of James’ courage. I will fight for a pathway to citizenship. Immigrant families in Nevada and across the United States should not be forced to live in the shadows any longer.

While I am optimistic about the prospect of fixing our broken immigration system, I am not saying there is an abundance of courage in Congress, either. By now, you’ve heard the numbers. As the slow grind of the sequester continues, it will cost Nevada 10,000 jobs, it will result in the furlough of 20,000 FAA employees and the shuttering of nearly 150 air traffic control towers, and it will mean 300 kids in Nevada’s Head Start program will be booted from the classroom. This battle typifies what is congressional ineptness. A legislative trigger that everyone deemed devastating when it was agreed to, now is being re-spun by those opposing a balanced approach to deficit reduction as “trimming the fat.” Now, look. I am not a defender of every federal government program or every federal agency. I am a defender of my constituents and the services that they need to lead healthy and productive lives. Unfortunately, many of those programs have been targeted for draconian cuts under the sequester and under the Republican House budget, which I voted against.

When I travel my district, I see schools like Matt Kelly Elementary, a school standing to lose more than half of its allocation of Title I federal funding. That means fewer teacher aides and fewer meals for hungry kids. When I hear about efforts to reduce spending on nursing home care, I know that means services for 68,000 seniors in Nevada are on the chopping block. That’s not trimming the fat; that’s cutting to the bone.

The challenge of legislating, at its core, is balancing the courage to stand up for your beliefs with the courage to come together and find common ground and agreement. This Legislature has made serious bipartisan efforts to tackle tough issues. For that, I applaud your leadership and the members of the Assembly and Senate for working together.

For the first time in Nevada’s history, we have a strategic vision for the future of our state that is in the first stages of being implemented. We have an economic development strategy, under the direction of the Governor, which is laying the groundwork for new companies to create new jobs in Nevada. We are moving in the right direction. Creating jobs and growing the economy must be the first priority of all public officials serving Nevada, at every level. But investing in economic development also means funding our schools. They are two sides of the same coin.

One thing we can all agree on is that Nevada does not receive its fair share of federal funding. We are not doing enough to leverage the federal dollars offered to states. According to the Brookings Institute, we are fiftieth in grants per capita and forty-ninth in grant dollars per capita. For decades, we have received around 70 cents for every dollar we send to Washington. No matter which way you slice it, Nevadans are losing out. If Mississippi and Tennessee can get their fair share from the federal government under, arguably, conservative Governors, then surely Nevada can do better.

There are two cyclical causes of this dilemma. First, we don’t pursue the grants we need. Second, we don’t invest enough in our schools and universities to qualify. That’s why I urge you to work together to expand the grant-writing capacity of Nevada. Invest more in the Office of Grant Procurement, Coordination, and Management we created in 2011. Hire more experts. Identify more opportunities. Connect with our local leaders, nonprofits, and faith-based organizations. Help those seeking grants to apply. These funds are already appropriated. Grants for research and development, early childhood education, training for workers at community
colleges and health institute grants for medical education are on the table. If we don't go after the funding we need, another state will happily take it from us. We shouldn’t just chase grant money because it’s there, either. We should pursue federal funds because it is a critical missing piece of our economic development strategy and because the people of Nevada deserve it. My office is here to help seek out these opportunities, which is why I have appointed a designated grants coordinator for this purpose. I look forward to working with state officials and grant writers at every level to leverage the funds that are due to Nevada.

But the bottom line is that Nevada is still a state that suffers from the chronic shortages in funding for schools and social services. We must develop a long-term, stable budget that funds our schools not 20 years from today, but now.

So as you consider options to make Nevada a better place to live and tackle our perennial budget shortfall, I ask both parties to remember those who came before them and those who stepped up to the plate. The Nevada Legislature has a rich history of compromise and agreement when it seems unlikely. Assemblyman Marvel, a man inspired to serve by the Sagebrush Rebellion, a successful rancher and rural legislator, knew what it meant to find agreement during divisive dispute. In 2003, he cast a decisive vote in favor of revenue to fund our schools. He knew he would take heat for it. Before casting his vote, he explained that the schools in his district simply didn't have the money to hire the teachers they needed. When asked if it was a tough vote, Assemblyman Marvel responded that it was the right vote. "If you’re going to be a statesman," he said, "be a good one. If I was going to do something, let’s do it right. It turned around and got me in the end, but at the same time, it was for the right reason.” Assemblyman Marvel lost his bid for reelection, but that's not the story we know of him in the Legislature. His story and his lesson to all of us is that survival should not be the first instinct of politicians. People like Assemblyman Marvel and Senator Raggio are remembered for the tough decisions they made. In an era of term limits, it is more important than ever to learn the lessons of those who came before us.

I wish I could have joined you last week when you commemorated the life's work of Senator Raggio. I enjoyed the weekly lunches I had with Bill. Sometimes we would talk legislative issues and moving the process along. Often times, we would just talk about our families or Bill would share a piece of Nevada legislative history with me. In many ways Bill was a mentor to me and helped me learn the process and what it means to be a leader. He transcended politics and partisanship, and that is what made him a true statesmen. His commemoration is also a reminder that, sooner than you think, new legislators will take your place or become your colleagues. Time carries on and the people's business carries on, and the reality is that you have just a sliver of time every two years to get something done.

So my message to you is not to pass a specific bill or enact a certain law, but to remember that public service absent courage is nothing more than loitering in the People's House. There are tough decisions ahead, and the public has placed trust in you—in us—to stand for those not capable of always standing for themselves, to remain true to our values, and to find common ground when first glance only reveals division.

Courage takes different forms. For many Nevadans, it means fighting to put food on the table and keeping their families together while tirelessly searching for work. For those confronting a broken immigration system, it means standing up and making their voices heard despite the possible consequences.

Many of you represent constituents who live hundreds of miles away. For me, I fight for Nevada in a building thousands of miles from home. But I carry with me, every day, the stories of those who struggle. I remember that the success or failure of a policy is not about egos or political points, but about people. I think of James and Sharon Courtney. I think of Senator Raggio and Assemblyman Marvel. I think of the Navy corpsman in Hawthorne.

True public service means never letting this Chamber become a bubble. It means understanding the lives of others. It means seeing how the struggles our constituents face every day are affected by the choices or non choices we make. And if we work together and remind
ourselves who we are here for, I have confidence we can make the tough but courageous decisions that Nevadans need us to make.

Thank you very much. God bless Nevada, and God bless the United States of America.

Senator Atkinson moved that the Senate and Assembly in Joint Session extend a vote of thanks to Representative Horsford for his timely, able, and constructive message.
Seconded by Assemblyman Elliot Anderson.
Motion carried.

The Committee on Escort escorted Representative Horsford to the bar of the Assembly.

Assemblywoman Neal moved that the Joint Session be dissolved.
Seconded by Senator Hardy.
Motion carried.

Joint Session dissolved at 12:31 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:35 p.m.
Madam Speaker presiding.
Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Assembly Resolution No. 7; Senate Bill No. 15; Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Aizley, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sharon Segerblom.

On request of Assemblyman Paul Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gebriel Taye and Bradley Thompson.

On request of Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Buddy Borden and Tom Akers.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Alisa Nave-Worth and Julie Morgensen.
On request of Assemblyman Carrillo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Cinthia Zermen.

On request of Assemblywoman Cohen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Esther Langston.

On request of Assemblyman Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Catherine Park and Reashita Manuel.

On request of Assemblywoman Diaz, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Toni Duncan, Ollie Hernandez, Sylvia Lazos, and Denise Davis.

On request of Assemblyman Eisen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sam Lieberman, Codi Greening-Sheinost, D’Angelo Dittimus, Richard Brown, and Wendy Thomas.

On request of Assemblyman Frierson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sandra Douglass Morgan.

On request of Assemblyman Grady, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tim Dyhr.

On request of Assemblyman Hambrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Erin Carroll and Madison Sandoval-Lunn.

On request of Assemblyman Hogan, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Greg Martin.

On request of Assemblyman Horne, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Diane Ireland.

On request of Assemblyman Martin, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dana Barooshian.

On request of Assemblyman Munford, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jake Holder.

On request of Assemblyman Ohrensahl, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Steve Sanson.

On request of Assemblyman Oscarson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Markeeta Araujo.
Rannow, Alicia Johnson, Maria Murillo, Karen Pfennig, Mayra Reyes, Mleny Avila-Lopez, Annie Rubio, Keelie Killian, and Dawn Baugh.

On request of Assemblyman Stewart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Richelle Snodgrass and Joshua Brennan.

On request of Assemblywoman Woodbury, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Celsie Hardy.

Assemblyman Horne moved that the Assembly adjourn until Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 5 p.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Approved: MARILYN K. KIRKPATRICK
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly