

THE FIFTY-THIRD DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), March 31, 2005

Senate called to order at 11 a.m.

President Hunt presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. John Jackson.

Heavenly Father,

Today is a beautiful day. Thank You for that. Thank You for the very breath that we breathe. We honor You today as the Creator of the Universe, and we honor You for the work that You do in our lives each day.

I ask You for Your blessing upon the women and men of this Senate; give them direction, wisdom and courage in all they decide on our behalf. We ask this today, humbling ourselves before You and Your leadership in our lives.

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

Madam President:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 257, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, *Chair*

Madam President:

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 72, 197, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON, *Chair*

Madam President:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DEAN A. RHOADS, *Chair*

Madam President:

Your Committee on Taxation, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 489, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MIKE MCGINNESS, *Chair*

Remarks by Senator Rhoads.
 Roll call on Senate Bill No. 192:
 YEAS—21.
 NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 192 having received a constitutional majority,
 Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 107.
 Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 107:
 YEAS—21.
 NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 107 having received a constitutional majority,
 Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess until 12 m.
 Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:41 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:01 p.m.
 President Hunt presiding.
 Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske,
 Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads,
 Schneider, Tiffany, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

**Senate Resolution No. 6—Inducting Ann O'Connell 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 who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Ann O'Connell represented the residents of Clark County Senatorial District
 No. 5 in the Nevada Legislature for a total of 20 years, from her election in 1984 to 2004,
 constituting the longest service in the Senate by a woman in Nevada history; and

WHEREAS, During the course of her distinguished service in the Senate, Senator O'Connell
 served as Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, as Chairwoman and
 Vice Chairwoman of the Legislative Commission and as Chairwoman and Vice Chairwoman of
 the Legislative Committee for Local Government Taxes and Finance, as well as presiding over
 numerous interim study committees; and

WHEREAS, Among her numerous accomplishments in the Legislature, Senator O'Connell
 pioneered a consensus building approach to study the distribution of state and local tax revenues
 among local governments in Nevada, promoted public school accountability, was instrumental in
 the preparation of academic standards for each grade in the public elementary and
 secondary schools, and championed the cause of suicide prevention by establishing a statewide
 suicide prevention program and sponsoring legislation to fund a nationally recognized
 24-hour hotline; and

WHEREAS, Senator O'Connell was renowned for tackling the most difficult and contentious legislative issues by encouraging an inclusive process, ensuring that all parties had an opportunity to be heard, and tirelessly working to make legislation a product of the people she represented; and

WHEREAS, Senator O'Connell has served as a mentor to many new Legislators by guiding them in their introduction to the legislative process and by initiating them into the culture of the Legislature and its importance as a democratic institution; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ann O'Connell has been and continues to be an excellent role model for Legislators, women and the youth of today by embodying the principles of integrity, dedication, insight and respect for diverse opinions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Ann O'Connell, a leader known for her dedication, work ethic and consideration for others, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio, Cegavske, Titus, Hardy, Amodei, Washington, Care, Schneider, McGinness, Tiffany, Mathews, Townsend and President Hunt.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

It is my pleasure to speak in favor of this resolution honoring former Senator Ann O'Connell. The resolution cannot go far enough to honor Ann O'Connell. She has already made a correction to the resolution stating it is wrong because she is not just the longest serving woman Legislator in the Senate but also in the entire Legislature. True to form, she is nit picking today as she did during the entire time we served together.

Senator O'Connell was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She attended the University of New Mexico. She received training through the International Council of Shopping Centers which is where I first met her. I was running for the U.S. Senate in 1970 and was walking the precincts in Las Vegas in the middle of summer. I learned at that time that there were far more Democrats than Republicans in Clark County. I was walking through the Boulevard Mall, and she felt sorry for me because no one would shake hands with me because I was running against the incumbent. She came to my rescue, took me in and offered me a cold drink. Since that time, I have gotten to know her and had the opportunity to work with her.

Senator O'Connell is a Republican, first elected to the Nevada Legislature from Clark County in 1984. She served 20 continuous years in this body.

I asked the Research Division to find me an appropriate quote, and they gave me one from Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister of Great Britain. She once said, "In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman." I think this statement is true of Ann O'Connell.

She is a strong willed and effective woman. She knows how to get things done. She came to this body from the business world where she operated a number of successful businesses. She knows what it is like to make a business plan, raise capital, make a payroll and all that goes into a successful operation. During her 20 years in the Legislature, she brought to the business of the public the same hardheaded business-like habits she learned in her private sector. As you know, she was one of the more conservative members of this body. She was conservative in both social and fiscal policy. She firmly believed that government should not take from its citizens the fruits of their labors. She was a staunch advocate of efficiency in government. She religiously read all the audit reports on state agencies. Audit reports are not the lightest reading. She cared deeply about how agencies were doing and about how the resources of the public were being used. At the same time, she had a strong understanding and sympathy for the outcast and for those who felt unwanted and unneeded.

She was concerned about the high rate of suicide. She was passionate about prevention. Nevada has a high rate of suicide for many reasons. During her years in the Senate, she devoted

herself to understanding that issue. She developed strategies to address it. She brought together many men and women from many occupations. They were clergymen, doctors, educators, families of suicide victims and law enforcement. She devoted an intense interest into dealing with this heart-breaking problem.

In the Legislature, Ann O'Connell was the voice of the small independent business operator. She advocated privatization of public services whenever possible. She firmly opposed public programs that competed with private enterprise. She advocated reasonable tax, regulatory policies that would not place undue burdens on small business. She was a zealot on this issue.

We have had many good former Senators who have been honored, but no member of this body was more conscientious or diligent in serving her constituents. Thousands of residents who reside in her district and throughout the State will tell how grateful they are that she served. When asked for help, her door was always open. She was there to help solve difficult problems with state and local governments. She corralled every advisor she could. They were her army. She answered every letter. She returned every telephone call. She was a good example for the rest of us. She spent untold hours listening to others problems. She was usually one of the last to leave the building. She gave advice and intervened on behalf of her constituents. She appeared before other public bodies including the Clark County Commission and told them her view on issues.

Senator O'Connell chaired the Committee on Government Affairs, and she ran a tight ship. It often sailed long into the night. She did not like to waste time. She was always on time and started her committee on time. If we had to wait for a quorum to convene a meeting, instead of wasting time, she queried the members present on the Constitution or the Federalist Papers, whatever important trivia she could think of. She had a strong interest in the fundamental principals of constitutional government. She was careful that we did not lose sight of these principals when we got immersed in deep issues on public policy.

The great English historian, Thomas Babbington McCaully, said, "The perfect lawgiver is a just temper between the mere man of theory and who can see nothing but general principals and the mere man of business who can see nothing but particular circumstances." They told me this quote applies to you, Senator. I am not taking any credit for this. She exemplified the balance.

As a chair, she was consistently fair, dedicated to due process. She made certain everyone had a chance to state his or her arguments, but at the same time, she managed to keep a firm hand on the committee and made certain the witnesses and the members alike stayed on subject.

Senator O'Connell was steadfast in her convictions. At times, she and I disagreed. When that occurred, it was always a polite encounter and in a manner that invited further discussion. She stood her ground. She stated her views frankly and vigorously. Politics is the art of the possible though sometimes it seems impossible. Perfect solutions cannot always be found in this imperfect world. I was asked by a member of the media if we have a perfect bill. I always think we have a perfect bill, but I have not seen one since my arrival in 1972. We do our best.

Senator O'Connell is a canny strategist. She knew when it was necessary to compromise and when it was time to stand fast. As they say in the poker world, she knew when to "hold them and when to fold them." More often than not, she held them.

Her private life has been consistent with her public life. She was a devoted wife and mother. Her late husband, Bob, often accompanied her to Carson City. He did not always share her enthusiasm for her public life or her stand on all issues. He was often bemused by the antics of this Legislature, but he was a great source of strength for her. We all miss Bob.

She is a sincere, devout Christian. She served her church and the adult Sunday school class and always had her own prayer group here during session. Her faith is quiet and unobtrusive but is the center of her life. It gives her confidence and serenity even during the most trying of times. She does not brood over lost battles and loves her enemies. She is gracious and optimistic even when things do not go as they should. She is modest, conciliatory and has set a high example for all of us who serve in the Senate and for those of us who follow. It is appropriate to extend our appreciation to her for her 20 years of service in this body and all that she has done in her life. We welcome her into the Senate Hall of Fame.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

It is my pleasure to stand in support of former Senator Ann O'Connell. The words loving wife, mother, Legislator, compassionate, knowledgeable, full of wisdom, sister, friend, mentor, spiritual, laughter, smile, leader are just a few of the words that can describe Ann. There are more. She was my Legislator before I got into politics. In the resolution, it referred to her serving as a mentor. She was mine.

I nudged my way into her office and into her life on many occasions. I came from the Assembly, and after arriving here, I would go into her office with a question. I always wanted to know what she thought about a bill. I wanted her advice on an issue because of her background and her knowledge. She is knowledgeable in education issues and taxes. We miss her leadership. She is knowledgeable about the small business community. I enjoyed talking to her about how we could help small businesses. I always found her working on the bills for her committee. She was here before the sun came up and here long after it went down. I am certain most of you remember the car she used to leave in. We have fond memories of that old car. It came with her in the beginning and stayed throughout the sessions.

You could ask her any question, and she could answer it. She represented her constituents well.

I loved her laugh. She took care of us. Known as Mother Superior, our friendship grew over the years. I learned many valuable lessons from Ann. One was, do not let her drive in unfamiliar territory. The other was, do not let her give you directions while you are driving.

We compared stories about our husbands and Ann's stories won. Often Bob flew up to visit and brought his dirty laundry to be washed in a laundromat so he could fly back to Las Vegas with clean clothes. That is the ultimate husband story.

Ann and I went to Washington, D.C., to see President Bush's inauguration. We had tickets to sit in front at the Inauguration; we had our umbrellas and were excited to see the speech. We were two proud Republican women in the Capitol. As we walked through the park to the area we were supposed to be to view the speech, the police put up barricades blocking us from continuing any further. We were on the wrong side and could not go to see the President. Our umbrellas broke, it was raining, and we were left standing in the park with the squirrels under a tree with people who did not have tickets. It was freezing. We had to listen to the speech on a radio. Then as we made our way through the crowds after the speech, we encountered a group who did not appreciate that Ann was wearing a full-length fur coat. As I walked along, I realized I had lost Ann. She was nowhere to be found. Then, I spotted her in a group surrounded by protestors. As I approached, I heard her say, "Get over it." By that time, I was ready to get a child harness for her so I would not keep losing her.

I have a wonderful picture of Ann dressed in a "Roaring 20s" outfit. She is as classy in her 1920s outfit as she is in her modern-day suits.

Last year, I tried to help her clean out her house. She said she needed help with her office. I called her sons but they each had inventive excuses why they could not help. One said maybe an appointment could be made for 2006. I wondered why, and then when I went into the office I realized they had been in her office before. There was no way they were going to get stuck helping clean it out. Ann has a wonderful family, and it has been a pleasure to know them all these years.

I want to thank you, Ann, for your service to the State of Nevada, for your leadership, your vision and to thank you for being such a wonderful friend to me. I want to remember Bob. He told me one day, "I just want to thank you for being such a good friend to Ann." I told him that was not a hard thing to be. God bless you, today and always.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am pleased to stand to recognize and honor the distinguished career of former Senator Ann O'Connell. We worked well together for a number of years on the Committee on Government Affairs, and though it may be hard to believe, we actually cosponsored some legislation. There was some on animal protection, campaign finance reform and on potty parity. We more often disagreed, but I always had great respect for Senator O'Connell. I always knew where she stood, and I have never seen anyone who worked harder or was more pleasant in even the most adversarial situations. She was always fair in committee hearings, and as Senator Raggio

alluded, she always let everyone speak who wanted to speak. Some days, Ann would go out into the hall and ask if anyone was out there who wanted to testify.

Senator, your expertise and extensive knowledge are greatly missed. I must say, Ann, I wish you were still here because if you were I might have gotten that one extra vote I needed on the tax freeze.

SENATOR HARDY:

Thank you. It is an honor for me to stand today in support of this resolution. I, too, have fond memories of the "potty-parity" bill. I want to assure Senator O'Connell that in spite of what the Majority Leader says, we do start the Committee on Government Affairs on time, sometimes. We are working on that.

Ann O'Connell has been a friend to me. She has been a mentor, and she has been an advisor. I did not always seek advice, but when I got a little wayward, I knew I would get the advice. I will be forever grateful for that. When I was an advocate for points of view or as some say, lobbyist, I used to decide on whether to take a client on by whether or not I could represent their issue in front of Senator O'Connell. I made a mistake once by thinking an issue was borderline and that she would be "okay" with the issue. I took the client. I went to her with the issue. Because of our many years of friendship, she agreed to talk to me. She told me she was not interested in the issue, and I would be talking to deaf ears. I excused myself and fired the client.

She was a moral compass to me on many occasions in this building. It has often been said that men like Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater and William F. Buckley Jr. are the fathers and founders of modern conservatism, and I think it is safe to say that Ann O'Connell is the founder of modern Nevada conservatism. She was and is a conservative compass for many of us.

I am thankful that my colleagues have also mentioned our good friend, Bob, because it was always Ann and Bob. Everything that can be said of Ann can be said of Bob in terms of his impact on my career. I feel a deep sense of obligation as the Chair of Government Affairs, and it was made more difficult because I was assigned your office. As I stepped in there for the first time by myself, I cannot tell you the sense of obligation I felt. I felt very alone. I want you to know that although there are baseball pictures on the wall instead of doilies and crafts, that you still occupy your office. If any of my colleagues need me, I will be in Senator O'Connell's office.

SENATOR AMODEI:

I rise to speak, shall I say in opposition to the motion, just kidding. As I read this resolution, I see the term "consensus building," I would add, "against all of my bills." I see a reference to suicide prevention and clearly, that was not an ego booster. I see the phrase, "inclusive process" but for the opponents of my measures.

All parties had an opportunity to be heard who were in opposition. She was the nice looking person who was benevolent, who, when I presented myself before her committee as an Assembly member, would shake her head and say, "I am certain you have very nice parents. You should go home and ask them what they think of this measure."

Did I mention she hates lawyers?

After having gotten over that experience, and as a member of the Senate, I delivered flowers to her on the Senate floor during my freshman session. She said she began to see some potential, though not yet realized. We got to the point where when you talk about Ann and you see there is no grey in her hair, there is no grey in her eyesight either. As we began to talk about issues and she tried to save me from my wayward path, she would say, "I saw the new set of bills that came out. Do you realize what you have put your name on this time"?

When I walked in here and heard her laugh, I was, once again, reminded of the atmosphere and the culture here. I will never forget those looks as I served on Senator Townsend's committee, sitting between Senator Schneider and Senator Carlton as a freshman, and she informed me she needed to change my seating assignment because my voting was not satisfactory.

It is good to see you, Senator, relaxed, comfortable, happy and knowing you are not doing what we have been doing today talking about the tax issue.

I will never forget her work on reapportionment. I will never forget her work on the tax measures considered last session. Not because of how they ended up, but because she was the

central person who took the blue-collar approach to everything whether we agreed with her or not. She always rolled her sleeves up and got the job done.

The biggest threat I ever made to her was to threaten to wax half of the hood of her car. I told her it would take half of the Assembly and all of the Senate to wax a hood that size.

I want to thank you, Senator O'Connell, for your willingness to work with anyone and to share your thoughts and beliefs. Many times this ship feels that it is missing a rudder. We miss you.

SENATOR WASHINGTON:

I also rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 6. I usually call her "Annie." I do not know if I can add anything that has not already been articulated, but I will say that Senator O'Connell made it pleasant to come to this building day after day. In fact, when I first arrived here, she was the one who reached out to me with encouraging words.

It was nice to know that there was someone else that was a believer in Christ. We shared moments and started what we called a legislative prayer session. It started as a small prayer session in a small office with Carol Martini who has since passed. But last session after Senator O'Connell picked up the group, it grew, and there she was leading the prayers. She is rock-solid in her faith.

Senator O'Connell was a rock-solid Legislator who was always willing to teach. I learned a lot about the process through Senator O'Connell.

I want to thank you for allowing me to have Ricka Benum. It is great to have her on my team. Knowing that she was with you, I do not have to worry about anything. She is doing a yeomen's job, but she is wearing me out.

I want to tell you I love and miss you dearly and Bob too.

SENATOR CARE:

I also rise to pay tribute to probably the least troubled heart that ever graced these hallways. We all have an Ann O'Connell story, and I will be brief. I came here as a freshman in 1999, and I was assigned to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs. I remember looking down to the left and Senator O'Donnell was there, Senator Neal, the Majority Leader and Senator Titus. I recall thinking, the members of that committee brought over 100 years of experience to the committee. It took me awhile to know it was appropriate for me to offer a thought on any legislation that had come before us.

I thought the Majority Leader might have remembered this story, maybe he still does. I read the resolution, "encouraging and inclusive process, ensuing that all parties had an opportunity to be heard." Those hearings you conducted, Ann, were a lot like being on a transatlantic flight except the seats did not recline, no food was available, nothing to read, and there were lots of bills. You were stuck there. I wondered sometimes if other committees even got bills. The story I want to tell is this one. It was my first or second session, and the Majority Leader had undergone surgery a few months before session. I got fairly ill that same session, and I had made an appointment with a doctor on Washington Street in Carson City. One afternoon in committee, I was sitting next to the Majority Leader, who at one point told me he would be excusing himself to go to a follow-up appointment in Reno. About 30 minutes later, I slipped you a note to let you know I had a doctor's appointment. I went to that appointment and after waiting there to see the doctor, I proceeded to the pharmacy to again wait, this time for my prescription. I returned to my office about 8:00 p.m. intending to respond to messages and phone calls. I discovered our committee meeting was still in progress, and I was on my way toward the committee room when I met up with the Majority Leader. He had just returned from his Reno appointment, and together, we reentered the committee room only to discover you were hearing the same bill! That is a true story, the same bill. We were going on until late into the night. I think that is what the resolution is talking about.

I would be remiss, probably shot, if I did not also mention that in 1980 you allowed a live television interview in the Boulevard Mall. I worked for Channel 13 at that time. Channel 13 was preparing to host their first health fair along with the Clark County Health District. I do not know who talked to you, but you did arrange for a reporter to interview the woman from the Health District to talk about the health fair. That woman turned out to be my future wife. I want to thank you for inadvertently, and not realizing at the time, what you had done for us. We have

a wonderful marriage and appreciate what you have done. Thank you for sharing your faith, your heart and all the moments we shared with you and Bob. Thank you also for the dinners with Carol at the apartment. I also want to thank you for teaching me the importance of reading every bill. You would be surprised at what is in those things.

SENATOR SCHNEIDER:

I, too, rise in support of Senate Resolution No. 6. When I was in the Assembly, I had a bill that mandated that the cities and counties had to approve alternative construction materials including straw bale. We got it through the Assembly with no problem, and then it came to the Senate. I saw the chair, and she told me she would hear the bill. I had a book with me that showed all about straw bale houses. She told me they looked like the adobe houses in New Mexico. She told me she was from Albuquerque, and she liked them. She and Bob tried to build an adobe house in Las Vegas, but they would not approve it because it was not a conventional house though adobe houses have been being built for 4,000 years. She liked the bill. We had a hearing on it, and I thought it went well, but there was no action for two months. I asked her what the problem was with the bill. She said she liked the bill, but the Majority Leader was having some problems with the cosponsor, but since it was almost the end of session, he would be busy and when he leaves committee, she would pass the bill for me, and she did.

When I came to the Senate in 1997, I introduced the homeowner's association bill that created some new government. She was not happy about it until I pointed out that she had many homeowner associations in her district and there were many elderly ladies being fined and foreclosed on by the associations in her district. She, then, became the champion for creating more government to deal with homeowner's associations. When I saw her this morning, the first thing she asked me was, "How are the homeowner's associations going?"

SENATOR MCGINNESS:

Senator O'Connell always read the bills and came to committee knowledgeable. When I was in the Assembly, I was at the baseball game rooting for our team. She was the pitcher for the Senate. They won.

It was her motion in the Committee on Taxation last session that killed gross receipts the first time. It was her efforts that put in the constitutional language regarding severe economic hardship. I am not certain she envisioned the way we were able to use the constitutional change in this session. We are thankful for how she was able to use that language.

My wife is listening on the Internet, and she says, "Hello." She and my wife loved to shop.

We will all miss Bob sleeping on the couch in the lounge. When he got tired, he just turned off the lights and went to sleep.

We will miss you. Thank you for your efforts on the severe economic hardships. We will put it to good use.

SENATOR TIFFANY:

I first met Ann O'Connell in 1993. She taught me the meaning of being principled and consistent. She said, "Anytime you have a vision or you have morals, values, thoughts, beliefs and you run on certain issues with your constituents, use that as your yardstick, always measure. No matter what the pressure is, no matter what the votes look like, always use your own personal yardstick." That advice is with me today.

My memory of her when I was an Assembly member was as the Angel of Death. She scared the daylights out of me. When I had a bill that had to go to the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, I was so scared. I had a caucus party bill that she hated, and Senator Raggio loved. We almost had to wait until she was out of the room so Senator Raggio could pass it.

When I became a member of the Senate, I entered into a sorority. These have been the best friendships I have been able to form since I came to the Legislature. The three Republican women were called the "Three Blondes," the "Three Old Hens," the "Sorority Sisters," but my favorite was "Mother Superior and the Svengali nuns." Needless to say, this was the first time in my life I have been close to being referred to as a nun. I appreciated the sorority I was able to join.

I have three angels hanging from the ceiling that I purchased from an antique store. One has curlers. Her name is Senator O'Connell. One has glasses. Her name is Senator Cegavske. The other one is me.

Ann O'Connell defines the word "thriftiness." The funniest incident that proved this point is when the three of us were shopping and Ann spotted some coins in a puddle of spilled Coke. She retrieved the coins despite the sticky mess. She netted 8 cents. That was a good day for her. We were in Macy's where she does not look at any rack unless it is marked 75 percent off. We were hungry after our shopping and went through the drive through at a fast food restaurant when she spotted coins lying in the driveway. She jumped out of the car to scoop up another 7 cents. It was a good day for her.

Ann is so thrifty; she still has a rotary phone. It still works so there is no reason to be rid of it.

She is adventurous. On the drive back from that same shopping trip, I was too cold in the front seat so as Barbara was driving I decided to climb into the back so did Ann. The world turned black as Ann backed over the front seat to climb into the back and landed on me. We were a sight as we laughed hysterically. She will try anything once.

Ann, you were the best chair I have ever worked with. Yes, your meetings are long, thorough, you let everyone have their say, but you taught me, if given the opportunity to be the best chair in the Legislature. She defines graciousness.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

Thank you, Madam President. I was so happy to see Senator O'Connell when she came in today. I am not going to talk very long because all I want to tell her is that I have a cupful of quarters that she can take home with her. I have learned a new word. I get "ticked off" now not "pissed off."

SENATOR TOWNSEND:

Thank you, Madam President. It is fitting that not only we honor the longest-serving lady Legislator but we also have as a guest the longest-serving male Legislator, Senator Jacobsen. The reason I point that out is to enforce the warmth and the love that you have heard here, today. That should indicate how we all feel about you.

The remarks I want to leave today are not only addressed to the fine women but to the men also who currently serve in this body. It is to all in the lobbying corps, those in the press, in the private sector and in the public sector: Senator O'Connell has set a standard by which we should all hold ourselves. It is about not just integrity but dignity, warmth and compassion. Everytime we cross that threshold to come in here to do the job that we were all elected to do, that is the standard by which we will now be measured. We may not always attain it, but it has to be the goal that we have when we come in here. I am so glad you came back to remind us of that. God bless you, Ann.

PRESIDENT HUNT:

I do want to rise in support of this resolution. I think Senator Townsend and the rest of the group said many of the things that I want to say. Senator Ann O'Connell was a great inspiration to me as a young restaurateur who had managed to mortgage the house, the car and the kids to open a business with her parents. Many times, Ann would come in to give us counsel and guidance. She could talk the talk and walk the walk with small business people. Ann, I appreciate you so very much. Thank you for your friendship, for your dedication and the standards that you have set for this entire body. Thank you so much.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Raggio requested that the remarks of former Senator Ann O'Connell be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR ANN O'CONNELL:

Thank you all. You have been generous and gracious to me today. My heart is full.

No one receives an award without a great deal of help. I am glad the staff people are here today. I wish to thank the ladies of the Front Desk, especially Claire and before her Jan. You

have both had an uncanny way of matching staff and Legislators. In the 20 years I served here, I never had a staff I was disappointed in. One of my secretaries from last year is here, and I want to say that Joseph, Don Williams, Pepper Sturm, Paul Morrison, Jan Needham and Scott Wasserman, Kim Guinasso and Ricka made all of this possible. I could not have done my job without them. I consider it a privilege that I can call you my friends. Thank you.

Thank you for the warmth you have given to Joe Heck. I know that we had many friendships here, and those things are sometimes hard to overcome. We had several opportunities to talk. He was always a gentleman. I appreciate that very much.

I have a funny story to relate. This morning I woke late. I had 45 minutes to get to the airport. I could not get my boarding pass early. My name would not come up at the kiosk. We went to the check-in desk, and it is a long run from the other end of the airport. After standing in line, the lady at the desk could not find my name. If you thought I was trouble while I was in the Senate, I am now on the FBI watch list. This created a problem getting my boarding pass.

Today is a wonderful day. I appreciate all of the kind and warm things you have said about me today.

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

Senate Resolution No. 7—Inducting Horace H. Coryell 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 who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Horace H. Coryell represented Elko County in the Nevada Legislature for a total of 20 years, by serving intermittently in the Nevada Assembly for 12 years and in the Nevada Senate for 8 years during the period from 1888 through 1918, which service included ten regular sessions and two special sessions of the Nevada Legislature; and

WHEREAS, As a result of his intermittent service, Horace H. Coryell enjoys the distinction of having served the most legislative sessions as a freshman legislator, five as an Assemblyman and one as a Senator; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the Legislature, Horace H. Coryell held leadership roles in both Houses, serving as Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore during the 19th and 20th Regular Sessions of the Nevada Legislature (1899 and 1901) and as Senate President Pro Tempore during the 26th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature (1913); and

WHEREAS, An ardent advocate for his constituency, Horace H. Coryell was proudest of the legislation that he sponsored in the Senate during the 26th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature which authorized the issuance of bonds to fund the construction, equipment and furnishing of a high school building in his community of residence, the town of Wells; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Horace H. Coryell, who served as an influential leader in the Nevada Legislature during the 19th and 20th centuries and who devoted many years of his life to serving the public, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Rhoads moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Rhoads.

Senator Rhoads requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

Thank you, Madam President. Horace H. Coryell was born in Illinois on December 22, 1851, and was the youngest of a family of 12 children and the son of a Civil War veteran who was killed at the battle of Atlanta. His mother died when Horace was four years of age. At age 19, Horace moved to Nevada, first locating at Winnemucca where he worked for a stage company and worked for the cattle firm of Mason & Bradley. In 1884, he moved to Wells, where he was employed as the foreman for Colonel E. P. Hardesty. Mr. Coryell made his permanent home in Wells, and his former home is now open as a historic site. After leaving the employment of