

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), February 22, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:04 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Nolan, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Don Baumann.

On the occasion of George Washington's birthday, I would like to read a prayer written by our first President in 1783:

"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you, and the state over which you preside, in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation."

(General George Washington, circular to the states, New Burgh, New York, June 8, 1783—*The Writings of George Washington*, ed. John C. Fitzpatrick, vol. 26, p. 496 [1938].).

Lord, we thank You for the heritage we have received from brilliant leaders like George Washington who at the height of his career, demonstrated a humble attitude in Your sight. May his example of dependence on You be ours as well. In Jesus' 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 21, 2007

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 16, 28, 48, 51.

SUSAN FURLONG REIL
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Raggio, Townsend, Mathews, Washington; Assemblymen Anderson, Marvel, Leslie, Bobzien, Gansert and Smith:

Senate Bill No. 141—AN ACT relating to taxation; increasing the rate of the tax on transfers of real property in certain counties; requiring the proceeds of the increased tax to be deposited in the county school district's fund for capital projects; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Senate Bill No. 141, which proposes to increase the rate of the real-property transfer tax for funding capital-improvement projects for the Washoe County School District, has been signed by the members indicated from the Washoe County Legislative Delegation. This bill has resulted from discussions with the representatives of the Washoe County School District. The members who have signed onto this bill have agreed to do this for the purpose of introducing the bill and to allow appropriate hearings to be held on this issue, mindful of concerns that may exist with respect to any proposed tax increases or tax change. This is not a commitment by those who sponsor the bill to vote for the measure; but it is to give the Washoe County School District a full-and-fair opportunity for a hearing to be held and for those people who have input and information to present their views.

Senator Raggio moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Human Resources and Education:

Senate Bill No. 142—AN ACT relating to public health; revising provisions concerning the billing form that a hospital in this State is required to use for all patients discharged from the hospital; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Washington moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Human Resources and Education:

Senate Bill No. 143—AN ACT relating to education; requiring certain schools to provide reports to parents and legal guardians of pupils regarding the involvement of the parents and legal guardians in the education of their children; requiring support teams established for certain schools to review certain information; establishing an interim Advisory Council on Parental Involvement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Washington moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

By Senator Titus:

Senate Bill No. 144—AN ACT relating to elections; requiring that a domestic or foreign limited-liability company that makes a campaign contribution to a candidate disclose to the candidate the name and address of any natural person holding an ownership interest of more than 1 percent; requiring a candidate to disclose the name and address of any natural person holding an ownership interest of more than 1 percent in a domestic or foreign limited-liability company which makes a contribution to the candidate; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Titus moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

By Senator McGinness:

Senate Bill No. 145—AN ACT relating to public utilities; revising the definition of "public utility" regarding limitations on local government fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator McGinness moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By Senator McGinness:

Senate Bill No. 146—AN ACT relating to the financial administration of counties; authorizing the boards of county commissioners of certain counties to levy an ad valorem tax to pay the costs of operating a regional facility for the detention of children; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator McGinness moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

By Senator McGinness:

Senate Bill No. 147—AN ACT relating to taxation; revising the definition of the term "project" for the purposes of using the proceeds of the county motor vehicle fuel tax; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator McGinness moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Taxation.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 16.

Senator Beers moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 28.

Senator Beers moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 48.

Senator Beers moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 51.

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

Motion carried.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Raggio moved that Senate Bill No. 38 be taken from the Second Reading File and rereferred to the Committee on Finance.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 17.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 17:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Nolan.

Senate Bill No. 17 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 22, 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. 7.

SUSAN FURLONG REIL
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Designating the month of February 2007 as Career and Technical Education Month.

WHEREAS, The month of February 2007 has been designated as Career and Technical Education Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, Profound economic and technological changes in our society are reflected in the structure and nature of our workforce, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system to prepare students with the basic skills necessary to be successful; and

WHEREAS, Career and technical education improves the quality of education by giving secondary and postsecondary students experience in the practical and meaningful applications of basic skills; and

WHEREAS, The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators and business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for careers in fields that are forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth; and

WHEREAS, Career and technical education offers the students of this State a school-to-career connection and offers those students the opportunities to learn new skills which provide them with career choices and personal satisfaction as they become productive members and leaders of their communities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby designates the month of February 2007 as Career and Technical Education Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Board of Education and the Nevada Association for Career and Technical Education.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

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

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution designates the month of February as Career and Technical Education Month. During the interim, the Legislative Committee on Education, which I have had the privilege of chairing with Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell as vice-chair, appointed a special subcommittee to study the issue of career and technical education. The subcommittee did an outstanding job. They held hearings on this issue. The results will be included in the bulletin issued as a result of the studies.

The resolution speaks for itself. The quality of education is important to those who seek an advanced education. We are underserving the student population and, possibly, throughout the Nation with a lack of opportunity for a career in technical education. In recognizing that, we have made strong recommendations for enhancement of those programs.

Clark County has led the way in providing technical and career education in their schools. We need to do the same throughout the State providing the opportunity for those who want to pursue their education. Today, we recognize that need and designate this month through this resolution for that purpose. 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 Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Today, I note the passing of Ben Angelo Caramella who passed away in Washoe County at the age of 92. He was a native of Washoe County, born in Washoe County in 1915 to a pioneer family.

In 1934, he married Cecile Damonte who also was from a pioneer family. They were married for 73 years. Ben died recently after a series of illnesses. He was a remarkable gentleman.

I think everyone who grew up in Washoe County knew Ben Caramella. He was a hardworking youngster. He grew up on the family ranch and raised vegetables. Eventually, he went into the insurance business then went into what was then known as the garbage business. Now, it is referred to as the waste management business. He developed a large company, which was later bought out. In 1965, he was one of the founders of Pioneer Citizens Bank, which is now the Nevada State Bank. Ben was a quiet, unassuming individual. He and his family gave much to the community through philanthropic contributions as well as personal involvement. He will be greatly missed. Ben contributed a great deal to the heritage of Washoe County and northern Nevada. I ask that, today, we adjourn in memory of Ben A. Caramella, one of Nevada's pioneers.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Care, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Joycelin Martinez.

On request of Senator Heck, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Josh MacFawn.

On request of Senator Mathews, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dee McGinness.

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jenna Frey and Brittney Winkler.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tara Rhoads, Jessica Warfield, Phuong Le and Phyllis Dryden.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Christian Talavera, Courtney Mejer and Brian Allman.

On request of Senator Washington, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Anthony Crew.

On request of Senator Wiener, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Thomas Withers.

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

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, February 26, 2007, at 11 a.m. and that it do so in memory of Ben A. Caramella.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate