Senate called to order at 11:26 a.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Roll called.
All present.
Prayer by Pastor Larry Unterseher, Nevada, Utah, Northeastern California Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Let us pray.
Father God, our hearts are broken to hear of the senseless attack in Boston on the innocent citizens of this great country. We pray Lord for healing and comfort for the victims and their families and friends. Wrap them tightly in Your arms of love.
We pray also for the city of Boston as it copes with this tragedy. Help them know that all attending in the Senate Chamber today are individually and corporately lifting them up in our thoughts and prayers.
Father, guide each of these Senators as they make decisions today that will affect the safety and well-being of the citizens of this great State for generations to come. Give them wisdom and courage as they move forward with this day’s agenda.
We pray in Your most holy and precious Name.
AMEN.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The President Pro Tempore announced that under previous order, the reading of the Journal is waived for the remainder of the 77th Legislative Session and the President and Secretary are authorized to make any necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 47, 268 and 287, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

KELVIN ATKINSON, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 2 and 440, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.
Also, your Committee on Government Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 376, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, and re-refer to the Committee on Finance.
Also, your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 68, 74, 122, 174, 236, 272, 273 and 436 has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DAVID R. PARKS, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 258, 315 and 450, 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 Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 205 and 340, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and re-refer to the Committee on Finance.

JUSTIN C. JONES, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 65, 134 and 183; Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

AARON D. FORD, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Transportation, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 143, 313 and 508, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MARK A. MANENDO, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 15, 2013

To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill No. 121.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill Nos. 22, 40, 183, 206, 249, 262, 352.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill Nos. 2, 13, 14, 16, 19, 30, 39, 45, 55, 66, 69, 75, 79, 82, 84, 85, 102, 108, 110, 116, 128, 132, 154, 155, 156, 158, 159, 170, 173, 174, 175, 212, 217, 240, 252, 277, 365, 366, 381, 383.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3.
Senator Smith moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 4.
Senator Smith moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5.
Senator Smith moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 376 just reported out of Committee be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.
Assembly Bill No. 2.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 13.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 14.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 16.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 19.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 22.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 30.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 39.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 40.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.
Assembly Bill No. 45.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 55.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 66.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 69.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 75.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 79.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 82.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 84.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 85.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 102.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.
Assembly Bill No. 108.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 110.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 116.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 128.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 132.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 154.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 155.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 156.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 158.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 170.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.
Assembly Bill No. 173.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 174.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 175.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 183.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 206.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 212.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 217.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 240.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 249.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 252.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.
Assembly Bill No. 262.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 277.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 352.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 365.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 366.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 381.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 383.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

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

Senate in recess at 12:19 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:24 p.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Quorum present.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 59.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.
Senate Bill No. 83.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Natural Resources:
Amendment No. 192.
Senator Manendo moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Manendo.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 192 to Senate Bill No. 83 revises Section 1 regarding the imposition of a penalty against a person relating to animal cruelty only if that person knowingly owns, occupies or is connected with a house, apartment or place used for baiting or fighting a bird or animal.
It also clarifies that a person who attends, as opposed to witnessing, an animal fight is subject to the criminal penalties for knowingly attending an animal fight.
Amendment adopted.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 83 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance upon return from reprint.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 176.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Health and Human Services:
Amendment No. 371.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 371 to Senate Bill No. 176 specifies that a report concerning the possible abuse or neglect of a child that was investigated is substantiated if credible evidence of the abuse or neglect exists, and is unsubstantiated if no credible evidence of the abuse or neglect exists.
It further clarifies that an administrative appeal is stayed pending the outcome of an adjudication hearing but not a criminal proceeding, and that a person’s placement on the Central Registry for Child Abuse or Neglect must be affirmed by an adjudication hearing and not a criminal proceeding.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 229.
Bill read second time and ordered third reading.

Senate Bill No. 240.
Bill read second time.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 240 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.
Senate Bill No. 276.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Health and Human Services:
  Amendment No. 232.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 232 to Senate Bill No. 276 requires the proposed study to include a review of jobs and day training services, in addition to the other areas already outlined in the bill. Jobs and day training consist of services provided to persons with mental retardation or related conditions to enhance self-sufficiency and success in employment.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 291.
Bill read second time.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 291 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 309.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Education:
  Amendment No. 195.
Senator Spearman moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Spearman.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 195 to Senate Bill No. 309 urges the Nevada System of Higher Education and business organizations in Nevada to work together to establish a mentoring program in which businesses contribute to scholarship awards for certain business students based upon merit and need, which will then allow the student to work closely with the business making the contribution. It also urges Nevada System of Higher Education and businesses to work together to establish best practices for providing other mentoring programs.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 344.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:
  Amendment No. 211.
Senator Smith moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 211 to Senate Bill No. 344 clarifies the types of hospitals that are affected by this particular bill.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 345.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Education: Amendment No. 450.
Senator Woodhouse moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Woodhouse.
Amendment No. 450 makes several changes to Senate Bill No. 345: (1) it creates the Science Technology Engineering Math, or “STEM,” Advisory Council within the State Department of Education. The State Board of Education is directed to consider the plans, surveys, and reports of the Council and adopt regulations as it deems necessary; (2) it requires that the reports specified in the bill also be provided to the State Board of Education and the Governor; (3) the amendment deletes the appropriation in the bill for a grant writer; and (4) it shifts the sunset provision of the bill from June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 350.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance: Amendment No. 233.
Senator Smith moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 233 to Senate Bill No. 350 removes some provisions from the bill regarding the availability of lease-purchase arrangements for building school facilities.

Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 442.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Education: Amendment No. 200.
Senator Woodhouse moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Woodhouse.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 200 to Senate Bill No. 442 repeals an additional report that school districts must make. Specifically, it deletes certain provisions requiring reports about the use of environmentally-sensitive cleaning and maintenance products within school districts.

Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.
Senate Bill No. 446.
Bill read second time.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 446 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 455.
Bill read second time.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 455 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 465.
Bill read second time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Natural Resources:
Amendment No. 223.
Senator Goicoechea moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Goicoechea.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 223 to Senate Bill No. 465 clarifies how the State Department of Agriculture may assess a tax that has remained unpaid for a period of five years by providing that unpaid taxes assessed by the Department can only be collected for a period of five years after the tax was due as opposed to “five fiscal years immediately following the end of the fiscal year in which it was due.”

Amendment adopted.
Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 465 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance upon return from reprint.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to the Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill No. 470.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 505.
Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate recess until 2:00 p.m.
Motion carried.
Senate in recess at 12:52 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 2:16 p.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Quorum present.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Senate Bill No. 19.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hardy.

*Senate Bill No. 19* enables the Department of Motor Vehicles to revoke the license of a person convicted under a city or county ordinance of driving under the influence, under the same or similar laws as set forth in *Nevada Revised Statutes*. As currently written, the Department of Motor Vehicles can revoke the license of any person convicted of driving under the influence. However, current law does not give the same authority to the Department of Motor Vehicles when a person is convicted of a local ordinance that prohibits driving under the influence.

Roll call on *Senate Bill No. 19*:

**YEAS**—21.

**NAYS**—None.

*Senate Bill No. 19* having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Remarks by Senators Goicoechea and Settelmeyer.

**SENATOR GOICOECHEA:**

*Senate Bill No. 66* makes various changes related to the powers and duties of counties. It specifies that a county may recover costs associated with abating a nuisance or other condition such as graffiti and that civil penalties may be established by local ordinance. It also requires a local ordinance for county equipment to be used on private roads or property, that a county employee must operate certain county equipment and that county equipment can only be used in the absence of a private contractor who could perform the work.

*Senate Bill No. 66* also allows a Board of County Commissioners in a county whose population is less than 15,000 (currently Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Pershing, Storey and White Pine Counties) to authorize the use of county equipment on the property of any local government within the county if the board deems by ordinance that it is in the best interest of the county and the board and governing body of the local government enter into an inter-local agreement. This bill is effective on January 1, 2014.

**SENATOR SETTELMEYER:**

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I have a clarifying question for my esteemed colleague from Senate District No. 19: the whole bill is under the population cap, correct?

**SENATOR GOICOECHEA:**

I believe that was the case when *Senate Bill No. 66* originally came forward. However, in looking at the bill, I am not certain. I will talk with the bill’s sponsor and if that is not clear, it will be fixed as it continues through the process.

Roll call on *Senate Bill No. 66*:

**YEAS**—21.

**NAYS**—None.

*Senate Bill No. 66* having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.
Senate Bill No. 90 establishes an expedited process by which an applicant for a special use permit or other type of permit or license can assert confidentiality of certain records submitted to a local government entity and obtain a determination of that claim from the chief legal officer or attorney of the entity. Records are confidential if they are already recognized as confidential by a State or federal statute or regulation, are submitted to a local government in connection with an application to that local government, and submission of the records are required in order for the application to be considered. If the legal officer agrees that the records are confidential, the bill requires the local government to hold them as such. Records submitted by an applicant are presumed not to be confidential until they are determined to be confidential.

This issue arose in dealing with some of the larger geothermal programs in some of the rural areas. The geothermal companies did not want to give proprietary information to the county; this bill would allow them to keep the information proprietary. Thank you and I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 90:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 90 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 109.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Settelmeyer, Smith and Denis.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
Senate Bill No. 109 makes various changes concerning off-highway vehicles. We had a piece of legislation last Session addressing off-highway vehicles that needed a little bit of cleanup; this bill tries to address those issues related to the registration program.

It creates an off-highway vehicle dealer plate, similar to an automobile dealer plate. The plate allows dealers to operate unregistered vehicles for the purposes of demonstrations and test drives. Additionally, the bill specifically limits the use of the dealer plate under certain circumstances. For personally-owned vehicles of the dealer or the personal use of a vehicle by a dealership’s employees, a standard registration is required.

Further provisions include: (1) rentals offered by a dealership must have a regular off-highway vehicle registration; (2) the Department of Motor Vehicles must issue a reasonable number of dealer plates to each licensed off-highway vehicle dealership; (3) an existing vehicle dealer’s bond may only be used for the off-highway vehicles dealer’s license if the undertaking on the existing bond covers the activities referenced in Chapter 490 of the Nevada Revised Statutes; and (4) off-highway vehicles operated during daylight hours are exempted from certain requirements related to head lamps and tail lamps.

Senate Bill No. 109 also creates new exemptions from the off-highway vehicle registration process for vehicles operated solely in an organized race, festival or other event conducted under the direction of a sanctioning body or by permit; operated or stored on privately owned or leased land; operated while engaged in an approved search-and-rescue operation; or have an engine displacement of not more than 70 cubic centimeters. I urge your support on this legislation.

SENATOR SMITH:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I have a question for the sponsor of Senate Bill No. 109: on page 5, line 25, which lists the size of the vehicles, can I get an explanation around what that is relevant to and the reason for it?

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
I don’t have Senate Bill No. 109 directly in front of me but off-highway vehicles are smaller, quad-like vehicles and sand dune buggies that are not allowed to go on the highway.
SENATOR SMITH:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. If I may follow up, I am interested in the reference to a certain size of off-highway vehicles. Why would we exempt certain vehicles? Why does the size provide an exemption if we are trying to get off-highway vehicles registered?

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
I now have the bill and it references off-highway vehicles that “has a displacement of not more than 70 cubic centimeters.” That is a reference to the engine size. This bill only applies to small-engine vehicles.

The discussion was held by an Interim group on off-highway vehicles that has worked on these issues. They indicated that generally engines at or under 70 cubic centimeter size are for children and they would be riding along with someone else. Engines larger than 70 cubic centimeters may be operated by teens or adults so it makes sense to register them. The Interim committee felt that for the purpose of encouraging people to ride with their parents, the smaller off-highway vehicle engines, as referenced, should be exempted.

SENATOR DENIS:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. This discussion reminded me of two things. First, how does this bill change any penalties on the dealer plate?

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
Senate Bill No. 109 creates the dealer plates. Currently, off-highway vehicle dealers do not have a dealer plate. I am not familiar with the penalties; I assume they would be structured consistent with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The discussion I recall was to make everything similar and consistent.

SENATOR DENIS:
How does this impact the larger off-highway vehicles such as the Rangers and similar models that have four wheels and seat multiple people? Is that a licensing issue?

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
To my knowledge, off-highway vehicles such as the Rhino, the Odyssey as well as quads and dune buggies, they would not be exempt. They would apply for registration. If they are the type that can be driven on the highway, they go through different channels.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 109:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—Smith—1.

Senate Bill No. 109 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 155.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Gustavson.

Senate Bill No. 155 expands a clinical professional counselor’s scope of practice to include the assessment and treatment of couples or families if he or she has demonstrated competency as determined by the Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 155:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.
Senate Bill No. 155 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 157.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hutchison.

Senate Bill No. 157 revises provisions relating to school budgets. It requires that the board of trustees of each school district establish criteria for determining budgetary priorities that are directed at improving the achievement of pupils and improving classroom instruction. The legislation also requires a school district superintendent to use the criteria established in making recommendations to the board of trustees regarding the school district budget. The bill requires the school district board of trustees to prioritize expenditures in a manner consistent with budgetary priorities and to carry out those priorities. Senate Bill No. 157, as amended, passed the Senate Committee on Finance unanimously and I ask for your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 157:
YEAS—21
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 157 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 158.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.

Senate Bill No. 158 voids or makes otherwise unenforceable any contractual provisions in motor carrier transportation contracts that indemnify a shipper for the shipper’s own negligent or intentional acts or omissions. It does not apply to a contract concerning motor carrier transportation if the party to be indemnified, defended or held harmless is a motor carrier. In addition, provisions of the bill do not apply to an agreement that provides for the exchange, use or possession of certain shipping equipment. Senate Bill No. 158 is effective on October 1, 2013.
Larger companies are sometimes able to make smaller shippers sign contracts that make them liable for the mistakes of the larger shipper. This bill seeks to make sure companies are not putting the negligence of their own activities onto someone else. Thank you and I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 158:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 158 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 180.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Segerblom and Settelmeyer.
SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

Senate Bill No. 180 is important because it provides the damages which are available under federal discrimination law under our State anti-discrimination statutes. Section 330 of Chapter 613 of Nevada Revised Statutes. Our State law is more expansive than federal law; it covers sexual orientation and gender identity issues.

Also under federal law, federal age discrimination laws don’t apply to State employees so Senate Bill No. 180 will take care of those separate cases and provide the damages for other victims of discrimination who want to go State court as opposed to federal court. I urge your support.

SENATOR SETTLEMeyer:

When Senate Bill No. 180 came up in Committee, I had some issues and concerns about the concept of giving remedies without limitation, with no liability limits. Attorney’s fees always scare me a little bit; I wish we could put it in statute that whichever side wins gets the attorney’s fees. I worry that just one side gets the fees if they prevail. I am concerned this issue will create more litigation rather than not. I will not be supporting this bill.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. There are limitations: the cap is $300,000 and is dependent on the number of employees. Attorney’s fees are awarded more to the prevailing party which is more likely the plaintiff. However, if it’s a frivolous case, which often happens, the attorney’s fees are awarded against the plaintiff on behalf of the employer.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 180:

YEAS—11.


Senate Bill No. 180 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 185.

Bill read third time.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that Senate Bill No. 185 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary’s Desk.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 238.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 238 be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 244.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Brower.

Senate Bill No. 244 is the veteran’s driver’s license bill that was amended yesterday. It simply allows honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, if they choose, to have their veteran status reflected on their Nevada driver’s license. Many states have already done this; it is very popular with veterans groups. I want to thank the informal veterans’ caucus within this Body for co-sponsoring this bill along with the other co-sponsors. It was unanimously passed out of the Senate Committee on Transportation and I urge your support.
Roll call on Senate Bill No. 244:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 244 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 288.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Brower.
Senate Bill No. 288 is a minor cleanup bill. In 2009 the Nevada Legislature passed a uniform act dealing with debt collection. As they say, no good deed goes unpunished. Shortly thereafter, the Federal Trade Commission changed its regulations dealing with this issue, thus resulting in the uniform act and the Nevada Revised Statutes no longer making sense. This bill is intended to remedy that problem. It received unanimous support in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. I would like to thank the Chair of that Committee for shepherding this bill. I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 288:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 288 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 302.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Brower.
Senate Bill No. 302 provides that if a taxicab company regulated by the Nevada Transportation Authority requires an employee, prospective employee, lessee, or prospective lessee to submit to a test for the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance and the person tests positive, the taxicab company is required to: (1) maintain a record of the results of the test; (2) provide a record of the results of the test to the Nevada Transportation Authority; and (3) release a record of the test results to another taxicab company upon request and certain conditions. This is a common-sense passenger safety bill. I would like to thank my friend, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation for his leadership on this issue over the years and the Committee as a whole for its support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 302:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 302 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 310.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Ford.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Senate Bill No. 310 deletes the requirement that a financial institution operating an electronic terminal must disclose certain fees on a sign posted on or in clear view of the electronic terminal. It also authorizes a State-chartered bank to engage in a derivative transaction with the consent and written approval of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions. Senate Bill No. 310 provides that the total outstanding loans of such a bank, for the purpose of calculating the lending limit of the bank, must include the credit exposure of the bank arising from certain transactions including derivative transactions. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 310:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 310 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 316.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Denis, Settelmeyer and Manendo.

Senator Denis:
Senate Bill No. 316 requires a contractor to dispose of solid waste produced by the construction, alteration, repair, maintenance or demolition of any building, structure or other improvement work at a materials recovery facility that has been approved to operate pursuant to regulations of the State Environmental Commission, if such a facility is located within 30 miles of the work site. Thank you and I urge your support.

Senator Settelmeyer:
I spoke with the Majority Leader earlier about this bill. I received an email from a constituent who works in Reno who expressed concern about creating a situation where you tell someone that everything in a certain mile radius that it has to go to a certain facility, and the result being it enables that facility to set its own price.

I support the concept of this bill completely. Perhaps as the bill moves forward through the legislative process, this price concern can be addressed. I appreciate the bill working to promote recycling.

Senator Denis:
Currently there is not a materials recovery facility in the Reno area so it would not apply today. However, anyone can create a materials recovery facility. If someone were to create one and try to raise their prices as described by my colleague from Senate District No. 17, a second facility could be created to create competition. We see several facilities in Southern Nevada keeping each other in check in just this way.

Senator Manendo:
I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 316. I have been a huge proponent of recycling over the years. I think this is an important piece of legislation. We keep piling everything into our landfills. This is not only a green bill but it is also a job-creating bill for our State. If we really get creative in Nevada—and this bill helps us move in that direction—recycling has the potential to employ tens of thousands of new jobs. It will expand the business sector as well. I support this legislation and I thank the Majority Leader for bringing it forward.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 316:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.
Senate Bill No. 316 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 364.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Atkinson.
Senate Bill No. 364 makes permissive, rather than mandatory, the task of governmental agencies ensuring that personal information contained in documents submitted to the agency prior to 2007 is either kept confidential or removed from the documents. It also revises provisions concerning branch offices where marriage licenses may be obtained in a county with a population of 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) such that the county commission may, at the clerk’s request, designate up to five branch offices where marriage licenses may be issued.
Senate Bill No. 364 revises a prohibition against soliciting marriage ceremonies while on county courthouse property to apply to any county property where marriage licenses are issued. I urge your support for this clean-up language.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 364:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 364 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 402.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Roberson.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 402 which reduces the late fee a real estate broker, broker-salesperson or salesperson must pay to renew a license that has expired to $100 within one year of expiration, in addition to the amount otherwise required for renewal. It also authorizes a person to renew a permit upon payment of a $20 fee within one year of expiration, in addition to the amount otherwise required for renewal and compliance with any other requirement relating to the renewal of such a permit. This bill is effective on July 1, 2013. I ask my colleagues for their support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 402:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 402 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 432.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Spearman.
Senate Bill No. 432 requires each operator of a taxicab business to post a sign in each taxicab that it operates notifying passengers of the maximum penalties for committing an assault or battery upon a taxicab driver. This bill is effective on October 1, 2013.
The sign should read as or be similar to: “WARNING: ASSAULT UPON A TAXICAB DRIVER IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON. BATTERY UPON A TAXICAB DRIVER IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON.”
Roll call on Senate Bill No. 432:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—No.

Senate Bill No. 432 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 477.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Woodhouse.
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Senate Bill No. 477 enacts the recommendations of the Committee to Study a New Method of Funding Public Schools by placing in statute the factors currently considered by the Department of Education in the calculation of the basic support guarantee per pupil for each school district. The bill further requires the Department of Education, at least every six years, to conduct a review of these factors and to evaluate, and revise if necessary, the method for allocating special education program units. Lastly, the bill requires the Department of Education to develop and to post on the Department of Education’s website, an informational pamphlet concerning the administration of the State’s existing school finance model known as the “Nevada Plan.”

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 477:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 477 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 489.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Goicoechea.
Senate Bill No. 489 extends the June 30, 2014, deadline by which the State Board of Finance can issue general obligation bonds to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of this State known as “Q1 bonds,” until June 30, 2019, under the same terms and conditions approved by the voters at the general election held on November 5, 2002. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. We had $200 million worth of bonding and unfortunately not the bonding capacity. There are a number of worthy projects in the State that are shovel ready if we can get the bonding capacity. I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 489:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 489 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 497.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Atkinson and Denis.
SENATOR ATKINSON:

Senate Bill No. 497 prohibits a dental care plan from requiring a dentist to accept a fee set by the plan for any services other than services covered in the plan. In addition, a dental care organization or third-party administrator is prohibited from making available any dentists in its network to a dental care plan that sets fees for any dental care except covered services. The measure also requires a dentist to charge a patient the same fee for a covered service when reimbursement is not available as the dentist would have charged the patient pursuant to the terms of the policy if the benefit provided for the calendar year under the terms of the policy had not been exceeded.

When an individual exceeds his or her dental care limit with their provider as a result of a procedure such as a bridge which is costly, the patient must pick up the over charges. This bill would provide patient relief by allowing patients to have options within their plan that are at reduced rates.

SENATOR DENIS:

Does Senate Bill No. 497 impact the smaller insurance companies?

SENATOR ATKINSON:

To my knowledge, the bill applies to all insurance plans. It would affect anyone with dental insurance coverage. It would provide for the dental care facility to charge the patient the same rate as they would charge your insurance.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 497:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 497 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 506.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Senate Bill No. 506 repeals an obsolete provision of Nevada Revised Statutes that excludes from the definition of “unlawful employment practice” any action or measure taken by an employer or certain other entities against a person who is a member of the Communist Party or any other organization required to register as a Communist organization by final order of the Subversive Activities Control Board pursuant to the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950. This bill comes about from the Legislative Commission who is charged with going through obsolete statutes and bills and proposing to repeal them. Thank you and I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 506:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 506 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 507.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.
Senate Bill No. 507 repeal obsolete provisions in Nevada Revised Statutes relating to development corporations and corporations for revitalization and diversification. The bill deletes various statutory references to such corporations including all of Chapters 670 and 670A of Nevada Revised Statutes. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

During Committee testimony we realized no one has applied for any of these programs for more than 11 years. This bill is proposed by the Legislative Commission which is concerned with eliminating obsolete statutes.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 507:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 507 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 509.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 509 which provides for the continuation of a 2.5 percent room tax rate currently imposed within the City of Sparks. It was originally approved pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 205 during the 2003 Legislative Session and is scheduled to expire upon the repayment of bonds issued using the room tax proceeds. It becomes effective upon passage and approval. The funding from this room tax revenue goes to help with redevelopment in downtown Sparks. I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 509:
YEAS—21.
NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 509 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Segerblom, Denis, Cegavske and Settelmeyer.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM: Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 tries to bring Nevada into conformity with the rest of the United States. It is time that we come out of the past history of being a modest little State and recognize we are a large State, we have major problems and we can no longer afford to come to Carson City every other year. This resolution tries to address the issue by providing for annual legislative Sessions without increasing the number of days over the two-year period but it divides it up to 90 days of legislating in odd years and 30 days of legislating during the even years.

I am sure there will be complaints by some from the northern part of the State who may be concerned this is an effort to move the capital to Southern Nevada. That is not the case. We are trying to allow the people of Southern Nevada—75 percent of the State’s population—to have an opportunity to see the Legislature in action for a week or two during each Session which is important for this institution.

One of the things that has happened to the Nevada Legislature as a result of term limits and restricting the number of days we meet, we have become more irrelevant and more ineffective. We need to raise our profile; we need to stand up and say we are proud of what we do and we
can no longer meet every other year like we have been doing. This State is too big, our issues are too important and things move too fast to have to wait two years to have to rectify problems.

I should clarify that we are not today to have annual Legislative Sessions, we are voting to have the voters of Nevada decide if we should have annual Sessions. A vote for this resolution does not indicate you support annual Sessions, it means you are open to the people of Nevada telling you what they think about it. If it passes this year, it will come back in two years and be on the ballot in 2016. We are talking about the future but these things need to be planned. We need to modernize, especially by 2017. Thank you. I urge your support.

SENATOR DENIS:

Does Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 also provide for a commission to meet during the Interim? The commission would get input from non-Legislators in the community.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

To the Majority Leader, that is a separate bill that is coming. The bill proposes to appoint a commission that will not include any current Legislators. They will be asked to look at this issue around the State and report back to us. They will report back to the Legislature prior to the 2015 Legislative Session which is when the Legislature would vote on this resolution a second time. If they come back and say this is a bad idea, we follow their recommendation. It allows us to get important public input but because of the length of time this takes, we don’t want to wait any longer. The goal is to push forward this year, have the commission meet and then come back in two years. If everyone agrees we will vote again. It then goes on the 2016 ballot.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

I want to thank my colleague from Senate District No. 3 for bringing this issue before Committee. I reluctantly stand today to say I will not be supporting the bill. I have had the time to contemplate, ask some questions and get more information.

I do support annual Legislative Sessions; I am very supportive of the concept. I spoke with the sponsor of the resolution about my concerns and he has made many concessions, removing several portions of the original bill that needed to be replaced.

There are items that remain of concern to me. First, I am concerned about the provision addressing calendar days and legislative days: in using legislative days, the proposal will result in adding 45 more days to our time in Session. That is a concern. Second, let’s talk about voting in Carson City. I look at this historically—this is the capital of Nevada and it is where we should be voting. I am from Las Vegas and I appreciate that we are able to meet down there; I think we should continue to do that.

I am grateful for my colleague from Senate District No. 3 who was willing to look at, and put into regulation, the removal of the Interim Finance Committee and the Legislative Commission. This is appropriate if annual Sessions become a reality. That is important. It is also important to continue interim committees and studies; those meetings can be held in Las Vegas as well as other parts of the State.

The important part for me in making the decision was considering if we did vote down in Las Vegas, where would we vote? There are no accommodations for all 63 Legislators. It will come with a cost. Even if each House meets separately, I don’t think we could get the space to do it without incurring expenses. At this time, I don’t think it’s prudent to put money toward that. I believe every one of you should be paid for every day you work—every single one of you should be compensated for the days you work.

If a commission is what you feel needs to be added in order to make this sound, I will look for that other bill. I want to reiterate that I thank my colleague from Senate District No. 3 for proposing this legislation; I think he is on the right track. I offered a few amendments to him and I still have them on my table if he would like to accept them. I would love to work this out with him. The offer stands.

I also thank the Chair of the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections for allowing me to change my vote.
SENATOR SETTLEMeyer:

I appreciate the concept of this resolution. Within Section 1 of Article 4 of the Nevada Constitution, as well as in Section 1 of Article 15, one House of the Legislature is prohibited from adjourning to another location during a regular or special session without the consent of the other House. In other words, we could adjourn to a different location today if both Houses agree. We already have that ability. This Body has done this in the past.

We have repeatedly asked the voters at the ballot box about our compensation and this resolution seeks to change that; see lines 18 and 19 on page 2 of the legislative digest. To me, it is wrong for an employee to tell an employer to change their salaries. Our employers are the citizens of the State of Nevada and it’s not proper to leave that part to our decision. I oppose this legislation.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:

To briefly respond to my colleague from Senate District No. 8 on the issue of calendar days versus legislative days, you are correct that the resolution, as written, would allow 90 legislative days in odd years out of a total of 120. As you know, when we are here in Carson City, we spend time doing very little because we have to allow our staff to catch up. This would allow us to take a week or two break in the middle of things at a crossover time. The number of days we actually work would be very similar and we would only get paid for the 90 days, so the paid days would be the same.

To my colleague from Senate District No. 17, we have removed the salary piece and there is no provision in here for money. The resolution says the Legislature will, at some point, approve their salary. Again, this will go to a vote of the people so effectively our employer would decide our compensation.

Roll call on Senate Joint Resolution No. 8:
YEAS—11.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President Pro Tempore declared it passed.

Resolution ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair. Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 3:26 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 3:55 p.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 94, 198 and 235, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.
KELVIN ATKINSON, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Education, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 305, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.
JOYCE WOODHOUSE, Chair
Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 314, 356, 420 and 476, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Senate Bill Nos. 27, 45, 60, 101, 106, 131, 140, 177, 192, 226 and 373, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

Tick Segerblom, Chair

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Segerblom moved that Senate Bill Nos. 192 and 314, just reported out of committee, be immediately placed on the Second Reading File for this legislative day.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 192.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Judiciary:

Amendment No. 379.

Senator Kihuen moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Kihuen.

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Amendment No. 379 to Senate Bill No. 192 clarifies that the prohibitions of the measure do not apply to or affect the decision of a governmental entity to grant or deny to religious organizations any appropriation or other money or benefit, or any tax exemption or other type of tax relief. It also clarifies that the prohibitions do not establish or eliminate any claim or defense in a civil or criminal action brought under a federal or state civil rights law.

Finally, it clarifies that the prohibitions protect the acts of religious organizations regarding the employment, education or volunteer service of a person who performs any religious duties for a religious organization, such as spreading or teaching faith, performing devotional services or participating in internal governance of the religious organization.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 314.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Denis:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. We have guests here today in honor of Nevada Library Day at the Legislature.

I began my public service as a library trustee. I am not sure where in my life I figured out what a library trustee did, but I grew up always wanting to someday become a library trustee. It wasn’t in my vision to be a State Senator or Assemblyman—I wanted to be a library trustee. Part of that was because I grew up going to libraries. As a little Latino kid, I would go to the library and travel the whole world through reading books and magazines. I learned a lot going to libraries.

As a young adult coming out of college, I was at the library and a club was meeting on computers. I decided to join that club and learn about computers. Within a short period of time—this was back when personal computers were just emerging—I decided I wanted to work with computers for a living. My ultimate career decision started right there in the library.
My wife and I have five kids and we have been taking them from the time they were little and could enjoy “lap sit” to learn to read. They learned about books. We would go to the library as a family and everyone would max out their card with books—like 30 books each! We had a big carrier to haul all of those heavy books home. We would read them all and then go back to the library for another batch. All of my kids love to read and they are also all good students who love to learn. I think a part of that is they have learned to love to read.

I appreciate my service as a library trustee; it opened my eyes to public service. I appreciate the librarians who, each and every day, do so much for the rest of us. Even though we have had substantial budget cuts over the last few years and that has resulted in difficult decisions on closing libraries on certain days, making them inaccessible during certain hours and reducing their materials budgets, libraries still change lives. I appreciate the librarians being here with us today.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE PARKS:**
Thank you, Senator Denis. I grew up in a small town in New Hampshire and the library there was funded through a trust. It was an old gothic building with beautiful architecture. The thing I remember most is the musty smell of the books; it’s stuck in my mind. It was surprising how very much was there. The librarian was so eager to have young people come into the facility and use it. It is a wonderful memory.

**SENATOR ROBERSON:**
I appreciate the comments made by the Majority Leader. I have a similar story. I grew up in a small town in Kansas; I was a poor kid in a poor town where no one went to college. I spent many a day and night at the library as a kid. It was a significant reason for why I did go on to college and law school, and may be why I am standing here today. Thank you for your story. It means a lot to me and I can certainly relate.

**SENATOR BROWER:**
I would like to also welcome everyone here for Nevada Library Day. I appreciate the Majority Leader’s comments and I can certainly relate to the Minority Leader’s comments. For those of you who are from Las Vegas, I can remember as a kid riding my bike to the little branch library that was located in the strip mall behind the old Wonder World on Decatur. I think it was in Senate District No. 3, but it is no longer there. I have fond memories of that library branch.

**GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR**
On request of Senator Brower, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. James Jempsa.

On request of Senator Denis, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Sara Jones.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Laura Oki.

On request of Senator Jones, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dr. Veronica Sutherland.

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy Cummings and Bob Kieckhefer.

On request of Senator Roberson, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Joan Dalusung.

On request of Senator Segerblom, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tammy Westergard.
On request of Senator Smith, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Arnie Maurins and Dr. Douglas Vacek.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Colleen Bell.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.
Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Approved: DAVID R. PARKS
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest: DAVID A. BYERMAN
Secretary of the Senate