

**THE TENTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Wednesday), February 14, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:11 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senators Coffin and Washington, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Ken Haskins.

Loving heavenly Father, it's Valentine's Day, and love is in the air. You are love. You are the source of love. We love because You first loved us. How good it would be if everyday were Valentine's Day and we were mindful of Your great command to love one another. Bless our efforts today, and may our efforts lovingly promote the best interests of those we serve.

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 Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 34, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARK E. AMODEI, *Chair*

## MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Raggio has approved the addition of Senator Washington as a sponsor to Senate Bill No. 85.

## INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Nolan:

Senate Bill No. 90—AN ACT relating to homeland security; revising the composition of voting members of the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security; authorizing the Chairman of the Commission to appoint nonmembers to certain committees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

Motion carried.

By Senator Nolan (by request):

Senate Bill No. 91—AN ACT relating to drivers' training; requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect and publish certain information concerning schools and courses that provide training or instruction to drivers; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

Motion carried.

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Senator Raggio moved that Senate Bill No. 39 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Motion carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 14, 2007

*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. 3.

SUSAN FURLONG REIL  
*Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Designating February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, According to recent statistics, almost 95,000 people in the United States are currently on the waiting list for organ transplants, and each day approximately 77 people receive the transplant that gives them a second chance at life, but 19 others die because not enough organs are available to meet our needs; and

WHEREAS, One donor can save up to eight lives by donating organs, and that same donor can greatly enhance the lives of an additional 50 people by donating tissue to be used to restore sight, cover burns, repair hearts, replace veins, and mend damaged connective tissue and cartilage in recipients; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the growing need for organs, living donation has become a common alternative, with almost a quarter of all organs coming from living donors; and

WHEREAS, Unbeknownst to many, a living donor may donate part of the pancreas, part of a lung, part of the liver, part of the intestine and, most commonly, a kidney; and

WHEREAS, People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors, as people on the waiting list may need to be transplanted with an organ that is less than ideal if there is no other suitable organ available to save their lives; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada has simplified the process of signing up as a donor by giving Nevadans the option of specifying their wishes on their driver's licenses or state identification cards and by making available on-line a Donor Registration Form for the Donor Registry for the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The State has also made available an Organ Donor specialty license plate, from which a portion of the fees support the Gift of Life Education Fund which provides for the production and dissemination of educational materials regarding the importance of tissue and organ donation; and

WHEREAS, Giving the "Gift of Life" not only brings hope and healing to the recipients and their families, but also may help ease the grief of the donor's own family by knowing that their tragic loss has helped so many other people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby designates February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in Nevada to raise public awareness regarding tissue and organ donation and the effect it can have on so many people; and be it further

WHEREAS, That, by designating this day, the residents of Nevada are encouraged to take steps to obtain donor cards and to ensure that their wishes concerning tissue and organ donations are made known to their families; and be it further

WHEREAS, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Donor Network and The Transplant Network.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio and Cegavske.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. As indicated, this resolution designates this date, February 14, 2007, as Tissue and Organ Day in Nevada. I think it should be called "Gift of Life Day." This is an issue of much importance to many. I do not know if any members of this body have been the recipient of an organ transplant, but many of us may be familiar with or have had family members or close friends whose lives have been saved because of the advances made in organ transplants.

The resolution indicates that there are 95,000 people currently on a waiting list for organ transplants and about 77 people each day receive a transplant that gives them a second chance at life. Unfortunately, 19 people die each day because they cannot receive an organ. As we age, we are less likely to be considered for a transplant. One donor can save 8 lives by donating organs and enhance the lives of 50 people by donating tissue. Over the years, I have become interested in this because of experiences with close friends. People do not realize there is the opportunity to donate without giving up your life. A living person can donate kidneys and tissues. A part of an organ can be donated. A part of a pancreas, liver and a lung can be donated. In offering this resolution, in coordination with the Assembly, we are recognizing those who make this effort to save the life of another by being a donor. We encourage others to understand what can be done. We must all think about saving lives. I urge you to adopt this resolution. The need is great in Nevada.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3. My husband and I are close friends with a couple as they wait for a lung transplant for her. They have been in southern California for three months waiting for an available organ. We have learned much about what is required of the donor and the recipient. They must be healthy and of the same size, for these factors depend on the success of the organ transplant. We have watched the family daily as they go through this waiting period. Each day they awake wondering if this could be the day for the transplant and then are disappointed. I encourage everyone to make certain you are a donor. All four members of my family are donors. It is important that we acknowledge how crucial this is today, thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2; Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Matthew Pritchard.

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Alicia Yates and David Bozsik.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Frankie Sue Del Papa and Dr. Trudy Larson.

On request of Senator Rhoads, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to all the members of the Future Farmers of America.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Casey Sanders.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 11 a.m. and that it do so in memory of former Senator Lee Walker.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT  
*Secretary of the Senate*