

**THE ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Tuesday), May 13, 1997

Senate called to order at 10:22 a.m.

President Hammargren presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by former Senator Lori Lippman Brown.

Because we can be so strong, we are proud;

Because we can be so weak, we are kind;

Because we live together, we take care of one another;

Because earth is so small, we do not pollute;

Because the universe, life, time and space are beyond the grasp of our minds, we feel awe;

Because we are so moved by birth, death, daffodils, sun, surf, laughter, and sudden tragedies, we feel wonder;

Because life is so wide and so deep, we lean into it and let it carry us along;

Because life is so short, we try to find its meaning, and live as well as we can.

Unto the goodness and the heart of every person and the truth and the mind of every person, we make appeal.

By whatever name it is known, in whatever land it is found, we search together for goodness of life.

AMEN.

Prayer by the Chaplain, the Reverend Jeffrey D. Paul.

Gracious God, looking back on our history we see your boundless sense of humor: Look upon all who serve this great state, especially those who have served in years past. We give thanks for all our oldtimers, especially Coe Swobe, Edward Boyle and Keith Ashworth inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame this day. May their legacy encourage us to promote the well-being and dignity of all people; in Your Name we pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Senator Raggio moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the President and Secretary be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 300, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, *Chairman*

Edward Boyle's granddaughter, Mary Jane Boyle Helrich, was born in Reno and lived in the Governor's Mansion as an infant during the administration of her uncle, Governor Emmet Boyle. Mary Jane's family moved to New York while she was still a child. Her last trip back to Carson City was over 40 years ago.

Mary Jane Boyle Helrich, granddaughter of Senator Edward Boyle, lives in Northport, New York, on Long Island. Her daughter Jane Prince, also of Northport is a great granddaughter of Senator Edward Boyle. Another daughter, Ann Helrich, lives in Milton, Vermont, near Lake Champlain. She also is a great granddaughter of Senator Edward Boyle.

Special thanks are in order for Christopher Driggs, an archivist with the Nevada State Library and Archives. His research skills recently led him to a web site on the Internet, which resulted in the discovery of a number of direct descendants of Senator Edward Boyle, all of whom are now living in New York, Pennsylvania or Vermont. Christopher has been assisting these three ladies on their trip back to Nevada for today's ceremonies.

Resolution adopted.

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Adler, Augustine, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Porter, Rawson, Regan, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

Senate Resolution No. 8—Inducting C. Coe Swobe into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Certain past state Senators have distinguished themselves with their exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Senator Swobe served as a member of the Nevada Legislature from 1963 to 1974, 4 years in the Assembly and 8 years in the Senate, and served as both Senate and Assembly Minority Floor Leader during his tenure in the Nevada Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator Swobe sponsored and gained passage of a number of measures of considerable importance, including a measure increasing the number of Justices on the Supreme Court from three to five and a measure providing for the payment of educational expenses of students with hearing and visual handicaps who would otherwise not have access to special educational resources; and

WHEREAS, Senator Swobe was instrumental in creating the Compact between Nevada and California for the planning and protection of Lake Tahoe and the Lake Tahoe Basin, causing him to be known as "Nevada's Father of the Original Tahoe Regional Planning Compact"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Senator C. Coe Swobe, a man known particularly for his vision and leadership in matters of state policy, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Jacobsen moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Jacobsen and Raggio.

Senator Jacobsen requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENATOR JACOBSEN:

Mr. President and everyone present, this is a special honor for me today. C. Coe Swobe represents the modern era of the Hall of Fame. He was nominated because of his interests, his

support, his vision and leadership in matters of state policy. He served 12 years in the legislature, four years in the Assembly and eight years in the Senate. It is interesting to note, Senator Swobe always served in the minority party. He represented Washoe and Storey counties. He was elected minority leader in both houses of the Legislature which is exemplary. He was one of the initiators of the intern program. The program whereby students from the universities come to help during the legislative sessions. The internship program stills exists today. Former Senator and former Lieutenant Governor Wagner is in charge during this session.

Senator Swobe worked toward providing payment of educational expenses for those who were handicapped, whether it be hearing or visual handicaps. In a different manner, he was interested in drugs; and was able to have prescription drugs and medicines exempt from sales tax. I think that was complimentary because all of us in this day and age realize there are times in our lives when certain prescription drugs are a necessity. Another important item he sponsored is the two-term limits for serving as governor. Coe was instrumental in making sure the state had two more Supreme Court Justices. Today, we have five Supreme Court Justices and rightfully so, since Nevada has grown in population.

Senator Coe Swobe is known as the Father of the Original Tahoe Regional Compact. I was in opposition to that measure but it did not change our friendship. It may have stretched it a bit. It is interesting to note that I chair the advisory committee for TRPA.

Through Coe's efforts, all Vietnam veterans could enroll in Nevada's university system and receive the same courtesies and privileges as other veterans of the Armed Services. It is a real privilege and pleasure for me to ask the Senate to adopt Senate Resolution No. 8. It comes with some family flavor too. I apologize for my wife not being here today. We are celebrating our 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so I'll not have any problem remembering Coe's special day.

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Mr. President and fellow members of the Senate.

This is indeed a pleasure today to induct Chester Coe Swobe as the newest inductee into the Senate Hall of Fame. He doesn't like people to know that the "C" stands for Chester so he parted his name on the left, C. Coe Swobe. We need to know that his name is Chester.

This is a particular pleasure for me because I have known Coe Swobe all my life. Dottie and I admire him greatly as well as Janet, his wife, and their families. He has been a mentor to me. When I first entered the Senate in 1973, Coe was in the Senate also. We were a group of six republicans. We had an unusual situation in those days. Regardless of how many members each party had in the Senate, there was expected to be five of the majority party on each standing committee and four of the minority party, too. The Senate had about nine standing committees then. I was on at least nine committees, maybe six or seven. We had to run back and forth to vote in all those committees. I need to tell you, there were a few times when I'm not sure what I voted on. It was an interesting experience. We had great camaraderie. Coe's service in the Senate, and he served in the Assembly before, epitomized what we all strive for: that is, the loyalty, dedication and belief in the legislative process. Senator Jacobsen who also served with former Senator Swobe mentioned the role that he has played in the establishment of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency. Rightfully, Senator Swobe was known as the Father of the TRPA. It was an historic moment for the states of California and Nevada. There was much travail and concern about entering into a bi-state compact ceding jurisdiction and authority. It was an uneasy task to accomplish. At that time, Paul Laxalt was governor. Coe Swobe worked closely with the executive branch and with the State of California and its executive and legislative branches. In every sense of the word, he certainly is the Father of the TRPA compact that has proved its worth over many years in the preservation of Lake Tahoe, one of the scenic gems of the world. We owe Coe Swobe a great debt of gratitude.

As all of the sitting Senators know and some of the visitors should know, the efforts put forth to induct these individuals into the Hall of Fame are largely the efforts of Guy Rocha, State Archivist, and Bob Erickson, Director, Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Through their efforts, they have done the research on all of the history and newspaper

articles that Senator Swobe had in a file and has treasured over all the past years regarding the bi-state compact. They have compiled all this information, a history of everything that was involved in the bi-state compact process over the many years Coe worked on that process. It is a privilege to present this historical record to Coe on behalf of all the Senators. We want Coe to know how the people of the State of Nevada feel about his efforts. Again, I want to extend my congratulations to Coe and his family and ask for the full Senate's accord on Senate Resolution No. 8.

Resolution adopted.

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

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:32 a.m.

#### SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:36 a.m.

President pro Tempore Jacobsen presiding.

Quorum present.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 13, 1997

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 24.

JACQUELINE SNEDDON

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Adler, Augustine, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Porter, Rawson, Regan, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

Senate Resolution No. 7—Inducting Keith Ashworth into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Certain past state Senators have distinguished themselves with their exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Keith Ashworth served as a member of the Nevada Legislature from 1967 to 1984, 10 years in the Assembly and 8 years in the Senate, representing Clark County; and

WHEREAS, During his service as a legislator, Senator Ashworth served as Speaker of the Assembly, Chairman of the Legislative Commission, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chairman of the Western Conference of the Council of State Governments and chairman of various standing committees of the Senate and Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ashworth sponsored and gained passage of a number of important bills, including "The Nevada Ethics in Government Law," which created the Nevada Ethics Commission and established a statewide Code of Ethical Standards; now, therefore, be it