

THE THIRTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), March 8, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:09 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Bruch Kochsmeier.

Once more, we thank You for life; for the good times and the hard times all that lead us to know Your constant faithfulness, We praise You for the opportunities You give us to be drawn closer to You. We ask that in all we do our hearts and minds would be tuned to pleasing You.

We confess, O God, how difficult this can be to do. We get tired; we get angry; we get disappointed when our best efforts are ignored or rejected. In this day, lift us up for Your purposes. Show us Your peace. Grant us grace. Teach us to work together for the good of Your people. Give us the desire to go the extra mile for one another. Give us insights in how to encourage those with whom we may not agree. Help us to understand one another for the sake of Nevada.

Thank You, Lord, that we come to You as one people acknowledging Your rule in our lives. Unite us to seek Your will as one body. Take us beyond human agendas. Show us the joy of being shaped by Your will. Set us free by this spirit of servanthood today and every day. Thank You for these Your servants here today. Bless them to be Your blessing upon this State. We humbly 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.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Titus has approved the addition of Senator Mathews as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 232.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senators Washington and Mathews:

Senate Bill No. 240—AN ACT making an appropriation to the City of Sparks for the completion of the construction of the Larry D. Johnson Community Center; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Titus; Assemblymen Bobzien and Ohrenschaal:

Senate Bill No. 241—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; exempting a purchaser or a long-term lessee of a new hybrid vehicle from license plate, title and registration fees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senators Amodei and Care:

Senate Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to agents for service of process; enacting the Model Registered Agents Act; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Amodei moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 99.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 121.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 122.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 139.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 162.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 168.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 177.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 196.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 26.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 81.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Titus.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 81:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 81 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 11:28 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:53 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Quorum present.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 8, 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. 10.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Honoring former Assemblyman and Speaker of the Assembly Richard D. Perkins.

WHEREAS, A native Nevadan, Richard D. Perkins was born in Boulder City, Nevada, raised in Henderson, Nevada, and graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins serves his community as a law enforcement officer in a career which began in 1984 with the Henderson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in 1995 and in 2006 became the Chief of Police for the City of Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1992 where he served for 14 years which included seven regular sessions and six special sessions; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Nevada Legislature, Richard Perkins was recognized as a dedicated and tenacious leader resulting in his selection to serve as Democratic Floor Leader in 1995, Majority Floor Leader in 1997 and 1999, and in 2001 he was unanimously elected by the members of the Assembly to serve as Speaker of the Assembly, a position which he held until 2006; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins helped shape policy affecting the people of the State of Nevada during his service in the Nevada Assembly by sponsoring legislation on a variety of subjects, including legislation creating the Statewide Alert System for the Safe Return of Abducted Children, legislation to protect Nevadans from terrorist attacks, legislation creating the Homeland Security Commission and by working tirelessly towards improving education and providing for a promising and safe future for all Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins earned national distinction during his service in the Nevada Legislature through his contributions to numerous legislative organizations, including the Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislators Task Force on Protecting Democracy, the National Legislative Services and Security Association, the State Legislative Leaders Foundation and as President of the National Speakers Conference in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins as a member, leader and Speaker of the Nevada Assembly served in his various roles with conviction, compassion, courage and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Richard Perkins was encouraged and supported by his wife Terri, and their children, Nicole, Stephanie, Brian, Ashley and Rikki throughout his legislative career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature pay special tribute to Richard Perkins for his public service to the State of Nevada and express sincere gratitude for the exemplary leadership he provided in the Nevada Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Assemblyman and Speaker of the Assembly Richard D. Perkins.

Senator Care moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Care, Raggio and Titus.

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

SENATOR CARE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I urge the adoption of this resolution by all my colleagues. It was evident when former Speaker Perkins and his wife, Terri, entered the Chamber, you all knew who he is and he remains a good friend to many of you, to the State of Nevada and, certainly, to this Legislature.

I first met Speaker, then Majority Leader Perkins, when I first ran for office in 1998. We have all been through the process of going to our first political event. It is usually a caucus fundraiser where you are introduced to people you have never seen before, where you cannot keep the names straight, and you wake the next day and find you have many business cards, and you cannot put any of the cards with faces. I asked him what it is all about? He knew I was a first-time candidate, and he gave me his guidance. When I arrived early in 1999 for the orientation with the other freshman, I had questions, or doubts, about what it was like being a Legislator. I remember going to the Majority Leader and having those questions answered.

It did not stop there. Senator Titus and I represented a large part of Henderson, and I was very fond of what is known as "old Henderson." I went to several events there, and the Speaker would be there with his knowledge of what was going on in the community of Henderson and in his district, which at that time fell within Senate District No. 7.

I watched his legislative career, noted his elevation to Speaker. He went from Assemblyman to Majority Leader to Speaker of the Assembly during his seven regular sessions. There was never any doubt he would ascend to the position of Speaker. He was cut out for the job.

As it was pointed out in the resolution, he sponsored the Amber Alert Legislation, the creation of the Homeland Security and other timely issues for the State of Nevada.

He continues in his roll of public service. Since leaving the Legislature, he has been promoted to Chief of the Henderson Police Department. It is a very progressive, well-organized municipality. It is a city to look up to. Chief Perkins has had a lot to do with its success. I am delighted he is here, today, and I ask you all join in passage of the resolution and honor former Speaker Perkins today.

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. The appreciation of former Speaker Richard Perkins is evident. I think we waited about 45 minutes in recess while every member of the Assembly extolled his virtues. If there is a message here, it is that they pick on you while you are here, but after you are gone, they are full of laudatory compliments.

I will speak for the majority in this Chamber and indicate through you, Mr. President, to our honoree and to his wife how much his service in the legislative process is appreciated. Throughout the seven sessions Speaker Perkins was here, when I first came to know him, my dealings with him were always most cordial. He was a gentleman. There were many issues we may have argued about and debated. I confess, now, that on almost all occasions, he wore me down and I had to give in. I pay tribute to his persuasion, his competency and to his ability. Few people who observe this really fail to understand the commitment each of us makes to serve.

Maybe it is tooting our own horn, but I think all of us are aware of the time and the dedication given not only during session, but also between legislative sessions by Legislators. Richard Perkins was the epitome of commitment to this process. His service will set a hallmark, a standard for all of those who presently serve or who will serve in the future. I am pleased to be part of this process and speak on behalf of the majority in this House extending to you, Richard Perkins, our congratulations for this recognition well deserved. We also give this recognition to Terri and your family who put up with the inconvenience and the time given up and loss of attention that goes along with serving. Thank you for your service.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am delighted to stand in support of this resolution honoring former Speaker Richard Perkins. I have had the pleasure of knowing Richard for some 20 years as a constituent, a colleague, a student and a friend. He is missed in these halls, but as Chief of Police in Henderson, he will, no doubt, continue to do good works for the people of this State. Thank you for your service, and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senate in recess at 12:04 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:06 p.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Quorum present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Amodei, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students and teacher from Silver Stage High School: Jessie Bader, Tiffany Boggs, Quinn Cartwright, Zach Clarke, Daniel Dietz, Mariah Gramolini, James Irvin, Melissa Matthes, Jason McGill, Amber Meadows, Nick Mosher, Stephanie Pato, Amber Piper, Karrena Sandidge, Veronica Soto, Allison Thiessen, Sierra Tracy, Jessica Weaver, Sam White and teacher: Ross Dyer.

On request of Senator Care, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michelle Clouthier, former Assemblyman and Speaker of the Assembly Richard D. Perkins and Terri Perkins.

On request of Senator Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tim Kearney, Kariene Rimer and Bob Dean.

On request of Senator Cegavske, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jerri Strasser.

On request of Senator Horsford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Collins.

On request of Senator Lee, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Lea Cunanan Coyo.

On request of Senator Nolan, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Martin Gallacher.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Danielle Lallement and Christy Collins.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Melanie Sisson and Becky Estrella.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Margie Ortiz and Nadiji Strube.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, March 12, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate