

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.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 468, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, and rerefer to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Senate Bill No. 201 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Frierson, Benitez-Thompson and Paul Anderson:

Assembly Resolution No. 5—Adding former Assemblyman John E. (Jack) Jeffrey 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, John E. (Jack) Jeffrey was born in Sioux City, Iowa, in 1938, and then moved to Henderson, Nevada, with his family in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Jeffrey worked as an electrician for many years and served as Secretary for the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council, experiences that gave him a deep understanding of the concerns and interests of the working men and women in this State; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey became involved in politics at an early age, before he was even old enough to vote, and went on to serve as a member of the Henderson City Council and as Mayor pro tem; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Jack Jeffrey was elected to the Nevada Assembly where he represented the Henderson area for the next 16 years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Legislature, Assemblyman Jeffrey filled many leadership roles, serving as Assembly Majority Floor Leader during the 1983, 1987 and 1989 Regular Sessions and the 1984 and 1989 Special Sessions, as Majority Whip in 1977 and as Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey served on the Assembly Committee on Commerce for 12 years and served as Chair of that Committee in 1979, 1983, 1987 and 1989, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Economic Development and Natural Resources in 1981, and Chair of the Legislative Commission in 1989 and 1990, as well as serving as a member of many other standing and interim committees; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Jeffrey successfully sponsored many significant pieces of legislation on subjects including fire safety, workers' compensation, preference for Nevada contractors on public works projects, occupational diseases, workplace health and safety and local government; and

WHEREAS, After his service in the Legislature, Jack Jeffrey returned to the Legislature as a lobbyist for an additional 20 years, working tirelessly to protect the rights of the working men and women in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Jack Jeffrey will long be remembered as an astute and powerful political leader, a vigorous advocate of the rights of the common citizen and a soft-spoken, kind and compassionate colleague and friend; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for his 16 years of dedicated service to the Assembly, John E. (Jack) Jeffrey 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 the family of former Assemblyman John E. (Jack) Jeffrey.

Assemblywoman Carlton moved the adoption of the resolution.
Remarks by Assemblymen Carlton, Spiegel, and Ohrenschall.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

I rise today to speak on behalf of this resolution inducting former Assemblyman John E.—affectionately known as Jack—Jeffrey into the Assembly Wall of Distinction. Jack Jeffrey was deeply involved in the business of the Assembly for 36 years. He was a member of this body for 16 years, from 1974 through 1990. Then for 20 more years, from 1990 to 2010, he was a lobbyist for the workers in this state. Few were associated with this institution for so long a time or had so much influence on all of its decisions.

Jack's entire career had one central theme; he was an advocate for the rights and interests of the working men and women of this state. He was intimately familiar with their problems and their needs because he was one of them. Jack worked for many years as an electrician in the construction industry. He had served as secretary-treasurer of the Southern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council. Jack understood the important place that unions play in our society and our economy. He knew the importance of collective bargaining. Jack knew from personal experience the devastating effect that workplace accidents and diseases have on workers and on their families.

During his legislative career, Jack was successful in enacting laws on workplace safety, workers compensation, industrial diseases, and group insurance. He sponsored legislation granting bidding preferences on public works projects for Nevada contractors who hire local workers. Because of his efforts, the workers in our state are happier, healthier, safer, and more secure. I remember one instance personally in my first year in the Legislature where a committee member that I served with in Commerce and Labor asked Mr. Jeffrey, So what would you say if by enacting this it means a guy loses his job? Jack responded without hesitation saying, I would rather knock on the door of that wife and say your husband lost his job than knock on that door and say your husband is not coming home.

In ancient Rome, there was a special officer called a tribune. A tribune was charged with the responsibility of protecting the rights of the common people. He could intervene on their behalf to block laws that were unfavorable to their interests or to stop legal proceedings that might harm them. We do not have such an officer in our government, but Jack Jeffrey took that responsibility upon himself.

On a personal level, those of us who had the opportunity to work with this great man can attest to his kindness and his concern for others. I was a beneficiary of that kindness. He spoke softly, but when it was time to speak up for fairness and decency, he used his voice. We love him, and we miss him.

By placing Jack on the Wall of Distinction, we are saying something important about the kind of men and women that we revere and admire. No one deserves this honor more. I urge you to vote for this resolution.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN SPIEGEL:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 5. During my first term, my first session, the first bill that I had was a bidding preference bill. Jack Jeffrey came out to testify in support of my bill. He told everyone, and me, that he had introduced the very first bidding preference bill in this body. He worked with me on that bill; he worked with me through that session. He taught me a lot about the legislative process and shared the institutional knowledge that he had in serving the people of Nevada for decades. Given that we were both from Henderson, I felt this special affinity for Mr. Jeffrey and the work that he did. He actually helped to make me a much, much better legislator. I am indebted to him for his service, as I think we all are, either directly or indirectly, and I urge everyone's support of this resolution.

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution No. 5. There are a few people I have met in my life that I truly think I was so lucky to meet. Jack Jeffrey is one of those people. I am sure I must have met him as a kid growing up in the Democratic Party, but I first really remember meeting him in 1994 when he was chairman of the Southern Nevada Central Labor Council. I was just in

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.