Senate called to order at 11:29 a.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Roll called.
All present.
Prayer by Mr. Joel Ferguson, Soka Gakkai International-USA, Las Vegas.
Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity. Mr. President, your comment at the end of my prayer yesterday reminded me of the humanity of all who are gathered in the Senate today. Rather than offer you flowery words of praise and hope, I will seek to demystify Buddhism a little bit.
I pray that you are all doing just fine adjusting to your new positions as Nevada senators.
Perhaps though, some of you may be struggling to get comfortable with your new responsibilities. Buddhism came into existence to eliminate human suffering.
Buddhism teaches the concept of the ten worlds, or ten states of being, from which all people experience life. The first six of these conditions: hell, hunger, animality, anger, tranquility and rapture are called the lower worlds or evil paths because they lead to greed, arrogance and foolishness, which cause unhappiness. In those states we are only focused on our own wants and needs.
The four higher conditions: learning, realization, altruism and enlightenment are called the Four Noble Worlds because in those worlds we are just as concerned about helping others as we are ourselves, which brings about happiness for everyone. Most of us bounce around in hell, hunger, animality and anger because we are at the mercy of the negativity of our environment. Some of us get to tranquility or rapture but are usually dragged back down.
If you combine this with the other Buddhist concept that everything is based on cause and effect, then when we are in the lower life conditions we make decisions which bring about our own displeasure and we have difficulty getting along with others so nothing turns out right. Life is therefore unsatisfying. This is how we create negative karma. However, when we make decisions from our higher life conditions, our actions reflect the spirit of cooperation, compassion and concern, which makes everyone happy. Thus, life is more satisfying. When we are willing to break the hard shell of our lesser self to reveal our true enlightened nature, our greater self is able to emerge, and our own personal experience of our life, our job, our relationships and our mission becomes one of joy, and our frustrations dissipate. This is how we create good karma.
Admittedly, it is difficult to muster the spirit of compassion or cooperation with someone who just wants to fight with us. The way we Buddhists get to that higher state is by saying the phrase Nam Myoho Renge Kyo over and over. As we end our prayer please join me again in reciting the title of the Lotus Sutra three times. I know you’ll get it right by the end of this week. Here we go: Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The President 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 Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 488, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 404, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Denis, Roberson; Assemblymen Kirkpatrick, Hickey and Horne:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Expressing the determination of the Nevada Legislature that Nevada is the optimal location for unmanned aircraft system development and testing.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada has a long and distinguished history of directly contributing to the national security and defense of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, This State is indebted to the dedicated and selfless men and women assigned to Fallon Naval Air Station, Creech Air Force Base, Nellis Air Force Base and auxiliary fields, and the Reserve and National Guard units across the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada’s military operations have attracted the aerospace, defense and national security industry to Nevada, and have led to increased technological advances and important supporting relationships with our universities, research laboratories and technical colleges; and

WHEREAS, National security and defense sectors are increasingly important to Nevada’s economy, as they provide and support approximately 190,000 jobs and generate more than $18 billion in revenue; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid economic impact of military operations would not have been possible without the past and continuing congressional, state and local support; and

WHEREAS, Our military investments, military expertise, technically trained workforce and geographic and climatic diversity have positioned the State of Nevada well to retain its military operations and compete for next-generation technology projects; and

WHEREAS, Remotely piloted aircraft, cyberspace and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission areas will be high-priority areas of defense and national security budgets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby endorse the promotion of efforts to support the establishment of Nevada as the “Silicon Valley” of unmanned aircraft systems education, testing, research and manufacture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That:

1. As military spending continues to be downsized in the foreseeable future, the State of Nevada must look to find ways to sustain and expand its direct support of the national security and defense sectors;

2. This State should specifically leverage its Congressional and State Leadership, current military expertise, technical workforce, geographical, climate diversity and vast aerospace to
provide a concerted effort to aggressively pursue the high-priority requirements of the United States Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration;

3. The State of Nevada must compete to be selected as one or more of the six national test ranges under the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act that directs the Federal Aviation Administration in coordination with the United States Department of Defense, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine how to safely operate unmanned aircraft systems in shared national airspace; and

4. The creation of these test ranges will mark the first step in what will undoubtedly be a long-range process, leading to a common-day occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly together in the national airspace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Nevada is an optimal location for unmanned aircraft system development and testing, and would be honored to be one of the sites selected for such testing and development.

Senator Denis moved the adoption of the resolution.
Remarks by Senator Denis.
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 concerns unmanned aircraft systems, also known as drones. In accordance with the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act, the Federal Aviation Administration, in coordination with the United States Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, will determine how to safely operate unmanned aircraft systems in shared national airspace. Six national sites for the development and testing of these systems will be chosen for what will be a long process culminating in a common-day occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly together in the national airspace.

Given our State’s military investments, military expertise, technically-trained workforce and geographic and climatic diversity, Nevada is well positioned to be one of the six development and testing sites. Having one of these sites in Nevada would result in a significant economic benefit for our State while at the same time, it would allow us to participate in a complex project of notable national significance.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 asserts that Nevada is an optimal location for this type of testing and development and expresses that it would be an honor for our State to contribute to this important undertaking. With that, I urge your support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.
Motion carried.
Senator Denis moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.
Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT
Assembly Bill No. 43.
Bill read second time and ordered to General File and third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 115.
Bill read second time and ordered to General File and third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 127.
Bill read second time and ordered to General File and third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 192.
Bill read second time and ordered to General File and third reading.
GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 175.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Spearman.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 175 allows an overseas voter, and a uniformed-service voter and his or her spouse and dependents, to sign documents for voter registration, balloting and other voting related documents, using a digital or electronic signature. The Secretary of State shall adopt regulations setting forth the duties of local elections officials upon receipt of military-overseas ballots. This bill is effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting regulations, and on January 1, 2014, for all other purposes. According to testimony, the bill further implements provisions of the Uniformed Military and Overseas Absentee Voters Act enacted in the 2011 Session and codified in Chapter 293D of Nevada Revised Statutes. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 175:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 175 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senator Kieckhefer moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:41 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:45 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

Senate Bill No. 510.

The following Assembly amendment was read:

Amendment No. 587.

Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in the Assembly amendment to Senate Bill No. 510.

Remarks by Senators Smith and Kieckhefer.

Senator Smith:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Body may recall that Senate Bill No. 510 was processed very quickly in an effort to give the school districts greater flexibility in when they offer their contracts to contracted employees. Because of budget uncertainty, it helps them avoid issuing layoff notices and then rescinding those notices. When Senate Bill No. 510 arrived at the Assembly, the Clark County School District asked to be exempted, resulting in Amendment No. 587 to Senate Bill No. 510. The bill, if amended, will still benefit the 16 other school districts in our State. Thank you.
SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am happy to support Amendment No. 587 given the Clark County School District requested it. However, I don’t see the need for the amendment. A provision of the bill states it is possible to issue notices earlier if a school district wishes. Thank you.

Motion carried by a constitutional majority.
Bill ordered enrolled.

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary of the Senate signed Senate Bill No. 510.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Maria Dent and William O'Donnell.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 12:00 noon.
Motion carried.
Senate adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Approved:  BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
President of the Senate

Attest:  DAVID A. BYERMAN  
Secretary of the Senate

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