Senate called to order at 9:56 a.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Roll called.
All present except for Senator Woodhouse who was excused.
Prayer by the Chaplain Laureate, Pastor, Albert Tilstra, Seventh-day Adventist Church, Fallon.
Father of Lights, You are light and in You there is no darkness. Your word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. I beseech You therefore, to enable these servants of Yours to see clearly the issues set before them today. Grant them the wisdom and the courage necessary to make good decisions in the best interest of all the citizens of the great State of Nevada.
I pray in the Name of the One whose light still shines brightly.

AMEN.

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 were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 505, 507 and 511, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Revenue and Economic Development, to which were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 46 and 138, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RUBEN J. KIHUEN, Chair
To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 56, 390, 395, 452, 464, 465, 481, 490, 502, 515, 518.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 512.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 407, Amendment No. 948; Senate Bill No. 467, Amendment No. 900; Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, Amendment No. 911, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendments.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day concurred in the Senate Amendment No. 874 to Assembly Bill No. 24; Senate Amendment No. 932 to Assembly Bill No. 145; Senate Amendment No. 934 to Assembly Bill No. 153; Senate Amendment No. 928 to Assembly Bill No. 226.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day respectfully refused to concur in the Senate Amendment No. 916 to Assembly Bill No. 139.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day appointed Assemblemen Healey, Carrillo and Ellison as a Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 379.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
Assembly Bill No. 38.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 239.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 360.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 367.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 512.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.
MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill Nos. 38, 239, 360, 367 and 512 be referred en bloc to the committees set forth above.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 322.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Manendo.

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 322 revises the membership of the Department of Transportation’s Board of Directors by removing the Attorney General from the board and increasing the number of appointed members from three to four.

The bill was introduced with the purpose of updating the governance of the State Board of Transportation. The original intent was to have representation on the Board of Transportation reflected in the State’s population with one voice, or member, of the Board for every 250,000 people using the model of the Board of Regents with districts reflective of the population. Today’s Nevada population is 2,759,000. Southern Nevada’s population is 2,250,000. The Transportation Board is responsible for directing the Nevada Department of Transportation and recommending transportation projects, many of which are funded with federal dollars based on population formulas. Those dollars are usually distributed to projects within our State based on population formula.

Our current Board of Transportation design was implemented in 1957. We have not changed the Board since then. The Governor chairs the Board, and we appreciate our Lieutenant Governor’s service as well. Let’s go back to 1957. All cars were made in America. Sinatra was the king. The Las Vegas Strip was in its infancy. Tropicana Hotel opens. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, holds its first class. Nevada’s population is approximately 285,000 people, and Southern Nevada’s population was about 127,000 people.

Senate Bill No. 322 as adopted by the Senate Committee on Finance reflects the population of 1970, with one additional voice for Southern Nevada. We moved from 1957 to 1970—43 years ago when Nixon was president, the Watergate break-in had not yet occurred. Elvis was the King. The Las Vegas Hilton opened. Howard Hughes leaves Las Vegas after becoming Nevada’s largest private employer, largest casino owner and largest private property owner. Nevada’s population was 488,000 people. Southern Nevada had a population of 304,000 people.

Southern Nevada would like more of a voice in transportation issues and projects. Federal funding of transportation is allocated to states based on a population formula. It is not too much to ask that those funds be distributed along the federal formula just as most other states reallocate those dollars within their borders. We do appreciate Southern Nevada getting an additional voice on the Board. It is a very important piece of legislation for our State. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 322:

YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 322 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 357.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Roberson and Atkinson.
SENATOR ROBERSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 357 enacts the Nevada New Markets Job Act. The measure allows certain business entities to receive a credit against the premium tax imposed on insurance companies in exchange for investing in a qualified community development entity, particularly those that are local and minority-owned. The bill also requires certified development entities to make qualified low-income community investments in businesses located in severely distressed census tracts.

The bill sets forth the application procedures, as well as the requirements the Department of Business and Industry must follow when determining whether to approve or disapprove an application. The measure provides for the recapture of tax credits under the provisions of the bill if certain conditions are met, as well as an exception from recapture. The bill also requires the Director of the Department of Business and Industry to review the qualified community development entities annually and report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, for transmittal to the Legislature, concerning the impact of the program on the economy and the compliance of the qualified community development entities with the provisions of this bill. Further, the bill sets forth the amount of the performance fee that a qualified community development entity must include with an application made to the department and procedure for obtaining a refund of such a fee. The bill becomes effective on October 1, 2013, for starting the program, and upon passage and approval for passing regulations and administrative preparatory tasks. I encourage my colleagues to support Senate Bill No. 357. Thank you.

SENATOR ATKINSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. I joined my colleague in sponsoring Senate Bill No. 357. I would like to thank him for his willingness to put me on as a co-sponsor, especially given he did all of the work. In listening to this bill in committee, it became evident to me this is a piece of legislation that would not only be good for the Minority Leader’s district and good legislation, but I think it is also good for the State including the folks I represent. I extend my thanks to him for inviting me to participate. I encourage my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 357:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 357 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 475.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Roberson, Settelmeyer, Smith, Goicoechea and Hutchison.

SENATOR ROBERSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 475 revises the Modified Business Tax on Nonfinancial Institutions by increasing the level of taxable wages that are exempt from the tax per quarter, from $62,500 to $85,000 through June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2015, the Modified Business Tax on Nonfinancial Institutions will revert to a flat rate of 0.63 percent on all taxable wages.

The bill continues the advanced payment of the tax on the net proceeds of minerals and royalties for two years by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, and also extends the expiration date for two years for which certain expenses are not allowed as deductions against gross proceeds. The bill also continues the $200 Business License fee by continuing the $100 increase for two years by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015. Finally, the bill continues the 2.6 percent sales tax rate by continuing the...
0.35 percent increase in the Local School Support Tax for two years by extending the expiration date from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. Section 1 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, 2015. Thank you.

Senator Settlemyer:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise with grave concerns on Senate Bill No. 475. I can agree with some of the things my colleague said such as raising the exemption level for the Modified Business Tax. However, I object to the concept of the sunsets because, one again, we are extending them when they are supposed to sunset. Businesses need predictability.

I see we are continuing to double the Business License fee. I have many small businesses in my district that have decided to not conduct their small businesses on the side that were providing income. I am not so sure how a prepayment on mines will work going forward, especially if the citizens of the State of Nevada decide to weigh in on a certain matter we passed earlier. An issue I hear about regularly when I go door to door is the basic government service tax. When I look at my trailer, the registration fee for the trailer is $44. Yet, my government service tax on that trailer is $187. The rainy day fund—if this State has a small hiccup and something goes wrong, what are we going to do? The reality is we will be right back here for a not-so-special special session. With these concerns, I cannot go forward lightly and vote for extending these sunsets. If we decide as a Body we need more money, we need to come back and on Day 1 of the next Legislative Session and discuss that in order to create some kind of certainty and predictability for the citizens and the businesses of this State. Thank you.

Senator Smith:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in reluctant support of Senate Bill No. 475 for a different reason than my colleague from Senate District No. 17. I am concerned about some of the instability as well. I think it would have been prudent for us to make the Business License fee increase permanent, for example. It has been in place for a few years as a $200 fee.

I have greater concern about lowering the Modified Business Tax that is a cost to the budget of a little more than $25 million over the biennium. That benefit goes to businesses of all sizes, big and the very largest benefit in addition to small businesses. At a time when we are sweeping the rainy day fund, at a time when we are taking $150 million from the Highway Fund, we could have well used that money for some jobs. That money is better used in the Highway Fund where it can be bonded rather than using it dollar for dollar in the General Fund.

This is a team sport here, and as a team player I know I need to support this bill so that our budget is balanced. We have done some good things in the budget and I am very happy about that. I support Senate Bill No. 475 and I look forward to doing better next time. Thank you.

Senator Goicoechea:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 475. It is the only way we can balance a good budget sent to us from the Governor. In it there is a tax decrease for some of our small businesses which they clearly need. We are climbing out of the hole. We have to be very careful that we do not hiccup. I am supportive of the bill and the Governor’s budget. I urge my colleagues to support it as well. Thank you.

Senator Hutchison:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 475, I look forward to the day that we will no longer have to tax payroll in order to fund government. I think most who seriously consider tax policy, believe that a payroll tax is a mistake. As we are trying to grow our State economy and trying to be as pro-business and as pro-growth as we reasonably can be, I agree with the Governor that we ought to be focused on economic growth opportunities to grow our way out of some of these fiscal challenges that we have faced during the last several years.

I am the one who signs the check to cover payroll taxes every quarter in my own business. I believe the payroll tax does impede business growth and it does impede and hinder job creation. I think we need to find ways to accomplish real tax reform—I am not here to give you all the answers but there have been some in this Body who have suggested that mining tax reform can be a big part of what the answer is in the future. I hope that subject is on the table in the future. I hope the margins tax that will be on the ballot in 2014 will not be successful. Far more than the
payroll tax, it will be a disaster for businesses. We need to consider at other approaches. That is why I have supported a strong evaluation of mining tax reform throughout this Legislative Session. It will help us solve some of the challenges the State has faced financially.

I will be supporting Senate Bill No. 475. As my colleague from rural Nevada has indicated, it is necessary for us to close out the budget. I ran as a candidate in support of this concept when asked during the course of the campaign, and I am committed to the Governor’s budget and his plan to fund that budget. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 475:
YEAS—17.
NAYS—Cegavske, Gustavson, Settelmeyer —3.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 475 having received two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 46.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Kihuen, Smith, Gustavson, Hutchison, Goicoechea, Spearman, Settelmeyer, Kieckhefer, Hardy, Denis, Cegavske, Roberson and Brower.

SENATOR KIHUEN:
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 46 authorizes the board of county commissioners in a county whose population is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000 (Washoe County), to impose an additional sales and use tax rate of one-quarter percent for deposit in the school district’s fund for capital projects. The bill also authorizes the board of county commissioners to impose an additional property tax rate of 5 cents per $100 of assessed value for deposit to this fund. The imposition of the additional sales and use tax rate or the additional property tax rate requires approval by a two-thirds majority of the members of the board and must occur on or before January 1, 2014.

The property tax rate is exempt from the provisions of Section 453 of Chapter 361 of Nevada Revised Statutes, which limits the total combined property tax rate in any district to $3.64 per $100 of assessed value. The property tax rate is also not subject to the partial abatements that were approved by the Legislature pursuant to Assembly Bill 489 of the 2005 Session. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 46. This is not my preference for the way this bill would look. I am concerned about this being enabling only; my preference was it would be a stronger bill that would truly assure something for the schools in Washoe County. The lack of designated funding in Washoe County for school maintenance and repair, as Clark County has, is so detrimental. With the recession and the decline in property values there is no money left for the Washoe County School District to do anything about our schools. Over half of our schools are in a serious aging position. We have schools 50- and 60-years old. We cannot have the current technology in schools of that age. We cannot have the type of facility that kids are going to school in across town with no funding.

In 1997 this Legislative Body gave the Clark County School District two funding streams dedicated to school maintenance and repair that Washoe County School District never had access to. Over the years, while one school district has been able to earn tens of millions, if not hundreds of millions, of dollars for school repair, Washoe County has fallen further behind.

Assembly Bill No. 46 is not the perfect bill but it does give us an opportunity to go to the Board of County Commissioners and make the case of how desperately the Washoe County School District needs this funding source. I urge you to truly think about the need for the
taxpayers to be able to keep up the buildings that the taxpayers own. It is an important part of this—every month that goes by when a school isn’t being maintained means we are shirking our duties. We can’t fix the roofs, the parking lots or the windows.

Beyond that we have safety issues for these children. We owe this to the children in this school district. We should not be giving them facilities that are not equitable because they are nowhere near the newer schools. They sure need to be improved. They need to be kept up in a better fashion with technology, with windows you can see through, with doors that can be locked for security purposes. We have a lot of security issues in today’s world, and we need to make sure these schools are safe. I don’t want that on my watch, and I would hope you don’t want it on yours either. I really encourage your support and if you have the opportunity and this bill passes, please encourage the Washoe County Commission to do something for their schools.

Thank you.

SENIOR GUSTAVSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have visited schools in Washoe County, and I know there is a major need out there we need to take care of. As I understand Assembly Bill No. 46, the Legislature is creating a mechanism to allow a school district in one county to lend their permission to their local county commissioners to raise taxes on all of the citizens. Doing it this way gives legislators an out by saying to the voters later, “We didn’t raise your taxes.” So crafty is this idea that it does not even require two-thirds majority vote in the Legislature to approve the scheme. Thus begins the slippery slope that allows a procedure to take root in all the counties. Such a clever idea is described by some as thinking outside the box; many of you pat each other on the back and declare, “Victory due to bipartisan support.”

Ever since I have been a legislator, I have watched repeatedly as record-breaking taxes were raised on our citizens. Every Session we return to the tune that it is still not enough. I keep hearing that tax increases are the only options, but I disagree. I ask where is all of the bipartisan support for prevailing wage reform? Very little has been done to get needed reforms that so many spoke about earlier on prevailing wage costs. We could easily expand the construction and maintenance of public projects if we were to bring a prevailing wage structure closer to what we experienced in the private sector. There was study done on prevailing wage costs in Washoe County. The study matched prevailing wage rates against comparable occupations and discovered that the inflated cost in wages alone amounted to a 44 percent increase. If we could see reforms in this area, the school districts would be better able to complete more projects and provide for better job sustainability. Instead, the only option seems to be to ask more and more from the very same people who are still unemployed, and who still have their own roofs to replace and houses to repair.

The economy is still bad. This tax increase will hit everyone, and no sunset is being offered. Not that the sunsets would make much difference at this point anyway. The property tax limit in Washoe County is already over the cap. When is a cap really a cap? When is a sunset really a sunset? Is it any wonder why so many distrust politicians? It is this type of policy implementation that causes a citizenry to be suspicious of their legislators. This is a local issue—let the local voters decide. For us to skirt our duties, and circumvent our Nevada Constitution by discovering a new scheme to allow taxes to be raised without allowing the voice of the people is poor policy that will soon bleed into the other counties. Assembly Bill No. 46 is a bad piece of legislation. I ask your no vote on this bill. Thank you.

SENIOR HUTCHISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the opportunity to address the merits of Assembly Bill No. 46. I am in support of the bill. I want to address the objections I have received through communications—I have had some in support, but others are strongly opposed to this measure. The first issue raised by some is that the Legislature is raising taxes, and that this Body should not raise taxes. If we were raising taxes, the President of the Senate would tell us this is a two-thirds vote. But it is not a two-thirds vote. This is enabling legislation. The Legislature is not raising taxes on anyone. What we are saying is that this is a local issue, let’s let a local elected body make a decision on this local issue. So we aren’t raising taxes, we are allowing and enabling a local body to do that, if in fact they decide that is what they wish to do.
Another point that has been raised in opposition is that somehow this bill circumvents the two-thirds’ vote obligation of the Legislature. It does not. By the express terms of this legislation, two-thirds of the Washoe County Commission would have to approve any tax increase; I am told that means four-fifths of that body.

Beyond that I want to address a larger principal, and that is the idea that somehow allowing local legislative bodies to make a decision about tax policy is an abrogation of our responsibility, or it is unprincipled or imprudent. I embrace the Jeffersonian principle expressed by him and others that government closest to the people governs best. It is a principal that I believe many of my colleagues have embraced in other situations. For some reason now, we are told not to trust the local elected body in this instance the county commissioners who are directly accountable to the voters to make the decision. This is a representative form of government that we have here in this State. Unless you are going to legislate through the initiative process, the representatives of the people represent the people. If they do not like it, they vote their representatives out of office. If Washoe County voters decide the schools ought to crumble and fall apart, they will pay the price for that decision. Or they will vote out the county commissioners who don’t vote for the tax increases to address deteriorating schools.

With people as persuasive as my colleague from Senate District No. 13, advocates can stand up in front of the county commission and do what she did here today as can those of other like-minded people. If those county commissioners continue to reject their pleas for increased revenues, then Washoe County will get exactly what they asked for. And if Washoe County voters want more revenue, then they can vote out of office those representatives. That is representative government.

I do not have a lot of patience with the idea that at the State level we must stop any enabling legislation dealing with taxes. Why don’t we enable the local elected officials to do their jobs, and to respond to local needs? That is the best thing we can do. That is Jeffersonian. Those are conservative principles. Those are Republican and Democratic principles. I urge this Body to embrace those principles. It is good government. Assembly Bill No. 46 embraces good government, and I will be supporting it. Thank you.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:
Thank you, Mr. President. That was a very forceful statement by my colleague from Southern Nevada. There is no doubt there is a need in Washoe County. As a former county commissioner, I do appreciate the enabling language in Assembly Bill No. 46. My big concern is we are exceeding the property tax cap in that enabling language. I would have preferred the bill language did require a ballot question—let the voters approve it before we exceed the property tax cap. Thank you.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 46. I agree with my colleague from Sparks. In a perfect world, we probably wouldn’t have to do this. I have sat in the seat of school board president before, and I know how heart-wrenching it is to see things that need to be done for the students and you don’t have the money to do it. In a perfect world we would pass a budget that would take care of all of this. In a perfect world, everyone that does business in Nevada would invest in Nevada. We are not in a perfect world.

We expect our students to compete in a 21st century global economy and global workforce yet, we saddle them with materials and facilities that have not yet made it into the 19th century. As a former school board member, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation. It is necessary. Thank you.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with many of the things that have been said here today. One of the concerns I have was expressed by our colleague from Eureka. This should go to a vote of the people. In my district, as you well know, constituents are against the idea of raising taxes in general.

I helped out with a school bond just recently—I stuck my neck out a little bit because I agreed to the principles of it, and the citizens of our county voted for the additional funding. In our
Douglas County, we exceeded the property tax by a vote of the people for fire protection in the Tahoe Basin. So it is possible to go to a vote of the people.

My real concern is—as my predecessor Lynn Hettrick indicated to me—the concept of a “cap” was to help diffuse a revolt from the people coming with a “Prop 13”-type system; I am afraid we may start to spark that interest again. That is why I am opposed to Assembly Bill No. 46. Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I do not think I can more eloquently state some of the governmental principles than did my colleague from Senate District No. 6. Assembly Bill No. 46 has gone through a long process in coming to this Body. I have not been shy about saying I preferred the original version of this bill, and I would have supported this as a direct increase in taxes in Washoe County as my colleague from Senate District No. 13 stated. I made that commitment early, and I have not shed away from that. But this is the bill we have before us now. I am still proud to support it. This is something the schools in Washoe County need. The students and their families deserve this. They also deserve an opportunity to keep this process moving.

I want to stand on this floor and say thank you to all who have been involved in the process over the past interim, starting with the Washoe County School District, who is actively engaged, and the business community who really stepped up to advocate for a tax increase in their county in a way that I have never seen before—we had the Chamber of Commerce in support of it, along with realtors associations. Support was countywide including Incline Village, knowing that it was a property tax increase. The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada in support—a wide range of business groups came out in support: the Northern Nevada Builders’ Association, Association of General Contractors. They all recognized it as a community need, and the business community was ready to stand up and advocate for a tax increase. So were the parents. Parent Teachers Associations, Parent Leaders for Education, individual parents who reached out to us during the course of the interim advocating for this as a way to address a need in our county.

This has been a community effort. I am glad the community is going to have an opportunity to move forward and continue to press the case. I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill because I believe the majority of the community does. Thank you.

SENATOR HARDY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 46. I graduated from Sparks High School more than 45 years ago. When we look at the property tax cap, we are the only Body that can change that. We can talk about special wages and special capital improvements, but the bottom line is we have an economy that has not been flourishing in Northern Nevada for some time. It would be wise to allow the children that go to Sparks High School to have some better accommodations. There are not that many schools in Clark County that are as old as me. I support the bill as something we can give to the local community to do home rule. It will give them the accountability they need, and for our children to have better places to be educated. Thank you.

SENATOR DENIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with many of the comments that have been state this morning on Assembly Bill No. 46. I talk a lot about education and the things we do to help our kids. This is a commonsense way of being able to help school kids. As was mentioned before, in Clark County we have the opportunity to do some of these things. Many of the schools in my district have been able to get the repairs they need. I have been to schools in Washoe County; they need help. This is one way that has been put forth to do that. It gives the local folks an opportunity to weigh in on whether they think so too. I will be supporting this. Thank you.
SENATOR CEGAVSKE:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to Assembly Bill No. 46. I want to talk a little bit about Clark County since that was brought up. I remember the first bond issue in the 1980s. My husband was asked to be a part of that. It was defeated by the people. The last one we did in 2000 was also defeated by the people—the voters had the choice to say yes or no. The bond measures that passed did so during good times, when we had money and people felt comfortable and secure. Right now, my constituents do not feel comfortable and secure. That is why I have asked other legislation to go to a vote of the people instead of this. The people need to be the ones to say yes or no.

Emails I have received from people in the North ask to let them make the decision. They want to be the ones to tell everyone what they want and what they don’t. I thank everyone who are working hard on this. I understand the dilemma, but it is also called planning. Clark County did get some bonds approved. They are still struggling, but part of that has to do with costs: the cost of materials, the cost of labor. We have done nothing to address the latter. It was something I wish we would have addressed in this legislation this Session, but we have not. It affects what goes on and how the money is spent—we would have a lot more money to go around. However, this Body has not seen fit to do that. I think it hampers what we are doing for the schools. Thank you.

SENATOR ROBERSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to point out to anyone in this room who may not be aware, the amount of this tax on the average family in Washoe County is $8 per month. That is what we are talking about. I support the local government making a local government decision. They can determine if better schools—schools that aren’t falling down—is worth $8 per month. I stand in support of Assembly Bill No. 46. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH:
Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to make the point that the Minority Leader just made, so I thank him for doing so. I want to respond to the idea that the Legislature should not be sending this to the Washoe County Commission. If I thought we could have the votes out of this Body to do what has been done for at least one other county, I would do that in a heartbeat. We have tried most every session since I have been here to get some parity in that regard, and we have never been successful.

We had an interim committee after the 2005 Legislative Session that former Senator Townsend and former Assemblywoman Gansert served on with me. We came back with a recommendation that failed. We have tried every session to enable this school district to be able to have a revenue stream to take care of their schools, and we have not had any luck. Now we come here and we end up with a bill that simply enables the Washoe County Commission—with a super majority vote—to make a decision to help our schools. I am being told that is sneaky and nefarious about that—I resent that. This has been out in the open. It has been worked on for two years with many, many public meetings and opportunities to engage. As my colleague from Washoe County stated, there is unprecedented support in Washoe County with business and community leaders and organizations. This is a local problem with a local solution. I appreciate the debate this morning. I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR BROWER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I have sat here and listened to the various points made. I appreciate everyone’s point of view. Let me offer a few of my thoughts.

First, with respect to the idea that this should go to a vote of the people, I appreciate that. If the Washoe County Board of County Commission wants to do that, they will figure out a way. Let’s be honest about this: if every single decision to be made on behalf of the public was to go to a vote of the people, why have a legislature and why have a county commission? Why have a school board? Welcome to representative democracy. We are all elected to make decisions, sometimes very difficult ones. The same is true of our Washoe County Commissioners.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have a problem with respect to a lack of funding for capital improvement projects in Washoe County. If you agree there is a problem, this ought to be easy to vote for. I will say it again—and I will probably say it two or three more times before I sit
down. All this bill does is enable the County Commission in Washoe County to solve the problem, if they believe there is one, in the way they see fit. That is all it does.

If you believe in representative democracy, you have to love Assembly Bill No. 46. If you do not believe there is a problem with our schools and the capital funding of our schools in Washoe County, I would submit you have not toured the schools in your district. Go look at the schools—do not do a drive-by, don’t go to the nicest school in the most affluent part of your district, have a nice meet-and-greet with the principal, visit a class and read a story to the kids—look at the school. Go behind the scenes. Talk to the people at the school district who are responsible for the boilers and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems. Talk to the people who are responsible for the roofs that are leaking—like at Sparks High School. There is a problem, and there is no money to fix the problem.

All this bill would do is allow the County Commission to make a decision on how best to fix the problem. Because without statutory authority, the County Commission cannot do anything. Nor can the Washoe County School District do anything. The property tax cap we are talking about, that is our cap—we, the Legislature, imposed that cap. It is an artificial number we picked at some point in time. We can change it, and if we don’t change it nothing can be done and the problem cannot be solved. It is a local problem.

I agree with the Assistant Minority Leader on the overall goal here—we might disagree a bit on how to get there. I do not think. I do not think this Body should mandate that one county raise taxes. Think about that—mandate. Thou shall raise the property tax. Thou shall raise the sales tax. How does that make sense? What makes sense is this Body, because only this Body can do it, enable that one county to do what it thinks is best.

Again—a decision made at the local level by—remember this—elected officials, local representatives of the citizens of Washoe County. If the citizens of Washoe County do not want to raise these taxes, Washoe County Commissioners will hear about it. It ought to be their decision.

Sixty percent of the schools in Washoe County are older than 30 years. Twenty-five percent are more than 50-years old. There is a need. The County Commission ought to be able to evaluate that need, they ought to be able to have the flexibility to deal with it in the way it determines is best. Without this bill, it can’t do anything. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 46:
YEAS—16.
NAYS—Cegavske, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Settelmeyer—4.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 46 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 138.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Kihuen.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 138 allows a new or expanded business that makes a capital investment in an institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education to receive a partial abatement of taxes on personal property. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 138:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 138 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill No. 288 be taken from its place on the General File and placed at the bottom of the General File of this agenda.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 338
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Ford.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 338 requires a law enforcement officer or a prosecuting attorney to make a preliminary assessment of a person who reasonably appears to be a victim of human trafficking to determine whether the person may be eligible for State or federal compensation or assistance. If the victim appears to be eligible, the bill requires the officer or attorney to notify the victim regarding any assistance, compensation, or services that may be available, and how to apply.

Assembly Bill No. 338 also requires an owner or operator of an establishment who has been cited for maintaining a public nuisance relating to prostitution and the owner or operator of a mass transit facility to post at least one sign in a conspicuous location with resource information related to human trafficking. The sign must include the toll-free telephone number of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center for access to help, referral to services, and other information. The Department of Transportation and the Department of Business and Industry must also post the sign on their Internet websites. Finally, the measure requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a statewide plan for the delivery of services to victims of human trafficking, and requires the Department of Education to develop resource materials for distribution to school districts, school personnel, students and parents. This measure is effective on October 1, 2013. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 338:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 338 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 423
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Brower.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 423 addresses the issue of presentence investigation reports in criminal cases. It creates a rule for the submission of such reports by parole and probation to the court, and to defense counsel. For the period beginning October 1, 2013, and ending February 28, 2014, the disclosure must take place at least seven working days before sentencing. For the period beginning March 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2014, the disclosure must take place at least 14 working days before sentencing. And after October 1, 2014, the disclosure must take place at least 21 working days before sentencing. This is a matter that was the subject of much debate, discussion and hard work throughout the interim. I want to thank, in particular, the Clark County Public Defender Phil Cohen for leading the charge on this. This is a reasonable solution to what many of us perceive to be a fundamental fairness problem with respect to sentencing in the criminal context. I urge your support. Thank you.
Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 423:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 423 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 424.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Roberson.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 424 authorizes the State Fire Marshal or the State Board of Fire Services to issue an administrative citation to a person who has committed a violation of state fire regulations. The citation would order the offender to correct the violation, pay an administrative fine, and reimburse the State Fire Marshal or State Board of Fire Services for the expense incurred to investigate the violation. The citation must specify the time permitted for correcting the violation, to be not less than 15 business days. The bill also requires the State Board of Fire Services to establish by regulation a schedule of fines not to exceed $50,000, based on the severity and frequency of the violation. A written citation may be contested within 15 business days, but if the citation is not contested within that time, then the citation shall be deemed final and not subject to review by any court or agency. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval for adopting regulations, and on January 1, 2014, for all other purposes. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 424:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 424 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 472.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Roberson.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 472 increases the maximum fee for the Program for Education of Motorcycle Riders, administered by the Department of Public Safety, from $100 to $150. The existing maximum program fee of $100 was established by the 1991 Legislature. The bill enacts revenue enhancements included in the Executive Budget and becomes effective July 1, 2013. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 472:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 472 having received a two-thirds majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Senator Smith moved that all remaining items of business be moved to the top of the next agenda for this legislative day.
Motion carried.

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

Senate in recess at 11:11 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 1:28 p.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill No. 7 be taken from the Secretary’s Desk and then be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

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

Senate in recess at 1:30 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 5:20 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 501, 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 Finance, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 260, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 509, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

PAT SPEARMAN, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, June 3, 2013
To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 21, 328, 479, 516.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill No. 221.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 521, 522.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 3, Amendment No. 950; Senate Bill No. 374, Amendment No. 961, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendments.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill No. 273.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day respectfully refused to concur in the Senate Amendment No. 676 to Assembly Bill No. 496.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that the motion whereby Senate concurred in Assembly Amendment No. 697 to Senate Bill No. 508 be rescinded.
Motion carried.

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

Senate in recess at 5:51 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION
At 5:53 p.m.
President Pro Tempore Parks presiding.
Quorum present.

At 6:23 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
Assembly Bill No. 273.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 473.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Goicoechea.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 473 provides for an additional fee to be paid to the Department of Motor Vehicles to defray the cost of producing license plates. The fees must be deposited into the new License Plate Factory account. It also authorizes the department to determine the amount of the fee by regulation. The Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved the Governor’s recommendation to make the License Plate Factory self-supporting by changing the funding source for the License Plate Factory from Highway Funds totaling $3.4 million over the biennium, to a new funding source based primarily on revenues collected from a new License Plate fee.

The Senate Committee on Finance and Assembly Committee on Ways and Means approved a License Plate fee of $3 per license plate (excluding specialty plates), which is $.50 higher than the per license plate fee recommended by the Governor. The $0.50 increase will allow for the
repayment of Highway Fund appropriations over a five-year period for a $500,000 reserve recommended by the Governor in the License Plate Factory budget for cash flow purposes, and to repay the $3.8 million Capital Improvement Project for a new building to house the License Plate Factory, if ultimately approved by the money committees. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2013. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 473:
YEAS—19.
NAYS—Gustavson.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 473 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 488.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Smith and Gustavson.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 488 implements the transfer of several activities within Department of Health and Human Services. The Health Division would be renamed as the Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and mental health services would be transferred from the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services to the renamed division to create a holistic healthcare approach which integrates services for both the body and mind. To create a continuum of care to serve individuals with disabilities across the lifespan within one state agency, developmental services from the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services and Early Intervention Services from the existing Health Division would transfer to the Aging and Disability Services Division. As a result of these transfers, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services would be eliminated. In addition, the bill renames the Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services as the Commission on Behavioral Health and replaces the State Health Officer with a Chief Medical Officer. This bill implements recommendations included in the Executive Budget for the 2013-15 biennium. The bill becomes effective on July 1, 2013.

I would like to mention that this is one of a long string of budget bills that we will be hearing tonight. For the benefit of my colleagues, we have many already considered several budget bills, these are the policy bills that implement the budget bills. Thank you.

SENATOR GUSTAVSON: Thank you, Mr. President. To my colleague from Senate District No. 13, I have a question regarding this departmental consolidation: will employees be losing their jobs as a result of Assembly Bill No. 488? Or will there be hiring of new staff as a result? Perhaps it will retain the status quo? Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. To my colleague from Washoe County, there will not be job losses as a result of Assembly Bill No. 488. In some areas there are increased job opportunities. You will see an improvement in the services by realigning employees from one agency to another to attempt to have a continuum of service. I reiterate, there are not job losses to our employees. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 488:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 488 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 491.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 491 redirects $20.8 million of Governmental Services Tax Commissions and $4.1 million of Governmental Services Tax Penalties in the Department of Motor Vehicles’ Field Services and Motor Carrier budget accounts to the State General Fund for unrestricted use in fiscal year 2015 only, offset by an increase in Highway Fund authorization in a like amount, and increases the administrative cap on Highway Funds for the department from 22 percent to 32 percent for fiscal year 2015 only. This bill also extends the deposit of the Governmental Services Tax to the General Fund resulting from the increase in the amount of the basic governmental services tax due annually that was increased for used vehicles by reducing the amount of depreciation allowed and increasing the minimum tax, which was approved by the 2009 Legislature in Senate Bill 429. The revenue from these increases in the basic governmental services tax is allocated to the State General Fund until June 30, 2015. The most recent projection is $64.22 million in fiscal year 2014 and $65.13 million in fiscal year 2015. The bill is effective on July 1, 2013.

This is one of the budget implementation sunset provisions. These are not taxes that would go down if we didn’t pass this bill; they would simply be redirected back to the Highway Fund. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 491:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 491 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 502.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Parks.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 502 authorizes the expenditure of $1,262,000 by the Board of Regents from the Estate Tax Account in the Endowment Fund of the Nevada System of Higher Education for the design and construction of two buildings on the principal campus of the Nevada State College in Henderson, Nevada. The bill allows for the expenditure of the balance of estate tax receipts held by the Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of Nevada State College to either defer or reduce the impact of the Special Building Fee approved by the students of Nevada State College for the design and construction of an academic building and a student activities/administration building on the college’s campus. The bill is effective upon passage and approval. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 502:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 505.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 505 provides for the implementation of the 2013 Capital Improvement Program as approved by the money committees. The bill includes funding in the amount of approximately $102.7 million for the Capital Improvement Program. The bill includes the following major funding sources to support the program: (1) $55.5 million in general obligation bonds; (2) $22.9 million in excess funding reallocated from projects approved in prior Capital Improvement Programs; (3) $7.4 million in State Highway Funds for Department of Motor Vehicles projects; (4) $5.0 million from the Special Higher Education Capital Construction Fund; (5) $3.8 million in federal funds for the Office of the Military and the Department of Health and Human Services projects; and (6) $3.5 million in General Fund appropriations.

Assembly Bill No. 505 provides approximately $12.5 million to support eight construction projects in the 2013 Capital Improvement Program. Notable construction projects are as follows. The bill provides funding in the amount of $2.6 million to replace the bridge on the access road at the Caliente Youth Center. The bill provides funding in the amount of $3.8 million to construct a new license plate factory adjacent to the Stewart Conservation Camp in Carson City. The bill provides funding in the amount of $2.0 million to construct a new loading dock and freight elevator at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. The bill provides funding in the amount of $2.1 million to renovate the first floor of the Stein Hospital at the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus.

Assembly Bill No. 505 provides approximately $61.3 million for various maintenance projects for existing state facilities; $12.5 million for advance planning and design projects; and $16.3 million for statewide projects, including roofing repairs, advance planning, paving, building official, fire and life safety, and accessibility projects. The maintenance projects include approximately $28.3 million for the Department of Corrections for replacement of doors, locks and control panels, flooring, boilers, heating ventilation air conditioning systems, electrical and lighting upgrades, shower and bathroom renovations, exterior building protection and water system improvements. Additionally, the bill includes funding of $15 million to address deferred maintenance projects for institutions of the Nevada System of Higher Education.

The bill includes a 15.55-cent property tax levy for debt service in each year of the 2013-15 biennium for general obligation bonds issued to finance the Capital Improvement Program. The bill includes an additional 1.45-cent levy that must be used exclusively for the repayment of bonded indebtedness issued as a result of the approval by the voters of Question 1 on the November 2002 ballot. The approval of Question 1 by the voters requires the issuance of $200 million in bonds to protect, preserve and obtain the benefits of the property and natural resources of the state. The total property tax levy of 17 cents remains unchanged from the levies approved for the 2011-13 biennium. The levies above the historic 15-cent levy (2 cents) are not subject to the $3.64 local government property tax cap. Assembly Bill No. 505 becomes effective upon passage and approval. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 505:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 505 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Assembly Bill No. 507

Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Smith, Goicoechea, Kieckhefer and Hutchison.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 507, The General Appropriations Act, the General Authorizations Act, the salary bill, the school funding bill and the capital improvement bill are the final result of the long deliberations by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance. The General Appropriations Act and other appropriations bills considered throughout the session delineate the amount of the General Fund support approved by the money committees for the operation of Nevada state government for the 2013-15 biennium. The General Fund appropriations included in the General Appropriations Act total $1,978,031,300 in fiscal year 2014 and $2,027,586,257 in fiscal year 2015, or $4.0 billion over the 2013-15 biennium, an increase of approximately $163.8 million when compared to General Fund appropriations approved by the 2011 Legislature for the 2011-13 biennium. The Act includes Highway Fund appropriations totaling $114,199,810 in fiscal year 2014 and $140,423,192 in fiscal year 2015, a reduction of approximately $27.5 million from the previous biennium.

The money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $196,244 over the 2013-15 biennium for a new liaison position in the Governor’s Office to coordinate with the Office of Veterans’ Services.

The money committees approved $31.8 million in General Fund support for the Office of the Attorney General over the 2013-15 biennium. Of this amount, $28.7 million continues the support of the Attorney General Administrative Fund; $1.2 million continues the support of the Bureau of Consumer Protection; $1.0 million supports the Extradition Coordinator account; approximately $462,000 supports the Missing Children/Crime Prevention account; and approximately $458,000 supports the Special Fund to continue legal activities in opposing the location of a federal nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain and unanticipated litigation.

The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to reintegrate the State Business Portal activity into the Secretary of State’s main operating account. The money committees also approved the Governor’s recommendation for General Funds of $354,746 for a disaster recovery plan for the State Business Portal. General Funds approved by the money committees totaled $27.2 million over the biennium for the Secretary of State.

The money committees approved $8.8 million in General Fund support for the Office of the Controller, including $22,500 over the 2013-15 biennium to purchase editing software and maintenance for the Single Audit Reporting Form as recommended by the Governor. The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to restore the Assistant Controller position and support 15 percent of the position costs with General Funds of $28,315 over the biennium. The money committees also approved $204,749 in General Fund support over the 2013-15 biennium for a computer training room for training on the state financial system. The new facility would be managed and maintained by the Controller’s Office with availability to other state agencies.

The money committees approved a new Associate Counsel position for the Commission on Ethics partially supported with General Funds of $78,106.

The money committees approved General Fund support totaling $62.7 million over the 2013-15 biennium, a 5.3 percent increase when compared to the legislatively approved amount of $59.5 million over the 2011-13 biennium for the Judicial Branch (excluding the Commission on Judicial Discipline). To be consistent with the salary reductions approved for Executive and Legislative Branch employees, the money committees approved the inclusion of salary reductions, suspended merit pay increases, and suspended longevity payments for all Judicial Branch employees except Supreme Court Justices and District Court Judges. The money committees did not approve $202,727 in General Fund support in fiscal year 2015 for the Foreclosure Mediation Program due to revised notice of default fees and projected reserve balances anticipated through the end of the 2013-15 biennium to support the continuation of the Foreclosure Mediation Program. Finally, the money committees approved $414,370 in General
Fund support over the 2013-15 biennium for 2.5 new positions, including operating costs, to provide dedicated security for the Supreme Court and Administrative Office of the Courts buildings in Carson City, and $503,375 in General Fund support for two new attorney positions for caseload increases in the Las Vegas Civil Division.

For the Department of Administration’s Budget and Planning, the money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to add a new Budget Analyst position and General Fund appropriations of $100,000 over the 2013-15 biennium for additional contractor programming resources to further develop the Priorities and Performance Based Budgeting initiative.

State Public Works, the money committees approved a new administration account, including the transfer of six existing positions within the division to the new account. Additionally, the money committees approved total funding of $1.7 million for the new account over the 2013-15 biennium through an allocation of costs to the four existing State Public Works Division budget accounts, as recommended by the Governor. That amount includes General Fund appropriations of $55,959 in the 2013-15 biennium to support costs allocated to the Facility Condition and Analysis budget.

The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to purchase Motor Pool’s Las Vegas facility through a General Fund loan of $2.5 million, which is to be repaid over 20 years. The money committees also approved the Governor’s recommendation for General Fund appropriations of $1.8 million and Highway Fund authorizations of $1.1 million over the 2013-15 biennium to purchase 109 additional vehicles for the Motor Pool fleet for assignment to various state agencies.

The money committees approved $51.7 million in General Fund support for the Department of Taxation over the 2013-15 biennium. As recommended by the Governor, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations totaling $801,383 over the 2013-15 biennium for six new full-time positions, including one unclassified Chief Deputy, three Auditors and two Revenue Officer positions.

Funding for public education was considered separately in the school funding bill, which contains funding for basic support, class-size reduction, full-day kindergarten, teacher and administrator training, teacher incentives, early childhood education, educational technology, career and technical education, adult education and other state education programs.

In closing the Department of Education budgets, the money committees approved General Fund support in the amount of $24.6 million over the 2013-15 biennium. Of this amount, $13.3 million continues the statewide testing program, including support for the System for Accountability Information in Nevada; $8.3 million supports personnel costs for statewide programs; $2.3 million serves as maintenance of effort or match requirements to receive various federal funds; $400,000 supports administrative expenses of the state’s Career and Technical Education program; and $320,000 supports the evaluation of the performance pay validation plan. Additionally, the money committees approved a one-time General Fund appropriation of $750,000 in Foreclosure Mediation Program 2014 to fund a revolving loan program for charter schools.

In closing the budgets of the Nevada System of Higher Education, the money committees approved revenue from all sources totaling $1.5 billion over the 2013-15 biennium. Of the total revenues, $971.3 million, or 64.9 percent, are General Fund appropriations. When compared to the $944.8 million in total General Funds approved by the 2011 Legislature, General Fund appropriations approved by the money committees increased by $26.5 million or 2.8 percent. Non-General Fund revenues total $524.8 million and include student registration fees, non-resident tuition, student application fees, federal and county revenues, and operating capital investment income. The money committees’ discussions and review of the Executive Budget primarily focused on the adoption of a new funding formula to distribute available General Fund appropriations to the Nevada System of Higher Education teaching institutions’ (University of Nevada, Reno; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; College of Southern Nevada; Great Basin College; Truckee Meadows Community College; Western Nevada College; and Nevada State College) state-supported operating budgets for the 2013-15 biennium.

In approving the Nevada System of Higher Education budgets, the money committees adopted the recommendation of the Board of Regents, the 2011-12 Interim Committee to Study
the Funding of Higher Education pursuant to Senate Bill No. 374 of the 2011 Session (Senate Bill 374 Study Committee) and the Governor to distribute General Fund appropriations through a funding formula based upon resident, completed weighted student credit hours. In approving the funding formula, the money committees approved Small Institution funding for Great Basin College and Western Nevada College and the funding of the operations and maintenance of research space at University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno.

Regarding the issue of holding institutions harmless from funding shifts caused by use of the funding formula, the money committees did not concur with the Governor’s recommendation to provide funding mitigation to Great Basin College and Western Nevada College through redistribution of $6.4 million in General Funds over the 2013-15 biennium from University of Nevada, Las Vegas, College of Southern Nevada and Nevada State College on a post-formula basis. However, the money committees did concur with the Governor and the Senate Bill 374 Study Committee that mitigation should be funded with new General Fund appropriations and provided appropriations totaling $5.2 million and $4.2 million to Great Basin College and Western Nevada College in fiscal year 2014 and fiscal year 2015, respectively, to mitigate the effect of the formula.

The money committees also adopted the Senate Bill 374 Study Committee’s recommendation that for purposes of calculating the level of General Fund appropriations to be budgeted in the Nevada System of Higher Education’s State-supported operating budgets, projected non-General Fund revenues should not offset the amount of General Fund appropriations that would otherwise be budgeted. In addition, the money committees approved the recommendation that student fee and tuition revenues should continue to be budgeted in the institutions’ state-supported operating budgets for transparency purposes.

The money committees approved the Senate Bill 374 Study Committee’s recommendation of performance funding for the seven Nevada System of Higher Education teaching institutions. Performance funding was approved for implementation in fiscal year 2015. In doing so, the money committees funded the performance funding pool by allocating 5 percent of each institution’s fiscal year 2015 “base” General Fund appropriation, totaling $18.9 million, that would be earned back based upon achieving performance criteria established by the Board of Regents. As recommended by the Governor, the Executive Budget did not include performance funding in fiscal year 2015.

Regarding the Nevada System of Higher Education’s non-formula funded budgets, the money committees approved the Governor’s recommended 2013-15 biennium funding levels for the Nevada System of Higher Education non formula, State-supported operating budgets, inclusive of $500,000 in annual General Fund appropriations recommended for the Cooperative Extension Service. The money committees also restored General Fund appropriations over the 2013-15 biennium totaling $426,917 and $404,124 to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law and Dental Medicine budget accounts, respectively. However, the money committees also reduced the General Fund appropriations recommended in the Executive Budget for University of Nevada, Reno’s Statewide Programs budget account by $1.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium.

Finally, the money committees approved the Senate Bill 374 Study Committee’s recommendation of a funding formula for Desert Research Institute and provided direction that Desert Research Institute should utilize the funding formula in the preparation of its 2015-17 biennium budget.

The money committees approved a total of $4.3 million in General Funds over the 2013-15 biennium to support the Department of Agriculture, which represents an increase of 39.5 percent from the $3.1 million legislatively approved for the 2011-13 biennium. The increase is related to the money committees approving the Governor’s recommendation to provide 11 new positions for the department’s Administration Division, a new Conservation Staff Specialist II position for the Sage Grouse Ecosystem Team, and a new Administrator position for the Animal Industry Division. The money committees also approved the Governor’s recommendation to transfer the Dairy Commission from the Department of Business and Industry, the Commodity Food Program from the Department of Administration, and the Nutrition Education Programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture to create a new Food and Nutrition Division.
The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to eliminate 10 FTE positions in the Technology Division, resulting in a General Fund savings of $528,502 over the 2013-15 biennium.

In closing the budgets for the Department of Business and Industry, the money committees approved total funding of approximately $284 million over the 2013-15 biennium, net of funding through interagency transfers. Of the total funding, $2.8 million in fiscal year 2014 and $2.9 million in fiscal year 2015 represents General Fund appropriations. The money committees also approved Highway Funds of $2.4 million in each year of the 2013-15 biennium to support the Nevada Transportation Authority.

For the Real Estate Division, the money committees approved General Fund support totaling $1.4 million for the 2013-15 biennium, a 6 percent reduction from the amount approved for the 2011-13 biennium. The money committees approved redirecting Mortgage Settlement funds of $239,931 from the Mortgage Lending budget, and reducing General Funds in the Real Estate Administration budget in a like amount.

The money committees approved General Fund support of $26.9 million over the 2013-15 biennium for the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to establish the Knowledge Fund account within the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, and provide General Funds of $5 million in each year of the 2013-15 biennium for the Knowledge Fund. The money committees also approved the Governor’s amended recommendation to provide General Funds of $1.5 million in fiscal year 2015 for the Catalyst Fund.

In closing the budgets for the Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $6.3 million over the 2013-15 biennium, which is an increase of 2 percent when compared to the legislatively approved amounts for the 2011-13 biennium. General Funds will continue to support a portion of the expenditures for the Division of Museums and History, the Nevada Arts Council, Nevada Humanities and the Nevada Indian Commission within the department. In closing the budgets for the Division of Museums and History, the money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to restore staff for the state’s seven museums to full-time status with General Fund appropriations of $631,185 over the 2013-15 biennium.

In closing the budgets for the Aging and Disability Services Division, the money committees approved funding totaling $494.2 million to support the division, including $242.6 million in General Fund. The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to transfer Developmental Services from the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services and Early Intervention Services from the Health Division to the Aging and Disability Services Division to create a continuum of disability services to serve persons at all stages of life within one state agency. To accomplish this, 608 positions and 5 budget accounts, including Early Intervention Services, Family Preservation Program, Rural Regional Center, Desert Regional Center and Sierra Regional Center, would transfer to the division in their entirety.

The money committees approved additional funding totaling $7.2 million, including $2.4 million in General Fund, to increase the monthly caseload for the Autism Treatment Assistance Program from the 137 children approved by the 2011 Legislature to 572 children by the end of fiscal year 2015. Seven new positions would be added to support the caseload increase, which is projected to reduce the wait list by 50 percent.

The money committees voted to approve the Governor’s recommendation to increase the Independent Living Program annual caseload from 216 to 360, at an additional General Fund cost of $1.2 million over the biennium. The money committees also approved additional General Funds totaling $489,797 over the biennium to add 7 new positions to increase the Home and Community Based Waiver caseload by 117 over the 2013-15 biennium, resulting in a total monthly caseload of 1,830 at the end of fiscal year 2015.

As recommended by the Governor, the money committees approved $3.2 million in General Fund appropriations to provide monthly cash assistance to low-income families who care for relatives in their homes who have profound or severe mental disabilities or have children under six years of age who have developmental delays.

Based on expected caseload growth, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $3.6 million over the 2013-15 biennium for 41 new positions at the Desert
Regional Center, and General Funds of $189,040 for 4 new positions at the Sierra Regional Center.

Additionally, the money committees approved General Funds of $347,693 for ten additional positions at Desert Regional Center’s Intermediate Care Facility for the Intellectually Disabled. This enhancement in staff is due to an increase in individuals with a dual diagnosis of mental illness and a developmental disability who require a staffing ratio of 1 to 2.

Across the three regional centers, the money committees approved additional General Fund appropriations of $11.4 million for Supported Living Arrangements, Family Support/Respite and Jobs and Day Training expenditures.

The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to implement the second phase of the Medicaid Management Information System replacement project, including one new position to assist with the development of the procurement. Additionally, the money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to add four positions dedicated to various requirements of the Affordable Care Act and four positions to expand fraud, waste and abuse activities within the division. The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to transfer 25.51 FTE from the Nevada Check Up account to either the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy Administration account (3.0 FTE) or the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services Field Services account (22.51 FTE), limiting the expenditures in the account to medical reimbursements only.

The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to extend the primary care provider rate increases mandated by the Affordable Care Act for Medicaid providers through fiscal year 2015 and include the rate increases for Nevada Check Up providers for the 2013-15 biennium. Additionally, the money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation, as amended, to restore provider rate reductions imposed during the previous biennium in the Medicaid and Nevada Check Up accounts. The provider rate increases include: (1) a 15 percent rate increase for free-standing ambulatory surgery centers and ambulance services; (2) a less than 1 percent rate increase for dental services; (3) an approximately 6.86 percent rate increase (partial restoration) for partial anesthesia services; (4) a 28 percent increase for non-primary care obstetric services; and (5) a 30 percent increase (partial restoration) to the enhancement rate for pediatric surgical services. The increase in provider rates required General Fund support of approximately $6.0 million in fiscal year 2014 and $14.2 million in fiscal year 2015.

The money committees also approved the Governor’s recommendation to pay the non-federal share of expenses for kidney dialysis needed to stabilize individuals with kidney failure and additional emergency care related to the treatment of kidney failure, resulting in a General Fund expenditure totaling approximately $3.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium.

The money committees also approved the Governor’s recommendation to reduce the county contribution to the County Match Program and increase the General Fund appropriation by approximately $1.3 million over the 2013-15 biennium.

The money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $158 million over the 2013-15 biennium for the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services. General Funds totaling $49.2 million over the 2013-15 biennium were approved for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families budget, primarily to support Temporary Assistance to Needy Families caseloads projected at 28,051 cases in fiscal year 2014 and 26,662 in fiscal year 2015.

The money committees approved the Governor’s amended recommendation to provide an additional 410 positions and associated new office space in the Field Services account, and 21 additional positions in the Administration account, to address caseload increases for general
program growth, the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and the expansion of Medicaid. However, instead of adding the new positions and facilities at the beginning of each fiscal year, the money committees approved phasing in the new positions and facilities based on the space available to train eligibility workers in the division’s training academies.

The money committees approved the inclusion of enhanced Medicaid funding offered by the federal government for the division’s Field Services and Administration accounts. This enhanced funding increases the federal share of administrative costs related to the eligibility function performed by the division from 50 percent federal funds and 50 percent General Funds, to 75 percent federal funds and 25 percent General Funds, beginning on October 1, 2013. Accordingly, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations for the Field Services account and the Administration account, combined, totaling $82.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium, or $19.8 million less than the $101.8 million originally recommended in the Executive Budget.

The money committees approved the Governor’s amended recommendation to provide an additional $2.0 million in each year of the biennium to increase childcare subsidies for working families. The funding will serve approximately 346 additional children per year in the at-risk population.

The money committees approved the reorganization of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services by combining the Mental Health accounts (Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, Rural Clinics, Lake’s Crossing, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency Alcohol Tax Program, Mental Health Administration and Mental Health Information System) with most of the Health Division accounts to form a new division, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health.

In closing the budgets of the state Health Division, the money committees approved total funding of $196.3 million in fiscal year 2014 and $197.7 million in fiscal year 2015, including General Fund support of $36.2 million in fiscal year 2014 and $39.6 million in fiscal year 2015. This total includes the Early Intervention Services budget, which represents the majority of the General Fund appropriations within the Health Division. In approving the integration of the Health Division and Mental Health into a new Division of Public and Behavioral Health, the money committees also approved the transfer of Early Intervention Services from the newly consolidated division to the Aging and Disability Services Division.

The money committees approved sufficient funding for a 50/50 split of the total Early Intervention Services caseload between state Early Intervention Services clinics and community providers for the 2013-15 biennium. As a result, the legislatively approved Early Intervention Services budget includes General Fund appropriations of $28.9 million in fiscal year 2014 and $32.5 million in fiscal year 2015, compared to the Governor’s recommendation of $27.4 million for fiscal year 2014 and $31.2 million for fiscal year 2015. The increase is due to revised caseload as well as adding 37.75 positions to the Early Intervention Services clinic staff over the upcoming biennium.

In closing the Immunization budget, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $1.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium, as recommended by the Governor, to make available additional pertussis vaccinations for the immunization of family members and close contacts of newborns.

As a result of expanding Medicaid eligibility to individuals who earn up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level and enrolling individuals who have been Medicaid-eligible in the past, but have failed to enroll, the money committees approved reductions in General Fund appropriations of $26.8 million over the 2013-15 biennium with corresponding increases in Medicaid reimbursements. Based on substance abuse treatment facilities’ projected ability to bill Medicaid directly, the money committees also approved a reduction in General Fund appropriations totaling $6.4 million over the 2013-15 biennium from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency account.

The money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $3.1 million over the 2013-15 biennium for Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services to provide supported living housing and clinical services for individuals reentering the community from jails, prisons and forensic hospitals. The money committees also approved General Fund appropriations of
$984,000 for similar services in the Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services budget account.

The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to close the Las Vegas downtown outpatient clinic and transfer services to the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus on West Charleston. This closure will allow Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services to divert individuals from local hospital emergency rooms and provide quicker access to inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services by co-locating medical clearance and a 24-hour Urgent Care Center on the Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services campus. By closing the downtown clinic, the agency will save $721,174 over the 2013-15 biennium in operating expenditures, with savings used to offset a portion of $1.0 million for two Senior Psychiatrists and two Accounting Assistants to help with increased caseload and expanded operating hours. In order to operate the proposed 24-hour Urgent Care Center, the money committees also approved General Fund appropriations of $600,000 over the 2013-15 biennium to enable Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services to obtain additional contract psychiatric services.

For Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $136,674 over the 2013-15 biennium to fund contracts with a Psychiatric Nurse and an Administrative Assistant on a part-time basis to provide after-hours medical clearance to support the Psychiatric Observation Unit and inpatient units as needed to help reduce inappropriate use of local hospital emergency rooms. These contracts will allow Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services to extend weekday medical clearance services from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The money committees approved General Fund appropriations of $231.2 million over the 2013-15 biennium for the Division of Child and Family Services. Funding was approved to support projected caseload increases in foster care and adoption subsidies. Funding for child welfare services was approved for Clark and Washoe counties in the form of capped block grants, with the provision that additional funds may be requested for adoption subsidy costs.

The money committees approved reopening the Summit View juvenile correctional facility with a private vendor using $1.5 million in General Funds and $3.6 million in budgetary savings realized through reducing beds at the Nevada Youth Training Center from 110 to 60, and eliminating 29 vacant Nevada Youth Training Center positions.

For rural child welfare, funding was approved for four new Family Support Worker and two Mental Health Counselor positions. The money committees also approved four new Psychiatric Nurse positions and a new Management Analyst position for Desert Willow Treatment Center. Additionally, a new Food Service Cook/Supervisor II position was approved for Caliente Youth Center.

In closing the budgets of the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation, the money committees approved total General Fund appropriations of $7.7 million for the 2013-15 biennium, an increase of 3.6 percent when compared to the legislatively approved amounts for the 2011-13 biennium.

The money committees did not approve the fiscal consolidation of the Bureau of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired and Vocational Rehabilitation accounts as recommended by the Governor, citing concerns voiced by blind and visually impaired consumers and advocates and the Legislature’s need for oversight of these resources and expenditures. The money committees did approve the Governor’s recommendation to transfer the Chief of the Office of Disability Employment Policy from the Rehabilitation Administration account to the Vocational Rehabilitation account, and the transfer of the Workforce Solutions Unit from the Employment Security Division to the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation Administration account.

In closing the Department of Corrections budgets, the money committees approved General Fund support totaling $487.3 million over the 2013-15 biennium. The funding approved will provide for housing an average of 12,667 inmates in fiscal year and 12,714 inmates in fiscal year 2015. The money committees approved General Fund reductions of $7.9 million over the 2013-15 biennium to account for the estimated medical expenditures that would be directly paid by Medicaid as a result of the Affordable Care Act and existing Medicaid eligibility for inmates. The money committees also approved General Fund reductions of $645,743 over the 2013-15
biennium to adjust for the replacement of kosher meals with the less expensive common fare meals resulting from a Ninth District Court of Appeals ruling.

The money committees did not approve the transfer of 105 positions from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Corrections to staff a newly proposed Parole Services Division.

The money committees approved Highway Fund appropriations of approximately $45 million in fiscal year 2014 and $70 million in fiscal year 2015 to support the operations of the department. This includes replacing approximately $24.9 million in Governmental Services Tax Commissions and Penalties revenue with direct Highway Fund appropriations for fiscal year 2015 only, and redirecting the Governmental Services Tax Commissions and Penalties revenue to the General Fund for unrestricted use.

Due to the increase in Highway Fund appropriations for the department, the 22 percent cap on administration expenses will increase to 32 percent for fiscal year 2015 only. The actions taken by the money committees maintained the agency within the statutory 22 percent cap for fiscal year 2014 and within the 32 percent cap for fiscal year 2015.

The money committees approved three new Information Technology Professional positions funded with Highway Funds of $639,271 over the 2013-15 biennium to address the backlog of information technology projects and for the maintenance and programming of the Department of Motor Vehicles application. Additionally, the money committees approved Highway Funds of $184,439 over the 2013-15 biennium to reinstate a training budget for all Information Technology staff within the department.

The money committees approved Highway Funds of approximately $1.1 million in fiscal year 2014 and $1.2 million in 2015 to continue 25 counter positions approved by the Interim Finance Committee during the 2011-13 biennium. The continuation of the 25 positions will maintain wait times at the six metropolitan offices at an average of 39 minutes, and will maintain resources in Elko and Winnemucca to respond to workload increases associated with population growth and mining activity.

The money committees approved Highway Funds of $317,637 in fiscal year 2014 for a new automated customer flow queuing system for 12 field offices, and $49,272 in fiscal year 2015 for the ongoing maintenance and support of the new queuing system.

Finally, the money committees approved making the License Plate Factory self-supporting in lieu of funding operations with Highway Funds. The License Plate Factory will also relocate to a new building on the grounds, but outside the fence, of the Northern Nevada Correctional Center. For the Department of Public Safety, the money committees approved approximately $409.6 million over the 2013-15 biennium, including General Fund appropriations of $91.7 million and Highway Fund appropriations of $133.1 million. Included in the Highway Fund appropriation is $1.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium to replace portable 800 MHz radios for Highway Patrol officers.

The money committees approved closing the Mesquite office of the Division of Investigations as recommended by the Governor, resulting in a General Fund savings of $82,213 over the 2013-15 biennium. One position would be eliminated with the closure of the office, and two positions would be reassigned to task forces in the Las Vegas area. The money committees also approved $267,035 General Fund support for two new Management Analyst positions for the Nevada Threat Analysis Center.

In closing the Parole and Probation Division budget, the money committees did not approve the transfer of parole functions to the Department of Corrections. The money committees approved revised staffing and caseload projections for sworn and non-sworn positions as recommended by the Governor, resulting in a net reduction of six positions and reducing General Fund support by $94,547.

For the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, including the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the money committees approved General Fund appropriations totaling $41.2 million over the 2013-15 biennium. Of this amount, $621,594 was approved for deferred maintenance at the South Fork Dam, and various deferred maintenance projects at 11 state parks.

In closing the Division of Water Resources budget, the money committees approved General Fund support totaling $6.0 million over the 2013-15 biennium, a reduction of approximately 39 percent from the legislatively approved appropriations of $9.8 million for the 2011-13 biennium.
The reduction is primarily due to the money committees’ approval to add fee revenue of approximately $3.7 million in each year of the 2013-15 biennium from new and existing fees, and to establish a reserve in the Water Resource budget account of approximately $2.0 million by the end of fiscal year 2015. The money committees also approved General Fund appropriations of $447,248 over the 2013-15 biennium to support the new Wildland Fire Protection Program within the Division of Forestry, as well as $89,552 to restore a maintenance position within the Division of State Parks that was eliminated during budget reductions.

Office of Veterans’ Services

In closing the Office of Veterans’ Services budgets, the money committees approved General Fund support totaling $3.5 million for the 2013-15 biennium. The money committees approved the Governor’s recommendation to add two additional Veterans’ Services Representative positions for the Reno area. The money committees also added an Education and Information Officer and an Administrative Assistant to assist with the development of policies, initiatives and strategies concerning services provided to veterans, servicemen, servicewomen, and their families. Thank you.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Unfortunately, I have to rise in opposition to Assembly Bill No. 507. Please don’t think I am ungrateful to all the people in this building, as well as outside of it, who did a yeoman’s job trying to find secure funding for the small-institution community colleges. As I look at this appropriation budget of $4 billion, I thought there would have been enough in there somewhere to fund the smaller institutions, at least at a hold-harmless level when everyone else is getting increases. Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 507, the Appropriations Act. I would like to again thank my colleague from Senate District No. 13, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. During this Session there was a lot of hard work done. Getting this final product done is quite an accomplishment.

The bill is an increase in total General Fund spending for the upcoming biennium over the current budget cycle. There are a lot of enhancements in this budget that will improve services to the citizens of our State, particularly in the Department of Health and Human Services, as do the other General Fund appropriations that we made previously to K-12 education. This is a new way in which we implement how we finance higher education, and how we allocate the State General Fund dollars that go to higher education. As my colleague from Eureka just said, there are both winners and losers within. The desire is to get to a system where we demand some accountability, and apply a formula that works across our State and incentives success.

I imagine others will speak to different aspects of this bill, but I think it is a good product—it is a good allocation of our State resources. I encourage your support. Thank you.

SENATOR HUTCHISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I will be voting in support of Assembly Bill No. 507. It is a package deal that for which I cast my vote. I do rise though with some serious concerns over elements of this appropriations bill. In particular, before long, this Body will have some very challenging policy decisions to make around fiscal choices because of the requirements of the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid. The only reason this is not consuming much more of our budget is because the federal government is currently funding 100 percent of the expansion under Medicaid.

We are just beginning to see the fiscal effects of the Affordable Care Act. I have very serious concerns that eventually the funding required by the Affordable Care Act will crowd out other priorities including education and public safety. Someone once told me when I was running for office that the State government does three things: medicate, incarcerate and educate. We will have a budget that, I believe, will be consumed in the future by Medicaid and health care costs. If we do not pay particular attention to this policy issue, we will not have the money necessary to effectively educate and incarcerate—those priorities can be crowded out by one element of our budget under the Affordable Care Act.
Although currently we do not have a major problem in this appropriations act today, in the future I believe we will. There have already been discussions by high-level members of the federal government to cut back on the amount of matching funds to states under the Affordable Care Act. The federal government is currently borrowing 40 cents of every dollar it spends. I do not believe this kind of borrowing and spending is sustainable on a go-forward basis with the federal government supplementing the State health care system as the federal government currently does. It is a big policy issue that will require a serious discussion about the purpose of state government and the true priorities of the State. While I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 507, I am not in support of all the expenditures under the bill such as those I just discussed. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 507:
YEAS—16.
NAYS—Cegavske, Goicoechea, Gustavson and Settelmeyer—4.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

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

Assembly Bill No. 511.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Smith, Denis, Kieckhefer, Spearman and Ford.

Senator Smith:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 511 which establishes the maximum allowable salaries for employees in the unclassified and classified-medical service. The bill requires that the salary of each employee in all departments of state government be restored by 2.5 percent. The bill requires 48 hours of unpaid furlough leave each year for full-time employees of all branches of state government, including the Nevada System of Higher Education and the Public Employees’ Retirement System, but holds employees harmless in the accumulation of retirement service credit for time taken as furlough leave. It also provides an exception to the requirement of furlough leave for employees identified by their employing agency as critical in the protection of public health, safety and welfare, with approval of the appropriate governing body. In lieu of furlough leave, these exempt employees will incur a 2.3 percent reduction in pay. Finally, the bill temporarily suspends four semi-annual longevity payments over the 2013-15 biennium and merit pay salary increases in fiscal year 2014 to state employees—meaning they will get their merit pay restored in 2015—who would otherwise be entitled to a salary increase during the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending on June 30, 2014. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2013. I cannot say enough about how important I think this bill is. Our State employees have been so solid in helping us through this budget crisis. At times they have offered up to share the burden and take on both furloughs and salary and benefit decreases. They have also been stalwart in working harder for less money. They have continually help us solve budget problems by finding where to cut, and solving problems around how we can serve the State and all of our citizens with less money. I could not be more proud of the fact that we are about to pass a bill that will restore this pay cut. They have endured this for some time now. We have heard the many stories about how harmful this has been to them. I encourage you to join me in supporting this bill. Thank you.

Senator Denis:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 511. Five years—sometimes that seems like a long time, other times it does not. For our State employees who have had to endure cuts and furloughs as well as forego pay increases and have health insurance costs go up, it has been a sacrifice. We have heard the stories. Some have had to live out of their cars and other extremes to make it. But even those who didn’t live in dire situations still had challenges. I
want to take this opportunity to say that I appreciate—I think all of us appreciate and love our State employees. They have done a yeoman’s job. They do more with less. We have given them less, and now it is time we do a little bit to start to restore some of the many things that were taken away. I stand in support and want our State employees to know we appreciate all they do. Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 511. This is the last of our major budget bills. This is a strong statement that we do value our State employees. Most State employees work for the Executive Branch but they are our employees as well. We should ask ourselves whether or not we are proud of how we are treating our employees. With this bill, we can say we are—we are doing right by them. We are giving back to them as we are emerging out of this recession. They suffered when we were going into it and while we were at its depths. As we grow out, they should grow out too and share in the success of this State. They have sacrificed along with all the rest of us. I am a strong supporter of this bill. The Governor had made some good commitments in his budget to give back to State employees. We here at the Legislature have upped the ante a little bit, putting some back in. We have changed how things are spread out. This is a positive step for us as a State. It will help with morale, retention and recruitment. I can’t say enough good things about this piece of legislation. I encourage you all to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of Assembly Bill No. 511. I know there may be some who may question the wisdom of doing this, making budget restorations, but I would like to say the people who have helped get us through this Legislative Session are State employees. Every one of us in here had a bill draft request that, soon or later, turned into a bill. The people who did the work on those are State employees. It is very easy to say in the abstract that State employees should not get a raise or should have to take furloughs—it is easy to say in the abstract. But when you look into the faces of our State employees, you see the pain and the anguish.

I had a meeting with some State employees in my district. I talked to a single mother who worked; she was one of the employees entering data for people applying for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families welfare assistance. The cruel irony is she also was in the same position. Anytime our State employees serve us as they have, and they have not flinched. They have served. We owe them a debt of gratitude, and I believe Assembly Bill No. 511 is a small down payment. Thank you.

SENATOR FORD:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support in Assembly Bill No. 511. Every second Saturday of each month, I have “Soup, Salad and Sandwich with Your Senator” in my district. At the March event at Soul Food Café on Rainbow and Warm Springs in my district, I had about six State workers in attendance. They all told me their stories; they are comparable to what we have heard about living out of cars and on welfare. It is reminiscent to me of how we talk about them “sharing the pain.” Everybody else is having to cut back so why shouldn’t government? It makes sense. But it is interesting though, that when we have gain, we don’t often talk about trying to help the State workers participate in the gain. When I get a bonus when the economy is doing well, I don’t talk about giving extra money to our State workers.

That said, I want to highlight the importance of this bill for our State workers. They need it. They will greatly appreciate it. I would appreciate your support on this bill. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 511:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 511 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill Nos. 288, 260 and 509 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary’s Desk.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill Nos. 288, 260 and 509 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary’s Desk.
Motion carried.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 501.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 969.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 969 to Senate Bill No. 501 deletes all but Sections 1 through 7 of the bill, and strikes all the provisions relating to certification of treatment centers and providers. Following the amendment, the “retain” language will leave the Health Division regulating all providers of drug and alcohol abuse facilities, not the providers of the facilities. Thank you.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS
Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 900 to Senate Bill No. 467.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Spearman moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 911 to Senate Joint Resolution No. 8.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Manendo moved that the Senate do not concur in Assembly Amendment No. 697 to Senate Bill No. 508.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES
Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 176, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 665 of the Assembly be concurred in.

JUSTIN JONES ELLEN SPIEGEL
DEBBIE SMITH TYRONE THOMPSON
BEN KIECKHEFER JOHN HAMBRICK

Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee
Senator Jones moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 176. Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 280, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

- It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 777 of the Assembly be concurred in.
- It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 15, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

RUBEN KIHUEN JASON FRIERSON
SCOTT HAMMOND MAGGIE CARLTON
JUSTIN JONES WESLEY DUNCAN
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Kihuen moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 280. Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 389, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

- It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 749 of the Assembly be concurred in.

TICK SEGERBLOM IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS
RUBEN KIHUEN SKIP DALY
SCOTT HAMMOND IRA HANSEN
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Segerblom moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 389. Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 450, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

- It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 776 of the Assembly be concurred in.
- It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 17, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

JUSTIN JONES ANDY EISEN
TICK SEGERBLOM ANDREW MARTIN
JOSEPH HARDY JAMES OSCARSON
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Jones moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 450. Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 be taken from the Secretary’s Desk and placed at the bottom of the fourth agenda’s General File. Motion carried.

Mr. President:
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Mr. President:
Your Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, to which were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 388, 404, 425 and 428, 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 Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 504, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 287, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

JUSTIN C. JONES, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Transportation, to which were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 167 and 447, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARK A. MANENDO, Chair

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 504.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 972.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 972 to Senate Bill No. 504 creates the framework for an English Language Learners program that we will be funding for the first time this year. It creates the English Mastery Council. It lays out the guidelines for the allocation of the new English Language Learner funding, and it appropriates State General Funds to the tune of $50 million for English Language Learners programs over the next biennium. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Dispense with reprinting and immediately place on General File.
Motion carried.
Remarks by Senators Denis, Kihuen, Roberson, Cegavske and Hutchison.

SENATOR DENIS:
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 504 provides for a comprehensive program targeting the needs of English Language Learners. The bill contains a declaration that establishes the Legislature’s commitment to provide every child with a first-rate education, and its intent to provide high-quality instruction service to Nevada’s English Language Learners. The measure revises the school- and district-level accountability reports to include information concerning the progression of pupils who are limited-English proficient including the number and percentage of such students, academic achievement levels compared with pupils who are proficient in English and comparisons with other students concerning various outcome measures. It also creates an English Mastery Council which was discussed earlier when we amended this bill. In addition, the State Board of Education is required to prescribe criteria for teaching English Language Learners, and school districts must develop policies that comply with those criteria. The Commission on Professional Standards in Education will meet to adopt regulations on or before July 1, 2014. Finally, it appropriates $24.95 million from the State General Fund to the Account
for Programs for Innovation and the Prevention of Remediation. For each year of the biennium, the money is allocated among Clark County School District, Washoe County School District and the Department of Education for grants to the other 15 school districts to support certain programs for English Language Learners. For Clark County and Washoe County schools designated as “Zoom Schools”—those with high English Language Learner populations and low achievement levels—they will receive comprehensive services as part of a wraparound package that provides free pre-Kindergarten, expands full-day Kindergarten classes, expands full-day kindergarten classes, operates reading skills centers and provides free summer or intersession academies. The majority of the funds for this program are directed at the two large urban districts although $1.497 million is set aside for each fiscal year for grants to the other school districts. Reporting requirements are established for schools and districts receiving these funds.

This is the English Language Learners bill. We are doing something we haven’t done before which to provide the “wrap-around service” which will make a big difference for our kids. We are using things that we know to work, but we packaged them together into one and we are calling them “Zoom Schools.” I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR KIHUEN:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 504. Briefly, I want to commend my colleague from Senate District No. 2 for taking the leadership role on such an important issue in our State. As most of you know we have approximately 80,000 English Language Learners across the State of Nevada. I believe this bill, although not perfect—we need to invest a lot more money in English Language Learners—it is a step in the right direction. I also want to comment the Minority Leader for helping out to make sure these programs received funds. Also, I thank the Chair of the Senate Committee on Education. She has spearheaded this issue for several legislative sessions. We are grateful that we finally have a good start to making sure that we invest adequately in English Language Learners. Thank you.

SENATOR ROBERSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. I want to thank the Majority Leader. I also want to thank my colleague from Senate District No. 10 and many other people in this building for the bipartisan support of Senate Bill No. 504. We have never in the history of this State funded, at the State-level, English Language Learner programs. My colleague from Senate District No. 10 discussed the serious problem we have in Clark County where we have more than 55,000 students who are sitting in classrooms and they cannot understand their teacher—that’s almost 20 percent of the students in Clark County. Certainly that contributes to the high school graduation rate which is not good in Nevada as we all know. This is a huge historic step in the right direction for our State. Again, I want to thank everyone. Most of all, I want to thank Governor Sandoval. He had this in his budget, he kept adding more money to the budget—$50 million. Governor Sandoval, thank you. You are truly Nevada’s education governor. Thank you.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:
Thank you, Mr. President. I want to say congratulations to the Majority Leader. Thank you for always including those of us who are truly interested in education. I know everyone is, but some of us more-so than others. I am holding my colleague from Senate District No. 11 responsible because I hold all of you responsible for making sure that every one of those kids has a highly-qualified, specialized teacher to lead them in that area. I am in support of Senate Bill No. 504. Thank you.

SENATOR HUTCHISON:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of Senate Bill No. 504. I congratulate my colleagues from Senate District No. 2 and Senate District No. 10. I am a strong proponent of properly funding our English Language Learner programs. It is great to see this bipartisan effort, and I congratulate all parties involved. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 504:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 504 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered reprinted, re-engrossed and transmitted to the Assembly.

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

Senate in recess at 7:30 P.M.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 7:37 P.M.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill Nos. 260, 288 and 509 be taken from the Secretary’s Desk and placed at the top of the General File for this agenda.
Motion carried.

Senator Smith moved that Assembly 428 be immediately placed at the top of the General File for this agenda.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 428.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Amendment No. 966.
Senator Atkinson moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Atkinson.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 966 to Assembly Bill No. 428 reduces the number of members on the Legislative Committee on Energy from eight to six. Thank you.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, re-engrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 260.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 971.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 971 to Assembly Bill No. 260 revises provisions of the bill while ultimately ensuring that individuals who are honorably discharged from the military are able to pay in-state tuition at our State colleges and universities. Thank you.
Amendment adopted.
Bill ordered reprinted, re-engrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 288.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Ford.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 288 eliminates the high school proficiency exam and requires the State Board of Education to select a college and career readiness assessment to determine the achievement and proficiency of high school students during 11th grade, beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. The bill requires a student to take the college and career readiness assessment to receive a standard high school diploma. Additionally, the bill requires all school districts and charter schools to administer the assessment at the same time.

This measure further requires the State Board of Education to prescribe new criteria for receipt of a standard high school diploma, which must not include a student’s performance on the college and career assessment, and must include a requirement that students successfully pass at least four end-of-course exams after completion of certain courses of study beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. The bill also requires the State Board of Education to prescribe the courses of study for which end-of-course exams will be required, which must include the subject areas for which the State Board of Education has adopted the Common Core State Standards.

The bill also contains a requirement that, commencing with the 2014-2015 school year, students enroll in courses of study designed to prepare them for graduation from high school and readiness for college and career. Assembly Bill No. 288 also: (1) eliminates the certificate of attendance as a graduation outcome; (2) clarifies that students with disabilities may be exempt from the college and career readiness assessment; (3) specifies how the outcomes of the college and career readiness assessment may be utilized; and (4) requires accountability reporting related to the college and career readiness assessment and the end-of-course exams, as well as the development of a plan to transition from the current high school proficiency exam structure to the proposed new exam structure. Lastly, the bill appropriates $1.5 million from the State General Fund for costs associated with implementing the end-of-course examinations. This bill is effective upon passage and approval for purposes of making the General Fund appropriation and performing transitional and administrative tasks, and on July 1, 2013, for all other purposes. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 288:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 288 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Remarks from the Floor

Mr. President announced that Senator Spearman would offer a prayer for Senator Woodhouse and her family.

MR. PRESIDENT:
The mood is heavy, and Senator Woodhouse and her family are certainly on everyone’s mind. Senator Spearman, would you please rise and address the situation? Everyone please rise for a prayer.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President. Regardless of our faith belief system, this is a time that all of us will eventually travel. Let us pray.
Dear God, the One who gives life, and the One who ushers us in from our Earthly labor to a Heavenly reward, be with Joyce and her family now as your servant Al makes his transition. We pray, God, that even though absent in the body, that the love, wisdom, laughter, guidance and the encouragement that he has bestowed upon his family—we pray that will forever hold a special place in their hearts. Keep them on this day, and in the coming days. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

Mr. President:
Senator Spearman, the Chamber needed that. Thank you so very much.

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

Senate in recess at 7:49 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 8:08 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill No. 428 be moved to the top of this General File.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 428.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hutchison.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 428 makes changes to the renewable energy incentive program concerning both solar and wind. It creates the Legislative Committee on Energy and sets out the membership, duties and powers. It unanimously passed out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 428:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 428 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 509.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Spearman.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 509 adds references to the newly-granted power of the Nevada Legislature to call special sessions under the provisions of Article IV, Section 2A of the Nevada Constitution. The measure updates and consolidates provisions related to the investigative power of the Nevada Legislature, and its interim and session committees including the power to issue subpoenas. Finally, various redundant provisions are repealed. The bill is effective upon passage and approval. Thank you.
Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 509:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 509 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS
Senator Parks moved that the Senate do not recede from its action on Assembly Bill No. 139, that a conference be requested, and that Mr. President appoint a Conference Committee consisting of three members to meet with a like committee of the Assembly.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES
President Krolicki appointed Senators Parks, Spearman and Goicoechea as a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee of the Assembly for the further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 139.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES
Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 228, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 780 of the Assembly be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 7, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

DAVID PARKS  JAMES OHRENSCHALL
PAT SPEARMAN  SKIP DALY
JOSEPH HARDY  JAMES OSCARSON

Senator Spearman moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 780 to Senate Bill No. 228.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Assembly BillNos. 167, 287, 388, 404, 425 and 447 be taken from the General File and placed at the top of General File for the fourth agenda.
Motion carried.

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

Senate in recess at 8:18 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION
At 9:15 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Finance, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 200, Assembly Bill Nos. 335, 461, 462, 463, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 474, 475, 477 and 501, 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 Assembly Bill No. 7, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 325, 360, 367 and 512, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

TICK SEGERBLOM, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Revenue and Economic Development, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 506, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RUBEN J. KIHUEN, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, June 3, 2013
To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bills Nos. 33, 503.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 406, Amendment No. 963, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendment.
MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Smith moved all necessary rules be suspended and that the reprinting of all measures amended by the Senate be dispensed with, and be immediately placed on the appropriate reading file.
Motion carried.

Senator Smith moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 be taken from the General File and placed at the bottom of the General File for this agenda.
Motion carried.

Senator Smith moved that Senate Bill No. 501 and Assembly Bill Nos. 7, 425, 447, 462, 467, 468, 469, 470, 474, 475, 477 and 506 be taken from the General File and placed at the top of General File for this agenda.
Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
Assembly Bill No. 33.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 503.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 425.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.
Amendment No. 967.
Senator Atkinson moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Atkinson.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 967 to Assembly Bill No. 425 corresponds to provisions of Senate Bill No. 266 of this session, which has already been passed by the Legislature, to provide that the limit on the amount of the deductible that may be required for orally administered chemotherapy does not apply if the plan is a high deductible plan and the plan’s annual deductible has not been satisfied. Thank you.
Amendment adopted.
Reprinting dispensed with and immediately placed on General File.
Remarks by Senator Denis.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 425 makes various changes to the Nevada Insurance Code for the purposes of implementing certain provisions of federal law. It establishes a regulatory structure for exchange enrollment facilitators who will be certified by the Commissioner of Insurance and appointed as navigators or assisters by the Silver State Health Insurance Exchange. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 425:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 425 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 447.
Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Spearman.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 447 allows the Director of the Nevada Department of Transportation, with the approval of Nevada Department of Transportation’s Board of Directors, to authorize a private person to erect or construct, sponsor, operate or maintain a facility or a sign at a rest area under contract with Nevada Department of Transportation. The bill also raises the limits on fines for violating certain provisions or regulations governing roadside parks or safety rest areas. The maximum fine for a first offense is
increased from $100 to $1,000, and the maximum fine for each subsequent offense is increased from $500 to $5,000. This bill is effective on July 1, 2013.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 447:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 447 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 501.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 501 specifies that a facility for the treatment of alcohol and drug abuse is not eligible to receive State and federal money for alcohol and drug abuse programs unless it is licensed by the Health Division. In addition, this bill permits the Health Division to license inpatient alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities, even if they are strictly private-pay facilities. The bill becomes effective on October 1, 2013.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 501:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 501 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 7.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 980.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 980 to Assembly Bill No. 7 revises the definition of “resort hotel” in Washoe County exclusively to a facility with more than 300 rooms, an increase from 200 rooms. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 7 adds a representative of academia with knowledge of gaming-related matters to the Gaming Policy Committee, increasing the Committee membership to 11. The bill allows the Governor to appoint an Advisory Committee on Gaming Education, establishes the membership of the Advisory Committee and identifies its duties. Additionally, the bill appropriates General Funds totaling $15,208 in each year of the biennium to the Gaming Control Board Account for travel and operating costs for the Gaming Policy Committee, and for an additional $54,673 in fiscal year 2014 and $55,083 in fiscal year 2015 to the Gaming Commission for staffing and operating costs. Any money remaining at the end of each fiscal year must not be committed for expenditure after June 30 of the respective fiscal years. Any portion of the appropriated money remaining must revert to the General Fund.
on or before September 19, 2014 and September 18, 2015, respectively. The sections of the bill making appropriations to the Gaming Control Board and the Gaming Commission Account become effective on July 1, 2013; the section revising the membership of the Gaming Policy Committee becomes effective on October 1, 2013. This bill also amends the definition of “resort hotel” in Washoe County to a facility with 300 rooms. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 7:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 7 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 462.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 462 provides a one-shot General Fund appropriation of $938,119 and authorizes $579,591 in Medicaid Administration funds to develop a new medical records system for Developmental Services programs. The system will include intake, eligibility, authorization, case management, invoice and billing, Medicaid home and community based waiver management and serious incident reporting. The bill requires any unspent portion of the appropriation to be reverted to the General Fund on or before September 18, 2015. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 462:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 462 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 467.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 467 authorizes a one-time General Fund appropriation of $371,023 to the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund new and replacement public safety equipment, as well as other worn and obsolete equipment, including six pickup trucks, one tractor, one front loader, one backhoe, one track loader, one pickup bed insert, one tilt deck trailer, one lowboy trailer with semi-tractor and one storage shed. We are trying to catch up from a few years of not taking care of our assets; this bill will head in that direction for the Division of State Parks. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 467:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 467 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 468.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 468 provides for a General Fund appropriation of $1,902,000 to upgrade the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System, known as NOTIS, and provide end-user training. Currently, the Nevada Department of Corrections is one version behind the most current version of the Nevada Offender Tracking Information System software and is expected to be two versions behind within the next three months. Similar to the remarks I made on Assembly Bill No. 467, we are in a rebuilding and restoration mode. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 468:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 468 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 469.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 469 authorizes a one-time General Fund appropriation of $1.3 million to the Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund the replacement of emergency response and firefighting equipment and vehicles, including three Type 6 fire engines, two transport trailers, one sport utility vehicle and a hose coupling machine. We are replacing some equipment that is used to respond to natural disasters including ten inmate crew carriers with equipment, five pickup trucks with equipment, five 15-passenger vans with equipment and miscellaneous parts. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 469:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 469 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 470.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 470 appropriates $11.6 million from the State Highway Fund to the Nevada Highway Patrol to replace 199 fleet vehicles and 17 motorcycles that have exceeded the established replacement mileage threshold. The appropriation must not...
be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2015, and any unspent amount must be reverted to the State Highway Fund on or before September 18, 2015. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 470:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 470 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 474.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 474 provides General Fund appropriations to restore fund balances in various accounts authorized in Chapter 353 of Nevada Revised Statutes. The General Fund appropriations include $3 million to restore the balance of the State Claims Account, $100,000 to restore the balance of the Emergency Account, $3 million to restore the balance of the Reserve for Statutory Contingency Account and $8.3 million to restore the balance of the Contingency Account. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 474:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 474 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 475.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 475 makes an appropriation to the Legislative Fund in the sum of $758,573, for dues and registration costs for national organizations for the 2013-15 biennium. The funding was requested by the Legislative Commission to pay dues and registration costs to the National Conference of State Legislators; the Council of State Governments; the American Legislative Exchange Council; the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; the Education Commission of the States; the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; and the National Conference of Insurance Legislators. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 475:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 475 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Assembly Bill No. 477.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 477 appropriates General Funds of $470,397 to the State Controller’s Office for the replacement of computer servers and tape drives for the statewide financial system. Any remaining balance at the end of Fiscal Year 2015 must be reverted to the General Fund. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 477:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

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

Assembly Bill No. 506.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 506 is the recent settlement on the complimentary meal case that most of our members are undoubtedly familiar with. There is a small amount of General Fund that will be applied to settle this case. Going forward, we will not be taxing on complimentary meals, but it will wipe out the State’s very large potential liability. This has been a long, hard-fought settlement. I urge your support so we can move on. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 506:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 506 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

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

Senate in recess at 9:47 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 10:14 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

Assembly Bill No. 167.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hardy.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 167 allows a business that has a business license in Nevada, but has a fleet of cars or trucks located somewhere else, to have an opportunity to help pay for our roads. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 167:
YEAS—19.
NAYS—None.
ABSENT—Atkinson.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 167 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 287.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Amendment No. 958.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 287 relates to involuntary civil commitments. Amendment No. 958 to Assembly Bill No. 287 was agreed to by many parties involved. It does several things. It establishes specific requirements that must be included with the petition for the detention and potential re-commitment of an individual that is judicially admitted to a community based or outpatient program (community-based program) when they fail to carry out the plan of treatment. It specifies that a person involuntarily admitted to a community based program may be conditionally released from the community-based program if the professional responsible for coordination of their participation determines that the person no longer presents a danger of harm to himself or herself or others. It also requires that the court serve notice on the person who was ordered to resume participation in the community-based program. It further requires the counsel that represented the person when they were involuntarily admitted to a community-based program to continue to represent that person until they are released from the community-based program.
The amendment requires a petition, requesting to renew the court ordered period of treatment, to include evidence consistent with the evidence required for the initial admission into the mental health facility or community-based program. It also accomplishes a few other things. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Jones.
Thank you, Mr. President. As you just heard from my colleague, Assembly Bill No. 287 authorizes a court-ordered admission of certain persons with mental illness to a community-based program or outpatient services under certain circumstances. This is something Mr. Stewart has been working on for a long time; it is something that is heavily favored by the Governor and the Department of Health and Human Services to improve mental health services in our State. I strongly urge my colleagues to vote in favor. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 287:
YEAS—19.
NAYS—Spearman.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 287 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 388.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.

Amendment No. 968.
Senator Settelmeyer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 968 to Assembly Bill No. 388 revises the authority of a board of county commissioners relating to the approval of an application for a partial abatement of certain taxes submitted by a person who operates a facility for the generation of electricity from renewable energy. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Jones.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 968 to Assembly Bill No. 388 provides that certain facilities which generate electricity from geothermal energy are eligible for a partial abatement of taxes. The measure excludes from the calculation of portfolio energy credits the energy used by a portfolio energy system for its basic operations for any system placed into operation after December 31, 2015, under certain circumstances. It also revises the authority of a board of county commissioners relating to approving an application for a partial abatement of certain taxes for the generation of electricity from renewable energy. Finally, the bill also enacts certain provisions related to claims or causes of action relating to a renewable energy project located on Indian tribal land. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 388:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 388 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 404.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.

Amendment No. 957.
Senator Hardy moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Hardy.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 957 to Assembly Bill No. 404 allows for a time-share to be sold because the Real Estate Division does not have enough people to handle the press. We heard testimony that many people, including Disney, want to come in and do time-shares in Nevada, but we don’t have the ability to handle them. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Hardy.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 404 allows the State to have a Real Estate Division that can afford to do all the permitting necessary. The Real Estate asked for the fees so they could make this outside of the General Fund. I suggest we support it and get those into the State who are interested in doing time-shares. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 404:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 404 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed. Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 200.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Parks.
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 200 increases the maximum number of probation violators who may be remanded to a pilot diversion program operated by the Department of Corrections from 50 to 100 probation violators. The bill also extends the expiration for the diversion pilot program from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2017. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 200:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 200 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed. Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 325.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Ford and Brower.

SENATOR FORD:
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 325 authorizes a court, before sentencing a defendant who has been convicted of a felony and has never been sentenced to prison as an adult for more than six months, to commit the defendant to the Department of Corrections for a complete evaluation. The commitment may not exceed 90 days, but may be extended once for an additional 60 days at the request of the Department.

The bill requires the Department to evaluate the defendant’s previous delinquency or criminal record; social background and capability; and emotional, mental, and physical health; as well as suitable programs and resources that are available to him or her for rehabilitation. Not later than the end of the period of commitment, the Department must report the results of its evaluation to the court, including any recommendations that may help the court determine the proper sentence. Upon receiving the report, the bill requires the court to sentence the defendant to probation or an appropriate term of imprisonment. I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR BROWER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to Assembly Bill No. 325. The testimony in committee made it clear that the Department of Corrections has experimented with this concept.
in the past. It did not work. They do not want it to return. As a result, I urge a no vote on this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR FORD:
Thank you, Mr. President. The public defenders and the district attorneys both support this legislation. Thank you.

SENATOR BROWER:
Thank you, Mr. President. As the Body knows, I do not always agree with the district attorneys. I again urge a no vote. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 325:
YEAS—10.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 325 having not received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it lost.

Assembly Bill No. 335.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 335 creates the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Campus Improvement Authority. The duties of the Authority include studying the need for, feasibility of, financing alternative for a large events center, financing alternative for a large events center and other required infrastructure and supporting improvements in the Authority area. The bill describes the makeup of the 11 member Board of Directors. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 335:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 335 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 360.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Jones.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 360 authorizes the Governor, upon the recommendation of the Nevada Gaming Commission, to enter into agreements with other governments allowing persons physically located in those jurisdictions to participate in interactive gaming conducted by one or more licensed operators of the signatory governments. The bill prohibits the Governor from entering into an agreement unless it provides for any potential arrangement for revenue sharing, permits effective regulation of interactive gaming, and meets other requirements. As used in the bill, “government” means any governmental unit other than the United States Government.

This measure also requires the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the impact of technology on the regulation of gaming and the distinction between restricted and non-restricted gaming licensees. The bill revises the dates on which the amendatory provisions of Senate Bill 416 of this Legislative Session apply to certain gaming
licensees. Finally, the bill repeals a provision in Senate Bill 9 of this session that amended the definition of “gross revenue.” I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 360:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 360 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Roberson moved that Assembly Bill No. 367 be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary’s Desk.
Motion carried on a division of the house.
Krolicki cast deciding vote.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 461.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 461 puts into statute the provisions of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council that the Governor has established by executive order. This helps us fend off the listing of the greater sage grouse and is good for the State of Nevada. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 461:
YEAS—19.
NAYS—None.
NOT VOTING—Goicoechea.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 461 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 463.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 463 expands Section 97 of Chapter 353 of Nevada Revised Statutes 353.097 to provide State agencies with authority to pay a stale claim. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 463:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 463 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Assembly Bill No. 466.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 466 requires new fiscal reporting requirements which should provide some transparency about our tax abatements and tax exemptions—how effective they are. It should provide more citizen insight into the structure of the Nevada tax code. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 466:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 466 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 501.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 501 authorizes the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to issue not more than $85 million in general obligation bonds of the State of Nevada to finance the planning, improvement, furnishing and renovation of the Thomas and Mack Center at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and certain capital improvements at the University of Nevada, Reno. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 501:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 501 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 512.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Hutchison.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 512 makes technical corrections to bills previously passed during the 77th Legislative Session. The corrections are necessary to avoid conflicts between bills and to adjust effective dates as necessary and appropriate. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 512:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 512 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 950 to Senate Bill No. 3.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Manendo moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 632 to Senate Bill No. 109.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 961 to Senate Bill No. 374.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 963 to Senate Bill No. 406.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

Senator Smith moved that the Senate concur in Assembly Amendment No. 948 to Senate Bill No. 407.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

MOTION, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill No. 150 be taken from the Secretary’s Desk and placed on the General File.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 150.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senators Spearman, Settelmeyer and Hardy.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 150 creates the Legislative Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability as a statutory interim committee. The Committee may evaluate and comment upon issues related to governmental agencies including accountability programs, governmental oversight, financing methods and any other matter affecting governmental agencies. The bill is effective on July 1, 2013. Thank you.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to Assembly Bill No. 150. The testimony we heard during the committee meeting were from several local entities that felt this oversight already exists, and that this bill is far too broad. Sections 10 and 12 dealing with high-level radioactive waste were added in by amendment. I appreciate that.
This would create the Legislative Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability. My understanding is they would be permitted ten bill draft requests during the interim. I think
we had a bill earlier tonight focused on trying to reduce the number of bill draft requests. Thank you.

**Senator Hardy:**

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of **Assembly Bill No. 150**. I think some oversight and accountability may be a good thing. Thank you.

**Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 150:**

**YEAS**—11.


**EXCUSED**—Woodhouse.

**Assembly Bill No. 150** having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed. Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred **Assembly Bill No. 273**, 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*

**MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY**

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, June 3, 2013

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, **Senate Bill No. 165**, **Amendment No. 964**, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendment.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day concurred in the Senate Amendments Nos. 671, 949 to **Assembly Bill No. 288**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day respectfully refused to recede from its action on **Senate Bill No. 508**, **Assembly Amendment No. 697**, and requests a conference, and appointed Assemblymen Carrillo, Healey and Wheeler as a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee of the Senate.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day appointed Assemblymen Benitez-Thompson, Daly and Stewart as a Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 139**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 66**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 181**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 202**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 205**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 223**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 262**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 283**.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning **Assembly Bill No. 378**.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 415.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 176.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 185.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 228.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 280.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 389.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 410.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 425.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 450.
Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Joint Resolution No. 9.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 260.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Ford.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 260 shows the gratitude due to our veterans by offering them in-state tuition in Nevada schools. I urge your support.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 260:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 260 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 be taken from the General File and placed at the bottom of the General File for this agenda.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 273.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.
Amendment No. 979.
Senator Kihuen moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kihuen.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 979 to Assembly Bill No. 273 requires a notice of
Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Hammond.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 273 requires a trustee of a deed of trust to provide certain information to the borrower before it decides the power of sale in owner-occupied housing. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 273:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 273 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

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

Senate in recess at 10:58 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:03 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 66, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 675 of the Senate be concurred in.

It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 4, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

RUBEN KIHUEN  IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS
BEN KIECKHEFER  DINA NEAL
DAVID PARKS  RANDY KIRNER
Senate Conference Committee  Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Kihuen moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 66.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS

Senator Kihuen moved that the Senate do not recede from its action on Assembly Bill No. 496, that a conference be requested, and that Mr. President appoint a Conference Committee consisting of three members to meet with a like committee of the Assembly.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

President Krolicki appointed Senators Kihuen, Parks and Hutchison as a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee of the Assembly for the further consideration of Assembly Bill No. 496.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 181, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 651 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 1, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

KELVIN ATKINSON DAVID BOBZIEN
JUSTIN JONES JAMES HEALEY
MARK HUTCHISON TOM GRADY
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Atkinson moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 181.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 202, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment Nos. 673, 829, 867 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 9, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

TICK SEGERBLOM JAMES OHRENSCHALL
AARON FORD OLIVIA DIAZ
GREG BROWER IRA HANSEN
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Segerblom moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 202.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 205, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 612 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 2, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

AARON FORD MAGGIE CARLTON
BARBARA CEGAVSKE LYNN STEWART
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 205.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.
Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 223, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 764 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 21, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

DAVID PARKS TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON
PAT SPEARMAN JAMES HEALEY
SCOTT HAMMOND LYNN STEWART
Senate Conference Committee Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Parks moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 223.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that all remaining items on the fifth agenda be placed on the appropriate file for the seventh agenda.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
Mr. President:
Your Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 33, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

KELVIN ATKINSON, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 34, 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 Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 385, 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 Finance, to which were referred Assembly Bill Nos. 38 and 74, 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 Finance, to which was re-referred Senate Bill No. 473, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 503, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DAVID R. PARKS, Chair

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Revenue and Economic Development, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 413, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

RUBEN J. KIHUEN, Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, June 3, 2013

To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill Nos. 123, 292, 323, 391, 400, 461, 462, 475, 480, 484, 485, 486, 487, 500 and 519.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 165.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day respectfully refused to recede from its action on Senate Bill No. 508, Assembly Amendment No. 697, and requests a conference, and appointed Assemblymen Carrillo, Healey and Wheeler as a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee of the Senate.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 34.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 984.
Senator Smith moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 984 to Senate Bill No. 34 takes the bill back to its original form. It allows the pooling of retired and active employees. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Smith.
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 34 changes the comingling of State and non-State risk pools with the Public Employees’ Benefits Program. It also makes it possible for retirees from non-State entities to be rated with State participants if the entity’s active employees participate in the Public Employees’ Benefits Program. This is a good benefit for State employees. Thank you.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 34:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 34 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.
Senate Bill No. 385.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.
Amendment No. 985.
Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 985 to Senate Bill No. 385 offers some clarifying language and sets the rate at 2.60 percent. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senator Roberson.
Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 385 provides certain tax abatements to the aviation industry. It will make us more competitive with other states. The bill was brought at the request of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. I urge your support. Thank you.
Roll call on Senate Bill No. 385:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Senate Bill No. 385 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Senator Smith moved that Assembly Bill No. 413 be taken from the General File and placed immediately on the General File.
Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING
Assembly Bill No. 413.
Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.
Amendment No. 974.
Senator Kihuen moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senator Kihuen.
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 974 to Assembly Bill No. 413 changes the approval required from a majority vote to a two-thirds majority vote for a board of county commissioners to approve the imposition of additional tax on gasoline and special fuels sold in a county whose population is 700,000 or more. The amendment specifies that the total amount of money which must be paid by any county in any fiscal year to reimburse any amount owed to persons who use special fuels in motor vehicles must not exceed 20 percent of the total amount of money collected by the county from any tax imposed on fuels pursuant to Section 66 of Chapter 373 of Nevada Revised Statutes or the index and prohibitions in the bill. I urge your support. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Remarks by Senators Kihuen and Manendo.

SENATOR KIHUEN:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 413 which allows a board of county commissioners in a county whose population is 700,000 or more (currently Clark County) to impose an additional tax on gasoline and special fuels sold in the county. Imposition of the additional rate requires approval by two-thirds majority of the county commission no later than October 1, 2013. This bill is great for Clark County. I urge your support. Thank you.

SENATOR MANENDO:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 413. It is critical for infrastructure and long-term investment in Southern Nevada. There are more than 140 projects that need to be built, and each one will have a direct impact on Southern Nevada, creating much needed jobs. I urge your support. Thank you.

Senator Roberson moved the previous question.
Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 413:
YEAS—17.
NAYS—Cegavske, Gustavson, Settelmeyer—3.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 413 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 473.

Bill read third time.

The following amendment was proposed by Senator Smith. Amendment No. 977.

Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 977 to Senate Bill No. 473 establishes a procedure for the adoption and review of regulations by State administrative agencies, and makes various other changes. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 473 makes sure the relationships between the State Administrative Manual, the Nevada Administrative Code and Nevada Revised Statutes all live happily together. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 473:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 473 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

President Krolicki appointed Senators Manendo, Spearman and Gustavson as a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee of the Assembly for the further consideration of Senate Bill No. 508.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 33.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Settelmeyer.

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Assembly Bill No. 33 which revises provisions governing the partial abatement of certain taxes concerning energy-efficient buildings. It is good for businesses. Existing buildings will qualify for green energy-type credits. I urge your support. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 33:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 33 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed. Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 38

Bill read third time. The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.

Amendment No. 986.

Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 986 to Assembly Bill No. 38 reduces the threshold for qualifying for abatements from $200 million to $75 million, and it extends the period for the abatements to apply from 10 years to 15 years. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 38 is a key economic development bill. It ensures we become more competitive in recruiting businesses into the State of Nevada. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 38:

YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 38 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 74

Bill read third time. The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance.

Amendment No. 981.

Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 981 to Assembly Bill No. 74 extends some of the implementation dates with the Secretary of State. It also addresses various other concerns that were raised in committee. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.

Remarks by Senator Kieckhefer.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 74 requires individuals engaged in the business of providing document preparation services to register with the Secretary of State. It protects against predatory practices by people who think they may be getting legal advice when they are not. It tries to protect the citizens of this State. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 74:

YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.
Assembly Bill No. 74 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 503.
Bill read third time.
Remarks by Senator Spearman.
Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 503 authorizes a local government’s governing body to loan or transfer money in an enterprise fund if the ending fund balance of the general fund of the local government at the end of a fiscal year is less than 9 percent of the local government’s total expenditures from the general fund during that fiscal year. The authority to use the enterprise fund for these purposes applies only to a local government that has, during each of the five fiscal years immediately preceding the effective date of this act, made certain loans or transfers relative to an enterprise fund. Any local government that loans or transfers money in an enterprise fund must also provide a report to the Legislature on or before January 15, 2015. The Audit Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau is required to review and provide comments on the report to the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature when it convenes. This measure is effective upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on June 30, 2017. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 503:
YEAS—20.
NAYS—None.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 503 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.
Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
CONSIDERATION OF ASSEMBLY AMENDMENTS
Senator Kihuen moved that the Senate concur in the Assembly Amendment No. 964 to Senate Bill No. 165.
Motion carried.
Bill ordered enrolled.

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

Senate in recess at 11:37 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:45 p.m.
President Krolicki presiding.
Quorum present.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
Your Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 239, 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
Assembly Bill No. 239.

Bill read third time.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy.

Amendment No. 991.

Senator Atkinson moved to withdraw Amendment No. 911.

Remarks by Senator Atkinson.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 239 makes various changes to energy-related tax incentives. It authorizes the Director of the Office of Energy to charge and collect fees from each applicant for tax abatements. Thank you.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 239:

YEAS—18.
NAYS—None.
ABSENT—Kihuen, Parks—2.
EXCUSED—Woodhouse.

Assembly Bill No. 239 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 262, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 639 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 12, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

Aaron Ford
Lesley Cohen
Justin Jones
James Ohrenschall
Mark Hutchison
Michele Fiore
Senate Conference Committee
Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 262.

Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 283, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:

It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 866 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 3, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

Pat Spearman
Skip Daly
David Parks
Teresa Benitez-Thompson
Pete Goicoechea
Ira Hansen
Senate Conference Committee
Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Spearman moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 283.

Motion carried by a constitutional majority.
Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 378, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 754 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 19, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

TICK SEGERBLOM        MARILYN DONDERO LOOP
RUBEN KIHUEN          IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS
WESLEY DUNCAN

Senator Conference Committee  Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Segerblom moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 378.
Motion failed.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 415, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 706 of the Senate be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 13, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

AARON FORD           JASON FRIERSON
JUSTIN JONES          OLIVIA DIAZ
MICHELE FIORE

Senate Conference Committee  Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Assembly Bill No. 415.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

Mr. President:
The Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 508, consisting of the undersigned members, has met, and reports that:
It has agreed to recommend that Amendment No. 697 of the Assembly be concurred in.
It has agreed to recommend that the bill be further amended as set forth in Conference Amendment No. 20, which is attached to and hereby made a part of this report.

MARK MANENDO          RICHARD CARRILLO
PAT SPEARMAN           JAMES HEALEY
DONALD GUSTAVSON       JIM WHEELER

Senate Conference Committee  Assembly Conference Committee

Senator Manendo moved that the Senate adopt the report of the Conference Committee concerning Senate Bill No. 508.
Motion carried by a constitutional majority.

11:53 p.m. reconvene

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, June 3, 2013

To the Honorable the Senate:
I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bill No. 162.

MATTHEW BAKER
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES
Assembly Bill No. 162.
Senator Smith moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.
Motion carried.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.**
Resolution read.
The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Senator Smith.

**Amendment No. 988.**
Senator Spearman moved the adoption of the amendment.
Remarks by Senators Spearman and Settelmeyer.

**SENATOR SPEARMAN:**
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 988 to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 merges Senate Bill No. 347 with Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 so it becomes one study. Thank you.

**SENATOR SETTELMEYER:**
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9. The information we have received from Greg Cox of Nevada Department of Corrections indicated a study has already been approved by the Association of State Correctional Administrators overseen by the National Institute of Correctional Officers. This study will look at all shifts and all facilities, except camps; the training session for those involved in the process is set to begin this coming July. The letter I am looking at is dated March 11, 2013. The idea of doing the study contemplated in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9 is duplicative. Given that staffing lies solely within the purview of the Board of State Prison Commissioners under Section 21 of Chapter 209 of Nevada Revised Statutes, and that authority is under Section 21 of Article V of the Nevada Constitution. The Board of State Prison Commissioners include the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. I do not believe we have the power to be conducting the study. I urge your no vote. Thank you.

Amendment adopted.
Senator Jones moved the adoption of the resolution.
Resolution adopted.

Senator Roberson moved to recede from Senate Amendment No. 676 on Assembly Bill No. 496.
Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bill Nos. 1, 31, 50, 67, 80, 228, 311, 344, 362, 370, 408, 414, 419, 436, 444, 480 and 499.

**REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR**

**SENATOR DENIS:**
Thank you, Mr. President. We have a young man here who has been serving us in the Nevada Senate and Assembly for more than 25 years, Pastor Al Tilstra. We have put together a special proclamation for Pastor Al. I would like to read this into the record, it being a special occasion:

*Whereas, The Nevada Legislature is comprised of members who come from many faith backgrounds, representing constituents of the diverse religious community of Nevada; and*
Whereas, The Legislature is dependent on—and grateful for—the spiritual guidance of the many chaplains who freely give of their time to offer the daily invocations that begin each session of the Senate and Assembly; and

Whereas, Pastor Albert Tilstra has served as a chaplain at the Nevada Legislature for nearly 25 years, since April 10, 1989, and as clergy coordinator for the past five Legislative Sessions, fulfilling the crucial need to have coordination of chaplains for both the Senate and Assembly; and

Whereas, Pastor Tilstra has performed this role in an extraordinary manner, offering prayers that are both thoughtful and timely, grounded in an unshakable faith; now, therefore, be it proclaimed, By the Legislature of the State of Nevada that Albert Tilstra is hereby conferred the title of Chaplain Laureate of the Nevada Legislature, with the profound appreciation of its members.

Thank you.

MR. PRESIDENT:
Chaplain Laureate—that is a great term. I believe it was selected because you are not retired; laureate means you still have to do stuff.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:
Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to address Pastor Al. He has actually been here longer than I have, and he will continue to be here longer than me. Al, thank you so much for your words of wisdom, for your faith and for your friendship. You have been stellar for me. I want to thank you for your devotion, for the hours you sit and wait for us to arrive. I want to thank you for attending the Bible studies that we do on Tuesdays, and for the many different things we have done over the years in both Houses. It has been my absolute pleasure to know you. I am so proud to call you my friend. May God bless you in all you do. Thank you for serving us in this great State. Thank you.

MR. PRESIDENT:
What you all don’t get to enjoy most mornings is his play-by-play commentary on this Chamber. I have a very special seat listening to the wisdom as professed by our Chaplain Laureate. Al, thank you. It is so incredibly well deserved. Congratulations.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:
Thank you, Mr. President. Today marks the final day of the distinguished service of a couple of key individuals in this body. One of them is sitting three people to my left and the other is standing up at the rostrum, I like to call him Mr. President. But I would like to talk a little about Senator Barbara Cegavske. This being her final day in service here in the state Senate, we wanted to do a small tribute to talk about her tremendous accomplishments.

It is my honor to say a few words honoring my colleague and friend, Senator Barbara K. Cegavske. As you all know, the Nevada Constitution limits the terms of members of the Senate and Assembly to no more than twelve years in each house and, as such, this Session will be the last regular session in which Barbara can serve in this house. Upon the completion of her current term in office, in November of 2014, Barbara will have served in the Nevada Legislature for 18 years, twelve years here in the Senate and six more over in the Assembly. She served with great energy and will be remember for excellent legislative skills, commitment to good public policy and compassion for those less fortunate than her as we all well know. Like most of us serving in the Nevada Legislature, Barbara is originally from out of state, she is from Minnesota, a good Midwest girl. She graduated from Mayo High School in Rochester, Minnesota; she relocated to Las Vegas nearly 40 years ago and married her husband Tim in 1980. Together they have raised two sons, Adam and Bret, both of whom attended public schools and graduated from Nevada universities. I think we have all met them.

As a small business owner and a parent in 1996, Barbara ran for a seat in the Nevada Assembly because she believed Nevada’s small businesses and public education needed a strong advocate in the legislature and she has been that. As a state legislator, priority issues for Barbara have included creating new jobs, limiting tax burdens on individuals and businesses, improving
public education as well as reducing health care costs. Barbara has held a number of leadership positions during her tenure in the legislature including Assembly Assistant Minority Whip in 1997, Assembly Co-Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 1999, Assembly Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 2001, Senate Minority Whip in 2009, and Senate Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 2011. I would also note that during her nine regular sessions and ten special session, 19 sessions, Barbara ably served on a number of standing committees including the Assembly Committees on Education, Transportation and Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections for all six regular sessions, chairing that committee in 2005 and 2007 and also the Senate Committees on Finance for four sessions, Human Resources for four sessions, Education for six sessions and Energy, Infrastructure and Transportation for one.

Among her many measures, Barbara was the primary sponsors of successful legislation concerning the protection of children, which we know she feels passionately about, technological crimes, the designation of Primary Stroke Centers, people with disabilities, screening tests performed by pharmacists, school district budgets and school choice for children in foster care. As we all know, the responsibilities of a state legislator do not end when session is over, in addition to her interim study and committee assignments, the people we represent need to know what we accomplish each session. They often need us to provide information and advice on issues that affect their daily lives and, along those, lines Barbara has always valued the suggestions, ideas and requests for assistance she received from residents of Nevada and, in particular, residents of her legislative district. She deserves nothing but praise for her reputation as a responsive legislator and someone who truly does pay attention to her constituents.

As I said, before the end of her current term in office, Barbara will have served in the legislature for 18 years which is a significant accomplishment, to say the least; as only two women in the history of Nevada have served longer in this body than Barbara Cegavske and they are Senator Ann O’Connell and Senator Dina Titus each of 20 years. If my math is correct, I would guess that Barbara could go back to the Assembly and serve six more years and break all of the records, we’ll see if she wants to do that.

Senator Barbara K. Cegavske has been an ideal example of the citizen legislature upon which this Nevada Legislature is built. She has established a legacy of positive legislation that helps the people of this state. Barbara, I extend to you my most sincere thanks for all of your dedication of service to this State, to the people of the Great State of Nevada as well as the Nevada State Legislature.

I don’t think anyone here can question the level of commitment that you have. You are a woman of faith, a woman of dedication and commitment to your causes. I don’t know anyone who cares more about making sure that people who have developmental disabilities are served. There are a lot of people in this state who have benefited because of your service here. You have a lot to be proud of and the State has a lot to thank you for.

With that, we have a proclamation, I am not going to read the whole thing, but I will say that,

Now, therefore be it proclaimed, Senator Barbara K. Cegavske has been an ideal example of the citizen legislature upon which the Nevada Legislature is built and has established a legacy of positive legislation on behalf of Nevada’s residents and businesses and be it further proclaimed that the members of the Nevada Senate extend their most sincere thanks and commendations to Senator Barbara K. Cegavske for her dedicated service to the people of Nevada and to the Nevada Legislature, dated on this third day of June, 2013.

Barbara, we have one more little thing for you, which is just a small token of our appreciation, but we can add it to your collection. Being seniority number one right now, we got a good jersey for you reading Senator Number One, Cegavske. Barbara thank you for all that you’ve done for the people of this state. Thank you.

SENATOR DENIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, would like to take a moment to thank our colleague at the end of this first row of desks. I first met Barbara many years ago when I was just a PTA dad, she had just gotten elected and we came up to the Legislature. She was serving in the other house and we were fighting for similar issues on education and had that opportunity to meet her and work with her on those issues. I have had the privilege of serving with her now for the last ten years in either here or in the Assembly. I just want you to know that I appreciate all of the hard work that you do and the passion that you have. I know we haven’t always been on the same
page on some of the issues, especially on education issues, in fact, many times we are on opposite sides, but the issue is that we are both trying to fight for our kids and I’ve always appreciated that about you. I know that you have a bright future in whatever you decide to do and I appreciate your service and I know that Nevada is a better place for the service that you have given. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH:
Thank you, Mr. President. We’ll miss you. It has been a long run. I, too, met Barbara in the same realm that the Majority Leader did. I think I actually remember that we were standing in line at the microphone at a PTA convention, we were probably arguing over the budget or the bylaws or something like that about the organization—not arguing with each other but we were in line to debate an issue. That was a long time ago and who knew that we would end up here, at that end of the hall, then later this end of the hall, working on the same issues again and caring about the education in this state and many other things as well. I value everything you did then and everything you do now, all of the time you have put in on the Senate Committees on Education and Finance over the years greatly benefited the state and the citizens of the state and this body. I wish you well in whatever you do and I am sure that we won’t have seen the last of you. Thank you.

SENATOR SETTLEMeyer:
Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, it has been an absolute sincere pleasure to work with you over the last eight years. You’ve not only been a colleague, where we’ve worked together on issues and I know some people are going to be surprised by this but we actually don’t agree 100 percent of the time on everything. But more than anything, you’ve been a friend. We’ve had the ability to talk to each other, because at times, when you keep talking about the same issue, to your spouse sometimes they will just give you that look, “didn’t we talk about this last week?” And we respond by saying that no, it’s a different issue because it’s slightly different. And to us, because we’re in it, it is completely different issue. So it has been a great ability to talk with each other and to be able to vent, at times, about subjects so that way we don’t drive our spouses completely crazy. So in that respect, you are not going to get off that easy. I am still looking to be able to call you, just as I’ve always done with other individuals who have left this building. I remember talking to Assemblyman John Marvel, just before he passed away, Assemblyman Lynn Hettrick and other individuals of that nature—you’re not getting off that easy. In that respect, I will still continue to give you a call. Thank you for all you’ve done for this body and this state. Thank you.

SENATOR HARDY:
Thank you, Mr. President. Barbara, it’s been good to be seated next to you in here. It has been good to be counted as your friend. May the Lord bless you, as you have been a blessing to all of us and to the people of Nevada. Thank you.

SENATOR HUTCHISON:
Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, want to offer my gratitude and appreciation for my friend Barbara Cegavske. I am reminded of a quote by Margaret Thatcher who said, “if you want something said ask a man, if you want something done ask a woman.” Barbara has been a woman of action, not just of words; she has consistently stood by principles of good government, principles of values and principles of faith. It has been my pleasure to serve in this body as a freshman during her last term. I will always remember that, Barbara. I don’t know if I’ll be coming back after my term or if I’ll be back here for as many terms as you have returned, I don’t know what is going to happen in the future, but I will always remember my freshman year with you and remember what you taught me in terms of integrity and honor. You are a true stateswoman, it’s been pleasure and an honor. Thank you.

SENATOR GUSTAVSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. It’s been a long time Barbara. Barbara and I were freshmen together for the Class of 97, we had a large class back then and we are two of the few ones who are still here. Congressman-now Amodei was in that class among several others. It’s just been a real pleasure to serve with you. I’ve served with you on the Education Committees for many
sessions; I’ve served with you a total of seven different regular sessions. You are somebody that we can go to and count on to be there. And if we have an issue on education, we know where to go to and who to talk to. You are a woman of principle, integrity and we just really appreciate what you’ve done and how you’ve mentored us too and some of the other freshmen. I just want to thank you for your dedication to your constituents and to the State of Nevada for all that you’ve done, we really appreciate that and we love you Barbara. We’ll miss you. Thank you.

SENATOR MANENDO:
Thank you, Mr. President. To my friend, Barbara Cegavske, who I admire and respect. Her dedication beyond just these hallowed halls goes beyond into our community. Her work with The Adoption Exchange, CLASS! Publications, Opportunity Village, I’m trying to remember, there’s been so many organizations that we’ve worked on together and our relationship developed because of our work in the community. Obviously, your love and devotion extends to your family but also to our children making sure that they are educated and have a better future. I just want to say that it was a pleasure to sit next to you this session in the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. But we go way back, since you came in in 1997. I’ve always appreciated your honesty. I’ve appreciated the opportunity that we had to work together to make our state better. I had a good time working on transportation issues this Session. I was surprised to see that you were working on some of those issues and it was great to work with you, I really enjoyed that. I know that, on a personal level, there isn’t day that goes by that Barbara Cegavske doesn’t ask, “how’s your mom? How’s your family?” I just want you to know that I appreciated that, my mother appreciates that and you will be missed in the Senate but who knows what’s going to happen in the future because as somebody mentioned earlier you still have terms left in the Assembly so who knows what’ll happen but Mrs. Cegavske, to you and your family we are indebted, we have much gratitude for your countless years of public service to make our state a better place and we thank you for that. We are going to miss you in this house. Thank you.

SENATOR ROBERSON:
Thank you, Mr. President. Barbara, I respect your integrity, your strong convictions, your passion for education, I don’t think there is anyone in this state who cares more about education than you do. You are not going away, I know you’re not, you have bigger and better things ahead, probably in politics, but certainly in public service. I just want to echo what everyone else has said today and tell you I love you, I respect you and I honor you today. Thank you.

SENATOR SEGERBLOM:
Thank you, Mr. President. I did have a chance to work with Barbara a little bit over the years, but I didn’t sit on any committees with her, though I think she is an honorary member on the Senate Committee on Judiciary this year because she spent so much time in front of us. The one side that I had never seen of her was her support for the underdog and for prisoners actually. We worked together for a bill regarding prisoner IDs so that when they come out of prison they can look for jobs, we’ve worked with HOPE for Prisoners, so you have a real heart there. She actually had a bill that had a fee in it this session—as you know, that had to break her heart. I think she is finally becoming a liberal, it just took a long time.

SENATOR HAMMOND:
Thank you, Mr. President. I want to say a few words to my colleague sitting in the front with her baseball jersey on. I appreciate all of the support she has given me over the years. You came forward and really put a lot of faith in me and it has been a tremendous boost. My family appreciates you. My wife appreciates that you are here, keeping me in line all the time. I want to say that I look forward to modeling your dedication to public service. I also want to say that she’s got good taste; she once told me that she had hoped that I could be a mentor to her son and I think that speaks a lot to her good taste and my ability to win people over. I appreciate you and I appreciate your smile every day. I think the senator to my left is correct, I think there is something kind that you say about either the person you are talking to or about their family. I appreciate that. Thank you very much for all your hard work. Thank you.

SENATOR JONES:
Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in admiration for Barbara. She is proof that you shouldn’t always believe what you hear; people said to me, “oh she’s just a right-wing conservative,” but I’ve been proud to co-sponsor several legislative bills with her, work with her on other bills and pass a lot of them out because they are great bills and great ideas. I am proud to say that I’ve had the opportunity to work with you this session. I remember a month, or so, ago we were walking in the building one morning, and you commented to me that this was one of your best sessions ever because people seemed to get along and respect each other. I am glad that you are able to walk away from this institution with those kinds of memories. Thank you very much for your service. Thank you.

SENATOR FORD:
Thank you, Mr. President. Barbara, I just wanted to stand and say it’s been a pleasure working with you on the Senate Committee on Education this year. We sat on virtually opposite ends of the dais up there but you and I saw eye to eye on quite a few things, disagreed on a couple things as well, but it was always cordial. It’s been a joy to work with you for the brief time that I’ve been able to do so. I want to leave you, so you can rest assured that at least one other person here shares one of your concerns and that’s that permanent substitute, long-term substitute teacher issues, I will continue that battle for you. I am looking forward to work with you going forward. Thank you.

SENATOR SPEARMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President. Barbara, I really enjoyed serving with you on the Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Election. Whenever I am looking at something, I always try to get a 360-degree view and so during our conversation if we got to 180 degrees I could always count on you to get us the other 180 degrees. Thank you for your input. Thank you.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:
Thank you, Mr. President and thank you to my colleagues. Wow! I don’t know if this is meant to be goodbye because I’m leaving or if this is a eulogy. It was wonderful to listen to all of the comments. There are so many memories that keep flowing through my mind. Everyday I’m here sitting next to Doc Hardy and say that this is my last Tuesday, this is my last Wednesday and last night when we were here after 12:00 a.m. I said that this is my last Monday. It has been an incredible, incredible journey in my life.

Seventeen years in the Legislature, my family has supported me and my husband who I know is listening. I love you Tim and thank you so much. Tim and my boys have just been the rock, there for me all of the time. There has never been a moment when I haven’t been able to go to one of them and talk to them about an issue or ask them a question, they’ve always been there for me, and I really appreciate my family. My legislative family here is incredible. In 1997, when I started at the Legislature, Assemblyman Lynn Hettrick and the rural cowboys taught me so much about the State of Nevada and I am so appreciative of the lessons I’ve learned. I tell everybody this is a class that you can’t get at any university, or community college, and I am just so appreciative for each and every one of you. We are all different and bring such wonderful resources and ideas to this body to share and talk about and I think that’s so important, I think it’s such a wonderful thing for all of us to be able to do. There’s so many things I could say about each and every one of you but we would be here past the time that is allotted me. Each and every one of you have brought something to my life and when Mitch Fox was interviewing me, I told him my thoughts that I believe that I have been truly blessed, that this has been a blessing in my life.

Have there been downs? Yes. But there are so many more ups. The friends that you make here, you keep for life. That’s what I get to walk away with—the memories, the experience and the friendships. It’s not just with the legislators, there’s lobbyists, so many friends there, people you can go to when the issues are rough, and some of these are really tough issues, and to be able to get a handle on both sides to fully understand, it is very important. If there is anything that I can share with this body, it would be to trust your instincts, trust your heart and be honest with whatever it is that you’re dealing with or who you are dealing with, those are the best traits that anybody can have. I am proud to say that my colleagues have those qualities. I want to thank my assistant Terri Miller, who has been with me every session in the Senate except the first one.
and she stuck with me and every time I’d call her and say, will you come back and every time she’d say yes. Terri, thank you. I couldn’t have done this without you. She’s got a great laugh, a wonderful smile and it has been pure joy to be able to work with you. I want you to thank your husband and family for me for your late hours and times that you’ve helped or assisted me in something, so I thank you very much.

This jersey means a lot to me. I don’t know if any of you’ve been in my office, but I have a collection. Every session, we either played softball or basketball, and I have every jersey and every t-shirt that we had. This one will be right in front and it’s really an honor to have this. I hope we all remember everyone who has left because there is so much institutional knowledge that has walked out of these doors with term limits. I hope those who said they’d like to reach out to me that you will feel that you can, I’d love to answer any questions, give you any advice, I’m a mother, we love to give advice, and I’m a legislator, so we also love to give advice. But again, thank you all so much. Ben, thank you for your kind words. The pictures on the overhead brought back a lot of memories. To our leaders and our caucus, thank you all so much for being there and supporting me. I also want to thank this body, during this session it is the most bills that I’ve ever gotten out. It is wonderful, it’s been great. I think I have a baker’s dozen, thirteen bills, the thirteenth is in the Assembly at the moment, hopefully that will be the last one going to the Governor. I just cannot thank you all enough. Your assistants, what fabulous people you have in your office, always so kind, always willing to help, no matter what, I really appreciate that. There’s so much that I’d love to say but the biggest thing is thank you very, very much, God bless each and every one of you and may your paths and your journeys be as successful and as heartwarming as mine has been. Thank you.

SENATOR ROBERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. It is my distinct pleasure to commend and honor Brian K. Krolicki, the 33rd and current Lieutenant Governor of Nevada and President of this Nevada Senate. At the end of his current term of office on January 5, 2015, Brian will have served the people of Nevada with grace, skill and foresight in various official capacities for 24 consecutive years. Brian is another great Nevadan who had his original roots elsewhere. He was born in Warwick, Rhode Island on the last day of 1960 and went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Stanford University in 1984. I know he is a proud Cardinal.

Brian worked for several years for private sector banking and investment companies in New York City, San Francisco and Bahrain. Later he established his home in the Lake Tahoe Basin of Douglas County where he continues to reside with his wife Kelly and their three daughters, Katherine, Caroline and Elizabeth. In 1990, Brian worked on the campaign team of Bob Seale, candidate for State Treasurer of Nevada. Following Mr. Seale’s subsequent election to that office, Brian’s education and experience made him the perfect candidate to serve as Chief Deputy State Treasurer of Nevada and Secretary to the Board of Finance, positions he was to hold from 1991 to 1998. With the upcoming retirement of State Treasurer Bob Seale, at the end of 1998, Brian decided to seek elective office. Successfully winning election to the office of State Treasurer, the 19th person in Nevada history to hold that important position.

Among his many accomplishments as State Treasurer, Brian worked with Governor Kenny Guinn, to create the highly-ranked Nevada College Savings Plan and the Nevada Prepaid Tuition Program, successful efforts to make college education more affordable for Nevada families. Following Brian’s excellent eight years as State Treasurer, from 1999 through 2006, he went on to seek and win election to another important constitutional office, Lieutenant Governor of Nevada starting in January of 2007. As Lieutenant Governor of Nevada, Brian, and we all know how true this is, has worked tirelessly to promote Nevada as an ideal place for the location and expansion of businesses. He also has worked diligently in promoting Nevada as one of the leading tourism destinations in the world. We thank you Brian.

As a strong advocate of the traditions and history of Nevada, Brian formed and led the committee that selected the design for the Nevada’s submission to the 50 State Quarter program in 2006, an award-winning coin that celebrates Nevada’s open spaces and wild horses. Earlier this year he was appointed Chairman of the Nevada Sesquicentennial Commission to coordinate efforts and events leading up to Nevada’s 150th birthday on October 31, 2014. On behalf of the members of the Nevada State Senate, we extend our most sincere thanks and commendations to
Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki for his exemplary service and accomplishments on behalf of the people of our great state.

Brian, we also thank you for serving with efficiency, congeniality and good-humor as our Senate President over four regular and four special legislative sessions. In summary, the people of Nevada have been served with great effectiveness and vision by you Brian, a man who truly has made a positive difference in the State of Nevada. Brian, you are such a good friend to all of us. You are one of the few people in politics where anyone who meets you says, “he’s not a politician, he’s a real guy, he’s a real person.” You are a wonderful human being. You truly are. We are so lucky to know you. We have been so lucky to serve with you. We’ve been so lucky to have you lead this Senate. Words cannot describe how much respect that I have for you and how much you have helped me since I’ve been here for the last four years.

I have a proclamation and I am not going to read all of it, but I will just read the last couple of sentences:

We the Members of the Nevada State Senate, hereby extend their most sincere thanks and commendations to Lieutenant Governor Brian K. Krolicki for his exemplary service and accomplishments on behalf of the people of our great State and for serving with great skill and congeniality as our Senate President over four regular and four special sessions. Be it further proclaimed that the people of Nevada have been served with great effectiveness and vision. Brian K. Krolicki, a man who truly has made a positive difference in the State of Nevada. Dated this third day of June, 2013.

Now before we go further with other speakers, I understand that you have said many of times this session that our coffee machine was a life-changing experience for you. So here is a Keurig coffee machine for you Lieutenant Governor. Thank you.

SENATOR DENIS:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Brian, I just want to take a moment to thank you. It’s been an honor and a privilege serving with you. I’ve known you, at least, for the past ten years. We’ve been to different events together, we have served here together for the last two sessions but I’ve known you since I was over in the Assembly. I appreciate the opportunity that we’ve had when we get to talk, and when we are not talking politics, we just talk families and kids. I know you are doing this job for a great reason. You have been of great service to the State of Nevada. You have done a great service to this institution of the Senate. Your enthusiasm for Nevada reminds me of the first time in which I met you during an economic development meeting and you were talking about promoting this state and the things that you were doing. I consider you a friend. I appreciate our friendship and this opportunity to have worked together, especially more closely this Session than we ever have. So I thank you and appreciate the example that you show to others. Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I just want to say thank you. I guess we became acquainted when I was serving in the other house on the money committee and you had the unfortunate job of coming before us and I learned to appreciate your kindness and your even keel. Over the years we have become friends and I’ve appreciated that. I’ve really appreciated your leadership here as I came into a new environment, had a new job to do and wasn’t always sure what I was supposed to be doing, so I’ve appreciated your humor, your understanding and your guidance in this body. I wish you only the best and thank you for your service to this state. You’ve really done a great job and brought great things to Nevada. Thank you.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Wow! What a great journey it has been with you Brian. I can’t thank you enough for your terms of service here. Not only have I loved you being the President of this chamber but I’m proud that you are the only one in our caucus that didn’t have to put money into the cuss jar. I think that says a lot about who you are. I want to thank you so much for your friendship which has meant so much to me. I know the commitment that you’ve made and the sacrifice of your family, and what a beautiful family you have. I know you are so proud of them and they are very, very proud of you. Nevada wouldn’t be the same if they didn’t have you. I go to a lot of women’s club meetings and I have never met anybody that they
adore more than the Lieutenant Governor. First of all they can't stop saying how cute he is and once we get past that they will talk about other things. You are really admired and very much supported, not only by your party but everybody. I can't say enough about your demeanor and how you are with everyone. I think the Minority Leader was correct in saying that everyone doesn't look at you as a politician and you are lucky for that. I want to thank you so much for your kindness, your support and sharing the knowledge that you have; I've been able to siphon off some of it and ask questions when there are issues that I know you can assist with. To my friend, my colleague, God bless you and thank you so much for your service to this state and Godspeed in whatever you decide to do. Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. To the original “B.K.,” Brian, I don’t have a lot of superlatives to throw around, I'll try not to, but the best thing that I can say about you is that you are my friend. Thank you for being my friend. It’s not going to end when we are out of here. Thank you for your leadership and your vision and all of your commitment to our state. But most of all thank you for being my friend. Thank you.

SENATOR FORD:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Brian, I don’t need a lot of words to describe you or how I feel about you. You are just a great fellow. We haven’t known each other that long but we've had some real good conversations up here in the third row and I’ve enjoyed them. I'll just say this, you can be of counsel to the Law Firm of Ford, Hatch and Jones anytime. Thank you.

SENATOR SETTLEMEYER:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. President, Brian, our families have had long, deep history, to say the least. It goes back when you worked with my dad on issues in Douglas County when you were on the Planning Commission many, many years ago. My dad also worked with you when he was on school board because your wife has always been very involved in school issues, especially up in the Lake Tahoe Basin. It is kind of interesting that we are the only two people in this room that are each other’s constituents. But above all, you’ve always been a great friend. Especially when you were campaigning for the Olympics, I wish we would have gotten it, to say the least. But we also share a very uncommon interest, we’ve always been very meticulous about rules, we’ve always sat there and gone through the rules and discussed what is the proper procedure and things of that nature. But you will always be a friend. More importantly, I think the one word that really emphasizes who you are, is a statesman and thank you for that. Thank you.

SENATOR HARDY:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Brian, I’ve watched how gentle of a way you approach the prayers, the honor that you give to the flag and the dedication that you give to your state. I’ve watched you with your hand over your heart, the same hand that has reached across this wall to so many visitors as they’ve come here. I’ve recognized how grateful they are to meet a Lieutenant Governor and the ease with which you make them feel comfortable. I’ve been impressed with the diplomat that you’ve been to so many people, to so many tense situations and in so many places across oceans. You are truly a Nevadan, you bleed silver and blue, no matter what college you went to. Thank you Brian for being you. Thank you.

SENATOR BROWER:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I can’t believe that we are doing this today. It’s really just hard to believe this day has come. Brian, we’ve been on the same team for a long time now and I can’t think of a better teammate in a political or any other sense. We’ve been at countless campaign events together over the years, Lincoln Day Dinners, too many to remember, around this great State, legislative sessions, caucus meetings and I have to say that you have just been an unbelievably valuable member of our caucus. It is hard to imagine the caucus without you now. I don’t know what we are going to do without you. Your dedication to our state, to your family, to our party, to everything that you are involved with has just been so impressive to watch. The way you led a presidential campaign in our state was something to behold. It was a pleasure to work with you on that. The Stanford thing, as I like to say some of my best friends are Stanford
graduates and I am certainly very proud and humbled to put you into that category. I just can’t say enough. You are going to be missed but we know you are not going to far—we hope. You are obviously a young guy with an incredibly bright and limitless future ahead of you and we all just look forward to being part of that future. Thank you.

SENATOR MANENDO:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. To our Lieutenant Governor, our Mr. President, I just want to say thank you very much. I appreciate as our colleague, the Doctor, mentioned people just love to be in here when they get introduced. You make everybody feel so special and so welcome because you believe that. You believe everybody is special, you believe in this open process and that this is the public’s building so they can come in, soak it in and be a part of it. You have that welcome mat out for everybody. There is nothing fake or phony about you, you’re just a good, decent, big-hearted man who loves the State of Nevada more than I anybody I’ve ever met. You are truly an ambassador. I appreciate the work that you’ve done. My nephews used to say to me, “is that the guy who wants to bring the Olympics here? Are they going to come here? I want to go!” And I would respond by telling them that he is working so hard to do that, but it is a tough job, there are other cities that want to have that honor as well. I just remember them growing up and always admiring you and your work and they were right. What an honor and privilege for all of us to be here serving with you. I wish you and your family all of the best, you really are a wonderful man. I am going to miss you. Thank you for your service. Thank you.

SENATOR HUTCHISON:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Brian, it is a pleasure to rise and to honor you. Thank you for leaving a promising professional career and for entering public service. That is not an easy thing. That’s not something that many people do. Thank you for being such a great example. I love the fact that when you are presiding here at the podium that you are the President of this body. When people come here and visit us and we introduce people on the floor to see us in action, you are the face and the image of this body. I am proud of that and we could not ask for a better image, a better face, a better person up there. You serve with class, with dignity and with honor. You do have gifts, God has blessed you with gifts of diplomacy, ease of personality and humor and you use all of those gifts that uniquely qualify you to be the presiding officer of this body. And I also know that you’ve gone through difficult times in your professional and public career and you’ve handled those difficult times with the same kind of grace, integrity and honor that you’ve handled the easy, more successful times. For that, I thank you as well. You are just a wonderful example, to not only us, but to our children. To the rising generation I would say that Brian Krolicki is the type of person that you ought to seek to become if you want to be a public servant. He is the embodiment of the adage, “it’s nice to be important but it’s more important to be nice.” Your kindness, honor and integrity are the attributes that I think of when I consider you but I’ll add to the list that my colleague Senator Settelmeyer described, when he said that you are a statesman. I would also describe you as a gentleman, I mean that in the highest and most complimentary way. Thank you.

SENATOR GUSTAVSON:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. Brian, it has been a pleasure serving with you for these four years that I have in this body. I know there are a lot of accolades that have been said about you and I agree and echo those. I am not sure what else can be said. But I do know that when you get done here, whatever you go, whatever you do that you will be of benefit to the State of Nevada, it is just who you are. You are not going to leave your love of this state; you know what you’ve done for the State of Nevada and what the needs of this state are. Thank you for being here and serving us the way that you have. It has been a pleasure serving with you and I look forward to seeing what your next steps are going to be. Thank you.

SECRETARY BYERMAN:
Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I appreciate the opportunity to address the body. There are 21 of you as senators who face toward us during every session and there are eight of us facing you: the Front Desk and then President Krolicki and myself as the non-member
officers of this body. Brian, you have—literally and figuratively—always had our back. Every time that we’ve had issues or problems your primary concern has been the smooth operation of this chamber. On behalf of the Front Desk, I want to thank you for that. I am wrapping up my second term as Secretary of the Senate and I don’t know what this job is going to be like with somebody else serving as President. I’ve appreciated our banter and our ability to have some fun in this chamber. More than anything, though, I will miss the sense of decorum and the gravitas that you brought to this body. You took your responsibilities as President very seriously; I recognize, respect and appreciate that. I think we all love the Senate but you give us all the more to love when you treat the Senate with that kind of respect.

I am about to get to know you in a different manner because your daughter Katherine has recently been appointed to the Nevada Youth Legislature. I am going to get to know Brian Krolicki, the father, soon. I am looking forward to continuing our relationship in that manner.

It’s been a pleasure to stand with you, Mr. President. The two of us have—literally—stood together through some very long days in this chamber. Thank you on behalf of the Front Desk for everything that you have done to make this Senate a special place to work and serve.

PRESIDENT KROLICKI:

Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tempore. I’ve never used a microphone on the floor before. It is strange not to have all of you in front of me. I now know what it feels like to be eulogized. How special, how warm. I am really surprised. What you are doing here is unexpected, it’s unnecessary, but from the bottom of my heart it is appreciated. I knew we were going to fête Senator Cegavske, my dear friend, but I am an Executive Branch guy. Through the job of Lieutenant Governor I am allowed to spend 120 privileged days with all of you every other year. It has been about 500 days doing this all together. It is just an amazing vantage point to sit on two branches, but this Senate, this Legislature has meant so much to me. I cherish the Executive Branch, I love what I’ve done. I am the first person in Nevada’s history, and it’ll be some time for someone to follow me, to be term limited two times, maybe that’s an argument for term limits. To me, this is about the people. The Executive Branch is certainly not like this, in the activities that we do, and I’ve seen some of the most brilliant people in this chamber, I’ve seen the future of this Chamber and I am just grateful to be part of the present.

Public service is incredibly hard, it’s probably never been as hard but it’s never been as important as it is today. We have reached a point where the brutality often discourages some our finest men and women from pursuing these special opportunities but you all give me great hope that with the camaraderie here. You all know we have disagreements, we know that we don’t agree on certain things but this group of 21 has never made it personal. You are my friends. Thank you for making me part of this chamber, again, I have a very fascinating spot to watch all of you, but it has been an exquisite pleasure and ride.

I have to say thank you to the other folks who walk in this building, besides the 21 of you, to front desk, thank you you’re part of my world forever, the people who aren’t in this room, the Brenda Erdoes’ of the world. For 22 years I’ve been doing this incredible opportunity of public service. One bad day on an airplane falling out of the sky changed my life. I regret the tragedy but I will never regret the opportunity that is has given to me. So thank you, I don’t want to be blamed for the reason why we had to go into a special session. You honor me, you caffeinate me. Thank you so much for opening your hearts, your minds, your friendship and you will always be part of the very fabric of what I am. I do have to say thank you to my family, to Kelly who has been extraordinary to be married to, to my kids who think a parade is a verb, they’ve never watched one, they’ve only moved in them, but it’s a family enterprise. Thank you for letting me share the last eight years as part of this incredible body and work, God bless. Thank you.

SENATOR ROBERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. In addition to honoring you, Lieutenant Governor Krolicki and Senator Cegavske we would like to thank all of our staff in legal, policy, research, constituent services, general services, janitorial, broadcast and production services, ITS, senate staff, legislative police, sergeants at arms, front office and front desk. All of you are invited, hopefully when we get a break, to join us in room 3100 for some cake. Thank you.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:
Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to say thank you to all of my colleagues for your service to the State of Nevada. Despite some bills that did not quite make it, we made some significant strides—especially in education—this Session. We passed a balanced budget that puts more than half a billion dollars back into our K-12 education system; that is one thing I am particularly proud of. There are things that happened this Session that many did not think was possible. I enjoyed hearing Senator Segerblom and Senator Hutchison sitting next to each other arguing on behalf of medical marijuana dispensaries; it was not something I thought would happen when we arrived here for start of Session.

I want to compliment the Senate Leadership. I thank my leader, Senator Roberson for what he did to bring our caucus together, take positions and drive the conversation this Session. I think he did a fabulous job. Thank you.

SENATOR DENES:
Thank you, Mr. President. As we complete the 77th Legislative Session, I believe it is appropriate and essential that we take a few moments to reflect on our many accomplishments in the area of public policy. On the first day of Session, I said we had a great work to do to build a better Nevada, and that we would accomplish this work if we worked together for the best interests of this great State. I welcomed all of our new members and said that we expected great things from them. We have done a great work. We have worked together. Everyone rose to the challenge.

With limited revenues and a very tight budget, this Legislature was able to work together this Session and move forward in a number of important areas. Of course this progress could not have been accomplished without the cooperation and support of Governor Brian Sandoval. I thank him for all he has done for our great State this Session, and I look forward to working with him in the months and years to come.

I would like to highlight a few examples of good public policy approved this Session. Several bills this year addressed Nevada’s gaming industry which continues to be the economic engine which drives this State. Early in the Session we were the first state in the Nation to allow online interactive gaming with Assembly Bill No. 114. Just a few days ago, we approved a bill that would ban sports betting kiosks in bars, taverns and other establishments holding only restricted gaming licenses—Senate Bill No. 416.

This Session education was one of the most important topics of the Legislature. As we all know, the future of our great State and Nation depend so much on the education we provide to our children. We agreed with the Governor that full-day Kindergarten be expanded. We also provided for the first time State funds for English Language Learners. We addressed the reform of high school testing requirements. The Legislature also passed legislation aimed at improving academic achievement including changes to the school accountability system and graduation requirements. Most recently we continued the work of the 2011 Legislature in creating a robust teacher-evaluation system.

The 2013 Legislature followed up on efforts made during the 2011 Legislative Session by passing and referring two significant constitutional amendment proposals to the voters for final action in November 2014: one would create a much-needed appellate court system in Nevada; while the other would eliminate the provision that limits the ability of the State to tax fairly the net proceeds of mines. By not acting on the Initiative Proposal to establish a Margins Tax by law, this proposal will also be decided by the voters in 2014.

In addition to the enhanced funding we provided this Session to extend Medicaid benefits to more Nevadans, we also passed important related legislation. For example, Assembly Bill No. 221 requires the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to consider measures to revise the manner in which payments are reviewed and made to providers under Medicaid for the Children’s Health Insurance Program. Assembly Bill No. 1 requires the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services to include the State Plan for Medicaid, a requirement that the State covers certain costs for emergency care including dialysis provided to patients with kidney failure.

In a bold effort to improve public safety on our streets and highways, we approved legislation that would allow persons who are in the United States undocumented to obtain a driver’s authorization card through Senate Bill No. 303. Many undocumented residents in Nevada...
Currently drive even though they do not have a driver’s license or insurance. This new program will enable such persons to pass the driving test at the Department of Motor Vehicles, pay an annual fee for the card and also require liability insurance for their vehicles.

**Senate Bill No. 321** established for the first time the Nevada Homeowners’ Bill of Rights. This measure also provides additional safeguards to homeowners concerning the foreclosure process, much like the California Homeowners’ Bill of Rights. The Nevada law ends the practice of dual tracking which has been a common practice of banks to proceed with foreclosure at the same time as they are supposed to work on a loan modification with the homeowner. In addition, the bill requires single point-of-contact servicing requirements and eliminates paper and phone calls that are typically delay efforts to get loan modifications approved.

The results of several other policies we passed, such as infant screening for congenital heart defects through submitting data on pulse oximetry screening results. We also approved the creation of the State Task Force for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children. We approved legislation that prevents insurance companies from making different coverage limits between certain orally-administered forms of chemotherapy and other forms of chemotherapy; that bill also limits copayments, deductibles and co-insurance amounts for orally-administered chemotherapy to no more than $100 per prescription.

We expanded the list of hate crimes. We approved an important bill related to genetic marker analysis which contains provisions to strengthen an existing State law known as Brianna’s Law, **Senate Bill No. 243**. The bill also established a State DNA database, imposes an administrative assessment upon a defendant convicted of any crime and requires a biological specimen be obtained from a person arrested for a felony. This new law will also establish the Subcommittee to Review Arrestee DNA within the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice.

The Legislature also approved significant new legislation on recruiting and marketing efforts to attract professionals and businesses to Nevada, a Registry of Putative Fathers and the termination of parental rights, transferable tax credits to attract film and other production to the State and an extension of purposes for which a school district may issue general obligation bonds. Many other bills we approved also contained important policy considerations.

At the beginning of Session, I talked about three goals I felt we needed to accomplish to build a better Nevada: (1) to create jobs, (2) to immediately improve our schools and (3) to make sure we have a fair revenue structure that meets the needs of modern-day Nevada. We did do more to help our schools, and we have done some things to help bring jobs to Nevada. We still have yet to make sure we have a fair and balanced revenue structure going into the future, but we have some things in place the help. I have made a personal commitment during the Interim to work on some things that we can bring back for the next Session.

I will continue to fight for the immigrant community, to protect the great treasure we have at Lake Tahoe, to fight for the mentally ill and those who cannot fight for themselves. We have done some great things in those respects.

In closing I want to thank our wonderful Senate staff and the staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. We could not have accomplished so many good things for the good people of Nevada without your expertise and diligent efforts. To our fellow members—and certainly to our Senate President—I am rather overwhelmed when I look back and see so many positive accomplishments. Governing needs to be a team effort. I extend my thanks to each and every one of you for pulling together and putting the well-being of the State of Nevada and its residents as our number one priority. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and thank you for all of the great work that has been accomplished. Nevada is better because of it. Thank you.

MR. PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Senator Denis for your leadership, and for setting the tone of camaraderie and bipartisanship. For someone who has spent multiple sessions here, it has been a wonderfully refreshing period of time. I am grateful for that leadership.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also want to say my thanks and share my gratitude with everyone here for making this a very productive and meaningful session, both for me and for our residents. When I look around at my colleagues, I know what each of you cared about and what each of you sponsored: community colleges, insulin for diabetes available at schools, protecting children
with a longer period of time in which perpetrators can be charged, new markets, driver’s authorization cards, a safe needle program, medical marijuana, marriage equality, so much to honor our veterans, for adoptive parents, safety issues, homeowners, protecting animals, education, career and technical training, energy, agriculture, next-of-kin registry. Our colleague from Senate District No. 5 who is not with us tonight did a ton of work on education. We have spent so much time together. I have learned so much about what you care about and where your hearts are. I want to thank you.

We have the most amazing freshman class. I don’t really consider myself a freshman, but I am in that class as well. The rest of you freshmen are phenomenal. I came to this Body thinking how in the world could anyone come into a new Body like this and have to chair a committee; all of you new chairmen excelled. Those who weren’t chairing pitched in regularly to make this place work.

We did accomplish a lot of good work. I find myself wanting to reassure you not to feel bad about the way we ended tonight with having a few things undone. I can tell you my first three or four sessions ended up the same way. We had some pretty amazing leaders and some pretty big issues during those times; we had a hard time making it by midnight as well—actually, it was a 1 a.m. deadline in those days. Please know that your work is appreciated. You families have sacrificed so much for you to do what you did over these last four months. Don’t leave here feeling a bit bad about the way things ended. It is the previous four months, it is the backward look, that you should be so proud of. I thank you for your kindness to me, and in helping me get through a new place and a new position. I think we have a lot of work left to do together. To all of our staff, all of the people out there listening, in every department—we have so many unsung heroes out there; we don’t even see their faces. They help us get through every day. All of the agency staff in the Executive Branch who are out there listening every day to what we do. Our decisions affect them so much; I say thank you to them. Thank you.

SENATOR SETTELMEYER:
Thank you, Mr. President. It has been an absolute honor and a privilege to serve with all of you. I do believe, Senator Smith—we are headed into sine die so I don’t have to address you as my colleague from Senate District No. 13—you have truly honored Brianna Dennison’s memory. And you turned me around; I was actually against the bill originally, several years ago. Kudos to you, and congratulations.

We have forged a new era of cooperation. In the past, certain individuals in this Body, when we were in the other Body, did not necessarily get along. I see a new spirit of cooperation toward a common goal, to do what is best for this State overall. At the same time, this Session has been far more emotional than all the other sessions added together. It has been a strange time, but a great time. With that, I thank you all. I will be deeply missing the working relationships we have built with two certain individuals (Senator Cegavske and Lieutenant Governor Krolicki). Thank you.

SENATOR HARDY:
Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate serving with you all. I appreciate the opportunity we have to engage with the lobbyists, the stakeholders—the many who are concerned about Nevada not just their own little bailiwick. It has been a pleasure to serve. It has been an interesting Session. I have appreciated the Chairs of the committees I sat on; they have been patient with me. I have appreciated the Senate Leadership and the camaraderie we have enjoyed. In as much as we have disagreed, we have still been agreeable. This Session has proved that it can be done. Thank you.

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 Kirsti Van Ry.
On request of Senator Jones, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Antonio Randazza, Jennifer Randazza, Marc Randazza and Natalia Randazza.

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jan Brase.

On request of Senator Roberson, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jodi Poley.

On request of Senator Spearman, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Kristina Litle.

A committee from the Assembly, consisting of Aizley, Carlton and Hardy appeared before the bar of the Senate and announced that the Assembly has adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. President appointed Senators Spearman, Parks and Hardy as a committee to wait upon the Assembly and to inform the honorable body that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Mr. President appointed Senators Cegavske, Ford and Kihuen as a committee to wait upon His Excellency, Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada, and to inform him that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Senator Spearman reported that her committee had informed the Assembly that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Senator Cegavske reported that her committee had informed the Governor that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*.

Senator Denis moved that the 77th Session of the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada adjourn *sine die*.

Motion carried

Senate adjourned *sine die* at 12:45 a.m.

Approved: BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
President of the Senate

Attest: DAVID A. BYERMAN  
Secretary of the Senate