

THE NINETY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), May 8, 2017

Assembly called to order at 12:33 p.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblywoman Woodbury, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Mike Patterson.

Creator God, we Your people know You by many names, and we know that You hear us when we call on You.

Today we ask Your gracious love and guidance on our state legislators as they do the tough work of governing. We ask that You give insight to the deliberations that need to be undertaken. We ask that You intervene to temper any animosity or anger that may occur between our members and give them the wisdom to reach compromises when possible. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise. Working together, may we find a common ground; enable us to move forward with a shared purpose.

We also ask for comfort for these hard working men and women as they encounter the long, hard days ahead. Keep them all well and under Your protection.

Please share a little of Your wisdom with us to help us do right by all concerned. Thank You for Your Heavenly blessing.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 412, 466, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

IRENE BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 7, 16, 22, 44, 45, 57, 105, 148, 160, 175, 202, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

EDGAR FLORES, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 322, 477, 481, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 29, 309, 449, 458, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

awe of this man who was very quiet but fought so hard for the workers he represented. He was a workhorse not a show horse; he got things done. If you look at Jack Jeffrey, at his time in the Assembly from 1974 up to 1990, and if you think back to the 1940s and '50s, there was a time in southern Nevada when Pittman was a bigger city than Henderson. He really helped put Henderson on the map. In the '80s, he was Majority Leader for about three different sessions. With Senator Gibson in the Senate, he really fought hard to make Henderson grow.

He certainly would have given the shirt off his back to help someone; he was a true humanitarian. My family has been touched by the Jeffreys and by his acts of kindness. I would like to say, like my colleague from Henderson, that he helped to make me a better legislator, but I think I have given up on that. He did help me become a better person. He helped me try to make sure I always think of how I can try to help people. He taught me loyalty to my friends and family. He was an exceptional man. I told his widow today that they broke the mold when they made Jack and I wish he were with us today. I feel honored to have known him. He was a tremendous labor leader, a tremendous legislative leader; I wish we had been able to keep him longer.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

By Assemblymen Frierson, Benitez-Thompson and Paul Anderson:

Assembly Resolution No. 6—Adding former Assemblyman Lynn Hettrick to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Wall of Distinction for those past members of the Assembly, selected by leadership, who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Lynn C. Hettrick was born in Carmel, California, in 1944 and attended Claremont Men's College before pursuing a career as an entrepreneur and investment manager; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Gardnerville, Nevada, in 1970, Lynn Hettrick became deeply involved in the community and civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Lynn Hettrick was elected to the Nevada Assembly representing District 39 where he served with distinction for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, During the 1995 Session, the Assembly, for the first time in the history of Nevada, was evenly divided with 21 Republicans and 21 Democrats and Lynn Hettrick was elected as Co-Speaker, sharing that office with Assemblyman Joseph E. (Joe) Dini Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Despite the great potential for conflict, Lynn Hettrick led his party in a manner that made the 1995 Session become regarded as one of the least contentious and smoothest running sessions; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Hettrick went on to serve as Assembly Minority Floor Leader from 1997 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the Assembly, Lynn Hettrick served on numerous standing committees, including 12 years on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Interim Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Hettrick represented Nevada on several national organizations, serving as Chair of the Council of State Governments (CSG) and of CSG West where he was instrumental in establishing the Western Legislative Academy to provide training for new legislators; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Legislature, Lynn Hettrick went on to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff for former Governor Jim Gibbons; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Hettrick was selected in 2008 by the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada to receive the Distinguished Nevadan award, an honor bestowed on prominent individuals for significant achievements in the cultural, scientific or social advancement of Nevada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his 14 years of dedicated service to the Assembly, Lynn C. Hettrick is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Assemblyman Lynn C. Hettrick.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson moved the adoption of the resolution.
Remarks by Assemblyman Paul Anderson.

ASSEMBLYMAN PAUL ANDERSON:

It is a pleasure for me to speak today about one of the most capable and distinguished legislators to have served in the Nevada State Assembly. Lynn Hettrick was born in Carmel, California, and in honor of my birth year, he moved to Gardnerville, Nevada. Lynn soon established himself as a proficient and successful businessman and a concerned and involved member of his community.

When he was elected to the Assembly in 1992, Lynn brought with him a wealth of experience, an encyclopedic knowledge of business and commerce, and a rich supply of entrepreneurial energy. Assemblyman Hettrick served for 14 years and for 12 of those years, he led the Republican caucus.

When the Legislature convened for the 1995 Session, Nevada faced a situation that was unique in the history of our state. The Assembly was evenly divided between the two parties. This division could have led to gridlock, political paralysis, and intensified partisanship, but to his credit, Lynn Hettrick and former Speaker Joe Dini, Jr., his counterpart across the aisle, made the 1995 Session one of the smoothest running and least contentious sessions in our history.

William Blackstone, the great 18th century expositor of the English common law, called “the science of legislation the noblest and most difficult of any.” There has been much discussion over the years of what makes a truly great legislator. A great legislator must be honest and trustworthy. He must be energetic and diligent. He must have a talent for getting things done. He must be able to hold in his mind a multitude of details while at the same time never losing sight of his ultimate goals. He must be fair, reasonable, and courteous even in the face of provocation and pressure. He must be principled without being dogmatic. He must be firm, and at the same time, flexible. He must be both a tactician and a strategist.

Lynn Hettrick possessed all these qualities in the highest degree. Nevada is a better place and the Nevada Legislature is a stronger institution because of him. It is fitting and proper that he should take his place on the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, May 8, 2017

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

SHERRY RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan since 1985; and

WHEREAS, This relationship has been strengthened through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco, resulting in better mutual understanding; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights, rule of law, peace and prosperity with the United States and the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization has invited Taiwan to attend the World Health Assembly since 2009, setting precedent for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the specialized agencies of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Negotiations of a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral trade, paving the way for increasing exports from Nevada to Taiwan and creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration of the sister states through trade facilitation measures; and