

**THE EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Monday), April 30, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:19 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Albert Tilstra.

We give You thanks, O God, that this land was settled by men and women who came here, as our forefathers did, in order that we might live in the light of freedom, in order that we might worship You according to the dictates of our consciences.

Help us never to forget that all the rights and privileges we enjoy here have blood on them, that every good gift was bought and paid for in human sacrifice. This goodly heritage is ours by choice and by adoption. May we never lightly regard it! May we ever be grateful to those who in past years have labored and loved in order that we might have something to inherit. This we pray in humbleness and thanksgiving.

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 Finance, to which were referred Senate Bill No. 559; Assembly Bill No. 541, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 58, 282, 381, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 72, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MARK E. AMODEI, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 534, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 71, 380, 552, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DENNIS NOLAN, *Chair*

## MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 26, 2007

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill No. 151; Assembly Bill No. 190.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

## INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 560—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Nevada Institute for Renewable Energy Commercialization to provide for the initial staffing and implementation of the Institute; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 561—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Keaton Raphael Memorial to provide financial assistance to families who have children with cancer; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 562—AN ACT relating to tourism; transferring money from the Fund for the Promotion of Tourism to the Western Folklife Center for the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 563—AN ACT making an appropriation for funding a feasibility study and needs assessment concerning the establishment of a nonprofit children's hospital and research center in southern Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 564—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Nevada Fire Safe Council for a wildfire threat reduction program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 565—AN ACT relating to education; revising certain fees charged by the Commission on Postsecondary Education; imposing a fee for the certification by the Administrator of the Commission of alcoholic beverage awareness programs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 566—AN ACT making an appropriation to the Area Health Education Center of Southern Nevada for projects and programs to promote and support child abuse prevention in Nevada; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 190.

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

Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 182.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 610.

"SUMMARY—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Education, other state education programs, to fund the Counselor National Board Certification Program and teacher signing bonuses. (BDR S-1250)"

"AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Education, other state education programs, to fund the Counselor National Board Certification Program and teacher signing bonuses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Education, other state education programs: ~~[the]~~

1. The sum of \$125,000 to fund projected expenditures for the Counselor National Board Certification Program through the end of Fiscal Year 2007. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 15 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1938.

2. The sum of \$1,496,000 to fund projected expenditures for teacher signing bonuses through the end of Fiscal Year 2007. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 15 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1938.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 187.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 644.

"SUMMARY—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety to pay the increased costs of vehicle ~~operation,~~ fuel. (BDR S-1264)"

"AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety to pay the increased costs of vehicle ~~operation,~~ fuel; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State Highway Fund to the Nevada Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety the sum of ~~[\$1,015,040]~~ \$645,946 to pay the increased costs of vehicle ~~operation,~~ fuel. This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 32 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1943.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 336.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 611.

"SUMMARY—Makes supplemental appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. (BDR S-1260)"

"AN ACT making supplemental appropriations to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to fund fire suppression and to pay utility costs; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the:

1. ~~Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of \$37,805 for unanticipated utility costs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.~~

~~2. State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Forest Fire Suppression/Emergency Response, Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Fire Suppression/Emergency Response the sum of ~~(\$1,661,801)~~ \$1,660,873 for forest fire suppression costs that were not funded from the Disaster Relief Account created by NRS 353.2735.~~

~~2.~~ 2. Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources the sum of ~~(\$47,983)~~ \$69,643 for a projected shortfall for utility costs and incorrectly budgeted aircraft insurance.

Sec. 2. The appropriations made in section 1 of this act are supplemental to those made by section 26 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1942.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 339.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 645.

"SUMMARY—Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Cultural Affairs for anticipated budgetary shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. (BDR S-1248)"

"AN ACT making supplemental appropriations to the Department of Cultural Affairs for anticipated budgetary shortfalls for Fiscal Year 2006-2007; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs:

1. For the Nevada Historical Society of the Division of Museums and History the sum of ~~(\$2,786)~~ \$6,194 for an anticipated shortfall in utility costs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

2. ~~For the Nevada State Library the sum of \$57,913 to correct for excessive federal authority and to offset unrealized vacancy savings in the personnel services category.~~

~~3.] For the Nevada State Museum in Carson City the sum of [~~\$9,925~~]~~  
\$16,566 for an anticipated shortfall in utility costs for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.

Sec. 2. The appropriations made in section 1 of this act are supplemental to those made in section 19 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1939.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 340.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 646.

"SUMMARY—Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Taxation for outstanding Fiscal Year 2005-2006 information technology costs ~~and an anticipated budgetary shortfall.~~ (BDR S-1247)"

"AN ACT making a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Taxation for outstanding Fiscal Year 2005-2006 information technology costs ~~and an anticipated budgetary shortfall,~~ and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Department of Taxation the sum of [~~\$710,575~~] \$208,573 for outstanding Fiscal Year 2005-2006 information technology costs ~~and a projected budgetary shortfall for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.~~ This appropriation is supplemental to that made by section 9 of chapter 434, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 1937.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Senate Bill No. 345.

Bill read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Finance:

Amendment No. 647.

"SUMMARY—Makes an appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General to replenish the balance in the tort claim fund. (BDR S-1204)"

"AN ACT making an appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General to replenish the balance in the tort claim fund; and providing other matters properly relating thereto."

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to the Office of the Attorney General's tort claim fund created pursuant to NRS 331.187 the sum of ~~[\$9,483,407]~~ \$4,255,865 to replenish the balance of the fund.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Amendment adopted.

Bill ordered reprinted, engrossed and to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 24.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 34.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 37.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 38.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 106.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 227.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 267.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 286.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 423.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 338.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 338:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 338 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 557.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 557:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 557 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 4.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 4:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 4 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 5.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 5:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 5 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 8.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Carlton and Amodei.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 8:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—Carlton.

Assembly Bill No. 8 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 18.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 18:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.



Assembly Bill No. 18 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 27.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 27:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 27 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 30.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 30:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 30 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 35.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 35:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 35 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 75.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 75:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 75 having received a constitutional majority,  
Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 100.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 100:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 100 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 114.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 114:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 114 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 152.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 152:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 152 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Raggio moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 179, 264, 294, 482 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 30, 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. 22.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Honoring former Co-Speaker and Minority Floor Leader Lynn C. Hettrick.

WHEREAS, Lynn C. Hettrick was born in Carmel, California, and attended Claremont Men's College in Claremont, California; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Hettrick moved to Douglas County, Nevada, in 1972, where he became a successful businessman and active member of the community; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Lynn Hettrick was elected to represent Assembly District No. 39 in the Nevada Assembly where he served for 14 years which included seven regular sessions and six special sessions; and

WHEREAS, During the 1995 Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature in which the Assembly was evenly divided with 21 Republicans and 21 Democrats, Lynn Hettrick was elected to serve as Co-Speaker of the Assembly, a position to which he brought great leadership and statesmanship and was able to engage in the bipartisan effort necessary to accomplish the business for the people of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Lynn Hettrick earned the respect of his party serving as Minority Floor Leader from 1997 until 2005; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Hettrick actively participated in various legislative organizations and was recognized for his significant contributions, including his receipt of the Leader of the Year Award from the National Republican Legislators Association in 2001, his selection as National Chair of the Council of State Governments (CSG) in 2005 and Chair of CSG-WEST for 2001-2002, and his leadership role in the establishment of CSG-WEST's Western Legislative Academy, an educational forum for new state legislators to improve their effectiveness and build stronger legislative institutions; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the Nevada Assembly, Lynn Hettrick was supported and encouraged by his wife Arla, their four children, Stacey, Holly, Tiffany and Andrew, and their eight grandchildren, all of whom reside in western Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Hettrick's leadership abilities and legislative and personal accomplishments will forever serve as a model of public service for future members of the Nevada Legislature; 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 and express sincere gratitude to Assemblyman Hettrick for his public service to the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Co-Speaker and Minority Floor Leader Lynn C. Hettrick.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio, Cegavske, McGinness, Nolan, Coffin, Schneider, Beers, Amodei, Hardy and President Krolicki.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

It is a privilege for the Senate to join with the Assembly in honoring someone who certainly deserves this recognition. It is wonderful that we are doing this while that person is still alive and well. We usually wait until someone dies before we decide to say anything laudatory about him or her. Today is a particularly significant day, and we feel privileged to be able to honor someone with such a long record of legislative service.

In speaking with the former Minority Leader of the Assembly and noting that he had 14 years of service in this legislative process, he indicated that when he first heard it, he thought it was an error and thought it was 41 years. He said it seemed like that at times. No one has contributed more to the legislative process in recent times than former Minority Floor Leader, Lynn Hettrick.

To be honest, this resolution should probably be honoring Arla Hettrick, his wife, because no one had to put up with him more than she did during his 14 years of "easy times." I put the "easy times" in quotation marks because having been here prior to that time, as some of you have, the recent sessions have been a lot more difficult than the preceding sessions. We have had to make some difficult decisions. There have been troublesome times in the past 14 years during the legislative process. We have needed leveling voices. We have had to have people with vast experience, knowledge and depth of knowledge in the fiscal matters as well as policy matters to help us through some of these decisions to reach the kinds of compromises that are essential to completing our work. No one has been more instrumental in those deliberations and in those discussions than was Lynn Hettrick. I, along with others in this body who have worked with him, certainly appreciated his council and his dedication and his leadership in helping to reach difficult decisions. Even though we have not always agreed, we have always done so in the spirit of trying to contribute in a most meaningful way to the compromise and to reach an understanding.

In addition to his leadership in the Assembly and his service in that body, Lynn Hettrick received national distinction. In a bipartisan manner, he was recognized for his efforts in the Counsel for State Governments (CSG) where he became National Chair and also Chair of

CSG-West and was instrumental in the establishment of the Western Legislative Academy which is of great benefit to new state legislators who assume their positions in this body.

This is my personal privilege, and I am proud to be able to acknowledge his efforts. Arla is so thrilled to have him home all of the time where he is his same congenial self. Arla, you have our sympathy and understanding. I asked him how old he was, and he admitted to 61 years. I told him he did not look it. He could pass for his early 70s. Some of that is a rub-off from all of the consternation that many of us have heaped upon him during the years.

It is most appropriate, regardless what our philosophies or party affiliation might be, that, today, we join in recognition of years of dedicated service on the part of this distinguished individual.

SENATOR CEGAVSKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I do not know quite where to start. I had the ultimate privilege of being in leadership from the time I entered the Assembly with Assemblyman Lynn Hettrick. Where do I begin?

You are a mentor. I felt I was a part of your family with Arla, your mom, all of the children and the grandchildren. I heard about them, knew of their births, their weddings. You have an incredible family because of the two of you. What you did for us, as a family, in the Assembly and even when I came over to the Senate, the friendship and leadership you have shown, I have the highest regard and respect for you. I feel honored that I was able to be under your leadership and to be included as a friend to you and your family.

One of the things we used to laugh about was that we had to make it to ten years because, then, we would get retirement. That was a goal. We would laugh about how long we would stay in and what our goals were. Then we would laugh about the amount we got for the retirement.

I overwhelmingly support this resolution, and I am thrilled to honor you today. Often when we bring people over from both Houses, many of us know the individuals and some of us get to know some better than others.

Again, I want to stress, thank you, not only for your leadership in the Assembly, in the State of Nevada, but in the national conferences you belonged to and for what you did. Your contributions to all of those will be forever lasting. Your children and grandchildren will hear your name for a long time. Thank you all.

SENATOR MCGINNESS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to congratulate Lynn on his many years of service and thank him for his wise and sage counsel over the years and to his family, especially Arla. To a person in this body, deep down, we are all a little jealous that he is not here, today.

SENATOR NOLAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, want to echo my congratulations to Lynn and to thank him for his friendship. I first entered the Assembly in 1995 during what was a convoluted time when we had the 21-21 tie in the House. You remember there were a number of races that were contested. Chris Giunchigliani's and Sandra Tiffany's were being contested, and there was a big hearing going on about that. When the smoke cleared, we had a 21-21 tie. We had to decide whom to elect on the Republican side for leadership. We made the right choice because Lynn worked closely with Speaker Dini in making, in what otherwise tends to be a more raucous House, one of the best sessions that I have ever served in.

As far as collegiality and nonpartisanship, I was looking at a picture the other day going through some photos in our caucus. It was about 2 a.m. during one of those six-month sessions where there were pizzas piled up in the caucus room and sitting around the table were, now, Senator Amodei; Peter Erna; now, Commissioner Dave Humke; now, Judge Diane Steele with her baby who was born practically on the floor of the Assembly, and I think back to those times and think how many great people have come out of this Legislature in both Houses and from both parties.

You contributed to a lot of our success in this process. Thank you for being a gentleman and demonstrating decorum through this process. Congratulations to you and your family.

SENATOR COFFIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am honored to speak about and on behalf of others who have respect and have served with Lynn.

We never served together because we were in the other Houses, but we had many things in common. We were appointed to the same subcommittees and the Interim Finance Committee. That meant we were always together really getting a chance to work together.

If you read the resolution and see all of the praise in this resolution, you might forget that Lynn Hettrick was an active Minority Leader and member. I remember many times when Lynn spoke up and was voted down by the majority in his House. Sometimes the Senators would not agree with Mr. Hettrick either. The point was that if you read the resolution, you might think he was just a go-along and get-along type of person. That was not true. Many times Mr. Hettrick would speak his mind, very much out of vogue in a particular committee on which he was serving; then he would be slapped down. He paid his price as he served in the minority, as this member knows having served many more years in the minority here.

I have always admired someone who can stay and who can survive still keeping a smile on his or her face and still being an effective Legislator who has the odds stacked against him from day one. For that I have appreciated the example you set not only for your colleagues in the Assembly but for all of us as a level-headed, even-tempered gentleman who took his losses gracefully and on those rare occasions when he was victorious, he was able to be graceful in victory too.

SENATOR SCHNEIDER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of this resolution. I was part of the class of 1992 in the Assembly. In that class, there was Erin Kenny, Kathy Augustine, Sandra Tiffany, Pete Ernaut, Richard Perkins and Judge Steele. I am the only one left out of the class of 1992.

Lynn and I used to talk a lot. One time at Lake Tahoe, we were walking down the street and we decided if we were just in charge, we could settle things quickly. We could put things to bed and be on our way. We need good, reasonable people like that, and I am the only reasonable one left. Thank you.

SENATOR BEERS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I know this is an occasion where we are supposed to be honoring Mr. Hettrick, but many of my colleagues in both Houses have long sought the person they can blame for my presence here. It is Lynn. I am his recruit. It is the only time he was less than forthright. I have had a wonderful ten-year ride with you. There are many good memories. Thank you, and you do look more relaxed.

SENATOR AMODEI:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am not sure just how I stand on Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22. When I showed up in this building, which was later than many who have spoken, the one who was the Minority Leader was the one who took Lou Bergevin's place. Those were big shoes to fill. Lynn filled them instantly and seamlessly. That comment is no disrespect to former Assemblyman Bergevin.

Senator Raggio mentioned the 14 years in the State and the issues involved during the time Mr. Hettrick was in the Assembly. I think back to the Session of 2003 where everyone loved everyone. Governors were suing Legislators; Legislators were suing Legislators, and people hated the Supreme Court Justices. I will never forget watching the eye of the storm and, sometimes, the edges of the storm as the issues went back and forth. There was the "Mean Fifteen" and "give me your cuts," and so many other things going. I remember the start of that for me was when I sat on Curry Street outside of Republican headquarters after the election, and I asked him what was the deal on one proposal, and in the course of that ten minutes, he gave the information that I kept referring to throughout 2003 and realized he was still right.

I would like to use a word I think is underused here, "thoughtful." He is a very thoughtful person. Even though many may not always agree with him, he is thoughtful.

Nevertheless, there is one thing that upsets me about him; he is probably the best left-handed golfer in the Legislature. Thank you.

SENATOR HARDY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I probably bring a unique perspective to this discussion. The majority of the time I worked with Mr. Hettrick I was a "blue badger" on the other side of the fence. I can testify to the fact that the temperament and personality, the kindness and thoughtfulness that Mr. Hettrick brought to the Legislature was extended to everyone who was involved in the legislative process.

Unfortunately, relationships are different depending upon whether you are an elected official or a lobbyist. I can clearly and without hesitation testify that Mr. Hettrick treats everyone with the same respect, same integrity and the same kindness. For that, I will always appreciate it.

PRESIDENT KROLICKI:

I know Lynn and Arla in a different perspective than others here because Lynn was my Assemblyman for his 14 years. I had a chance to work with you, Lynn, not only at the local level and central committee but how many BBQs have we done together? We were also at CSG, since I was the former State Treasurer. I attended all the investment committees and finance committees for the CSG when you were Chair. Not only do those in this room have affection for you but so do those nationally. I can personally attest that at the local level, he and Arla are beloved in the Carson Valley.

Senator Raggio requested that the remarks of former Assemblyman Lynn C. Hettrick be entered in the Journal.

FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN LYNN C. HETTRICK:

Thank you, Senator Raggio, and to all the members of the Senate, I thank you very much.

This brings back many great memories. Though we did not always agree on everything, we did always get along, and I am proud of that. As many times as we could not agree, we could get along. I thank you for that. I am most pleased I am alive to be here for this. I agree that it is unusual for someone to be alive when honored. We might do a little more of that. There are many people who have served the State of Nevada well and deserve to be honored before they die. I thank you for doing this. It was a privilege for me to serve in this Legislature with many of you. I appreciate the honor very much.

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 Resolutions Nos. 23, 24, 25; Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 21.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Assemblyman Rod Sherer.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Arla Hettrick, Andrew Hettrick, Iris Hettrick, Andy Hettrick, Stephanie Hettrick, Maddison Hettrick, Jason Hettrick, Holly Hettrick, Brad-Lynn Fife, Tyler Torres, Marissa Torres, Lauren Szendre, Kianna Hettrick, Tiffany Ruby, Jason Ruby, Mason Perez and Stacey Perez.

On request of Senator Rhoads, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students, teachers and

chaperones from the Denio Elementary School: Arturo Anguiano, Rosemary Anguiano, Lance Moser, Bobby Hoenck, Jaylen Sam, Megan Sam, Manny Chavez, Omar Villa, Anthony Sanders, Lane Johnson, Jesus Montes, Rodrigo Montes, Adriana Juanes, Yessica Juanes, Deya Juanes, Stefani Barocio, Andrea Egger, Adam Egger, Maria Hernandez, Layton Johnson, Mattie Rose Johnson; chaperones and teachers: Stacy Egger, Stacey Moser, Carolyn Dufferrena, Susan Hoenck, Lee Petty and Janet Johnson.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 11 a.m. and that it do so in memory of Senator Raggio's father, William J. Raggio Sr.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
*President of the Senate*

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