

**THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Wednesday), May 2, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:31 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Albert Tilstra.

On a lighter side Lord, we ask for good weather and no rain for the ball game this afternoon and give strength to all who play.

Now, Lord of all, we pray that You will teach us all how to live, that we may provide an example to all around us. We remember that You have invited us "to do good, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God."

Give us such a vision of service to those who cannot possibly return that favor back to us. Then, only, shall we discover what love really is, what brotherhood really means. Show us what You would have us do today to make that discovery. We ask in the Name of the author of love.

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 Bills Nos. 55, 365, 453; Assembly Bill No. 542, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

Also, your Committee on Finance, to which were rereferred Senate Bills Nos. 131, 184, 247, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 250, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 20, 77, 117, 306, 307, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARK E. AMODEI, *Chair*

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 505, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE, *Chair*

## MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 1, 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. 34.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed, as amended, Assembly Bills Nos. 154, 198, 443, 504, 531, 543, 548, 556, 573.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

## MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Gansert, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Oceguera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Designating May 2, 2007, as American Culinary Federation High Sierra Chefs Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, The American Culinary Federation is the premier professional organization for chefs in North America, with more than 19,000 members and 240 chapters nationwide, and its mission is "to make a positive difference for culinarians through education, apprenticeship and certification, while creating a fraternal bond of respect and integrity among culinarians everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, The American Academy of Chefs is the honor society of the American Culinary Foundation which consistently inducts chefs who demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism in their field, with the goal of promoting the education of future culinarians by passing on the skills, training and knowledge they possess and by raising money for scholarships; and

WHEREAS, The High Sierra Chefs Association is the local chapter of the American Culinary Federation which represents Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Lake Tahoe and the surrounding areas of northern Nevada and northeastern California and is celebrating its 30th anniversary on May 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The High Sierra Chapter promotes professionalism and represents chefs from the major hotels and casinos, catering and independent restaurants, and is involved in mentoring future chefs through various programs, including the culinary program at Truckee Meadows Community College; and

WHEREAS, The High Sierra Chapter supports many charities, including the Chef & Child Foundation which focuses on ending childhood hunger and obesity by teaching America's children about nutrition and cooking; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature recognize the great contributions made every day to Nevada by those working in the culinary field, creating delicious and memorable meals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for the visitors and residents of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby designates May 2, 2007, as American Culinary Federation High Sierra Chefs Day in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael Norton, President of the American Culinary Federation High Sierra Chefs Association.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

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

I am pleased, on behalf of the Senate, to speak to this resolution. This day is being designated as American Culinary Federation High Sierra Chefs Day in Nevada. This group belongs to the American Culinary Federation. It is a highly recognized professional organization. There are 240 chapters with 19,000 members in North America. We are fortunate that not only in the urban areas, but also, in the rural areas, there are many unique culinary establishments. They do not come without someone who knows what they are doing in the kitchen. These chefs have had extensive training. Many of them go back generations. The training and expertise often comes from both sides of their families. They receive both local and international training.

We are fortunate many of them have settled in Nevada bringing their talents to our State. Today, we are recognizing one of their chapters, the High Sierra Chef Chapter, which has members attending today. It should be noted that they are not only interested in good cooking and nutrition, but they give their time and talent to other causes. One is The Chef and Child Foundation which deals with childhood hunger and obesity emphasizing good nutrition. I have had the opportunity to sample some of their delicious offerings. I ask the Senate to recognize their culinary talents and their other contributions as we honor the High Sierra Chapter today.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

By Senators Wiener, Cegavske, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Atkinson, Mabey, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegvera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Encouraging development of a coordinated collaboration among agencies that provide nutrition education to Nevadans.

WHEREAS, The prevalence of obesity in the United States is steadily rising, and obesity increases the risk of hypertension, high total cholesterol, coronary heart disease, stroke, gallstones, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, respiratory problems, several cancers and type 2 diabetes, resulting in \$61 billion in direct health care costs and \$3.9 billion in lost productivity annually; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes during pregnancy imposes long-term risk in offspring for elevated body mass index and the early onset of type 2 diabetes, and more than 70 percent of people with prenatal exposure to type 2 diabetes will develop it by adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Obesity runs in families, with children of obese parents at greater risk of becoming obese than children of normal-weight parents; and

WHEREAS, Research-based, public-private partnerships could identify and address information and service gaps and help the State to plan and deliver better long-term outcomes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That state agencies, school districts and organizations that provide nutrition education, especially to new and expectant parents and early childhood caregivers, are hereby encouraged to develop a coordinated collaboration to provide appropriate nutrition education to Nevadans to reduce obesity and encourage other healthy lifestyle choices; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this collaboration submit a report on the data collected and status of proposed programs to the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Health and Human Services for dissemination to its divisions and local health departments, the Department of Education for dissemination to each district superintendent and each public school principal, nurse and director or manager of food and nutritional services, the Nevada System of Higher Education for dissemination to all universities and community colleges and department chairs of health-related studies, the Nevada Public Health Foundation for dissemination to all food and nutrition program directors, the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., for dissemination to all tribal councils, the Dairy Council of Utah/Nevada, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and the Community Food Bank in Southern Nevada, the Nevada Dietetic Association, the Nevada Public Health Association, Nevada Action for Healthy Kids, Partners for a Healthy Nevada, the Washoe County Obesity Coalition and the Carson Wellness Coalition.

Senator Wiener moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Wiener.

Senator Wiener requested that her remarks be entered in the Journal.

Thank you, Mr. President. So far this Session, I have had the opportunity to sponsor legislation affecting several health-related topics. These include a resolution that encourages physical activity in Nevada's schools and another that promotes awareness and prevention of heart disease. I have also proudly served as the Senate sponsor of the "Nevada 110 Challenge." This was an 8-week fitness, stress management and nutrition challenge for those of us in the Legislative Building. This challenge ended three days ago.

Today, I stand before you to urge your support for Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27. This resolution encourages various private and public organizations to establish a working collaboration to create a model statewide nutrition program—with a special focus on prenatal and early childhood nutrition standards. You may be aware that in the past 30 years, the prevalence of overweight and obese persons has more than doubled in the United States. In addition, here is more research that should concern us.

For example, less than one-half of the population of Nevada's adults is at a healthy weight. Medical authorities report that most health conditions are either caused or exacerbated by obesity. One in seven children in the United States is overweight or obese. Moreover, according to many experts, this is the first generation in American history whose parents might outlive them because of the obesity epidemic.

These are just a few of the many statistics that demonstrate we must take action to change the lifestyle choices that contribute to an unhealthy Nevada. As I have continued to stress, we must make a commitment to a vigorous and regular physical activity program. We must learn about and adopt healthy eating habits.

Nutrition education is important because a healthy and balanced diet positively impacts a person's overall physical and mental well-being. For example, healthy-eating habits can help lower a person's risk for many chronic diseases. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, healthier eating habits could reduce cancer deaths in this country by as much as 35 percent. Additionally, studies have shown that a healthy diet can prevent depression and other mental-health disorders.

Today, children consume too few servings of nutrient-dense foods, such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains and dairy foods. This is why nutrition education should especially be provided to parents, teachers and child caregivers. These people have a primary and substantial influence over young children. We know that children who learn healthy eating habits during childhood are more likely to continue those habits in adulthood.

To succeed with a healthy nutrition standard—and to reverse the obesity trend—we need to start early. In fact, we need to establish nutrition education that helps pregnant women eat healthier foods that will benefit them and their unborn children. We also need to help these moms and their families learn the best nutritional practices that will benefit their young children.

To help accomplish this, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27 urges the establishment of a collaboration to develop and monitor a model statewide nutrition program to deliver better long-term health outcomes for Nevada. I am pleased to say that this group of experts is already being formed. Currently, we have a commitment to participate from the Nevada Public Health Foundation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education and the Nevada System of Higher Education. Together these organizations, agencies and others will help Nevadans learn about healthier nutritional choices and practices.

As American writer Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The first wealth is health." With all of the demands Nevadans face in today's fast-paced society, it is easy for one to forget that health is a person's greatest fortune. This is why it is crucial to encourage the development of a coordinated collaboration among state agencies, school districts and other organizations to provide nutrition education to Nevadans. In supporting Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27, you are supporting a healthy Nevada. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Senate Bill No. 567—AN ACT relating to taxation; suspending all state action relating to tax exemptions applicable to energy efficient buildings; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Townsend moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 154.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 198.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 443.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 504.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 531.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 543.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 548.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 556.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 573.

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

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS  
WAIVER OF JOINT STANDING RULE(S)

A Waiver requested by Legislative Counsel.

For: Senate Bill No. 567.

To Waive:

Subsections 1 and 2 of Joint Standing Rule No. 14 and Joint Standing Rule Nos. 14.2 and 14.3.

Has been granted effective: Tuesday, May 01, 2007.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO  
*Senate Majority Leader*

BARBARA BUCKLEY  
*Speaker of the Assembly*

Senate in recess at 12:04 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:07 p.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Washington moved that the action whereby Assembly Bill No. 443 was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor be rescinded.

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried.

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

Remarks by Senator Washington.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 12:08 p.m.

#### SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:19

President Krolicki presiding.

Quorum present.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 567, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, *Chair*

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Townsend moved that all necessary rules be suspended, reading so far had considered second reading, rules further suspended, and that Senate Bill No. 567 be declared an emergency measure under the Constitution and placed on the bottom of third reading and final passage.

Motion carried unanimously.

Senator Raggio moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 58, 71, 72, 264, 267, 282, 286, 294, 380, 381, 423, 482, 534, 541, 552 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 353.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 560.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 575.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 589.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6.

Resolution read second time.

The following amendment was proposed by the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security:

Amendment No. 661.

"SUMMARY—Urges Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005. (BDR R-1393)"

"ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005."

WHEREAS, In May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, Public Law 109-13, which was signed by President George W. Bush on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective on May 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Use of the federal minimum standards for state driver's licenses and state identification cards will be necessary for any type of federally regulated activity for which an identification card must be displayed; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security, to date, has failed to promulgate rules for the implementation of the REAL ID Act; and

WHEREAS, The mandate to the states, through federal legislation, provides no funding for its requirements; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Governors' Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated that the cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than \$11 billion over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the REAL ID Act would cost Nevada taxpayers approximately \$30 million during Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada would incur additional expenditures associated with the implementation of the national identification card through machine readable technology, increased training of Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles employees and increased Department of Motor Vehicles employee work hours; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's compliance with the provisions of the REAL ID Act will require that, over the course of 4 years, an estimated 2 million Nevadans will be subjected to the unnecessary inconvenience of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card in person at offices of Nevada's Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is committed to increased security and unimpeachable integrity of driver's licenses and identification cards within the State and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is also committed to compliance with the REAL ID Act, should appropriate rules be adopted and federal funding be provided for implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the State of Nevada urges Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act portion of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act



for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Senator Nolan moved the adoption of the amendment.

Remarks by Senators Nolan and Coffin.

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

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to explain why I did not sponsor this bill. Since the last week in January, when we were first shown the budget, we reacted with horror at the cost of implementing the National Real ID Act. Hiring 250 employees was the main part of what was going to cost us a lot of money. It is a lot of money, and I was surprised to see so many people surprised.

The only thing that is wrong here is the "whereas" mandate to the states through federal regulation that says Congress provides no funding for its requirements. We shrink away and say we cannot do it because they did not give us the money. Why does not the resolution ask for the money to do it?

I think we should ask for the money. We are going to be spending, though wasting is probably a better word, nearly a trillion dollars on the unnecessary, ill-thought out, and now we know, unprovoked war in Iraq. The Iraq War was billed as the centerpiece of the War on Terror. In fact, before that happened, discussions about measures such as this Real ID Act were talked about as being meaningful methods of helping to identify people who were, and still are, bent on terror acts in the United States.

This resolution is more effective than putting up a stupid wall along the Mexican border. This has been used as an anti-terror measure as well as an anti-illegal immigration measure. The government is going to spend more money on the wall than it would if it had given us the money for this Real ID measure.

One needs to use a bit of discretion and admit there are some things the government can do that Congress and the President failed to do. Amongst the many things they did wrong, this may be one of the things they did that was right. I know there are many worries by people who are concerned about the National Real ID Act. People in Congress voted on this just as we will vote on resolutions later today, apparently done in haste. They forgot to add the money on purpose. I think we should be sending a resolution asking for the money, not recoiling from the idea that fighting terrorism costs money. We should simply say, "Help us out." That is why I chose not to be a sponsor on this resolution.

There are probably a hundred good things that have been done that I did not know about in the war against terrorists, and I think this was one of them, but we have wasted nearly a trillion dollars fighting it in the wrong way. We have brought the international affairs of this Country to this floor, and I do not intend to do that today. That is why I am in opposition to this.

Amendment adopted.

Resolution ordered reprinted, engrossed and to the third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 559.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 559:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 559 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 567.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Townsend, Titus and Coffin.

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

SENATOR TOWNSEND:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the opportunity to explain this emergency measure. It deals with energy efficiency. Every one of us, whether you have served for one session or for many, has had to make some tough decisions. This may be the toughest one I have made in some time.

This bill suspends the provisions of A.B. 3 of the 22nd Special Session in 2005. It suspends the authority of the Tax Commission, the Office of Energy, the Commission on Economic Development and the Department of Taxation to promulgate any further regulations, accept any applications or process any applications with regard to the sales-tax exemptions for products and materials and for the abatement of real property taxes.

The purpose of this, and I quote my colleague from Clark District 2, "Is to get a deep breath." The tremendous success that A.B. 3 of the 22nd Special Session had is now causing concerns. This bill gives us a chance to gather numbers, work with the money committees to find out exactly what the impacts have been and have a legitimate dialogue about those impacts. I encourage your support for this bill.

SENATOR TITUS:

While I will support this temporary suspension of our LEED-certified building-tax exemptions for the promotion of energy conservation, I would like the record to show that I am generally uncomfortable with such last-minute maneuvers to jam through measures without proper hearings, testimony, discussion and study.

Furthermore, this measure presents a true Hobson's Choice for me. I am keenly aware of our budgetary needs, especially in the area of education. On the other hand, I have spent a political lifetime fighting for stronger environmental protection and smarter energy consumption. Many of you, I am sure, face this same dilemma.

For those two reasons then, I would respectfully request the Chair of the Commerce and Labor Committee to assure us that, over the next 30 days, as we reexamine this important issue, we do so in the sunshine with all stakeholders and interested Legislators at the table. Only, then, can we do what is in the best interest of the taxpayers of Nevada.

SENATOR TOWNSEND:

Thank you, Mr. President. I assure the distinguished Minority Leader that not only will we do this in the sunshine, but we will do so as a body of 63 as we do with all legislative matters that concern energy. This is extremely complex. I could not agree with her comments more. Over the last 25 years, no one has discussed these issues more intently or passionately than I. The realities of other committees and other needs of the State also have to be considered. This is not a repeal. This is a suspension, and while we continue to hold hearings, I can assure my colleagues that every idea will be heard. Every opportunity will be available to those who are interested in bringing concepts forward that can help us with this. We all should thank our fiscal analysts. They are the ones who will do a great deal of work to give us the information we need to make very good decisions over the next 30 days.

SENATOR COFFIN:

There are economic consequences with every vote we take and every bill we pass. This might be one of them. Certainly, in 2005 we voted for it. We passed it. Did we not think through the fact that there was going to be a cost? I think there was.

More importantly, I remember when Mr. Greenspan was Chair of the Federal Reserve, and every time he sneezed, the world caught a cold because even though he did not intend to, he would create a crisis where none existed or he would create one when one did. The point was, a measure like this does more to undo economic development than anything else we could possibly do because decisions made by people worth billions of dollars have been made based upon this legislation we have passed. If it was going to hit us financially, we knew that two years ago. One cannot say you did not know how much because that would admit that we were ignorant when we voted. Let us just say we assumed that there was. If we do these kinds of things, it is going to send a message we changed course with the shifting breezes when there is a blip in the economy and we affect long-term projects with short-term thinking. This is a significant thing to do. How many billions of dollars of construction are out there? What we have done is look at the cost of the exemption and said, "That is a hit to our income." You can look at it the other way and say, "Thank goodness they are building, and maybe, this exemption helped make these projects bigger. Or, maybe, it tipped them over into building versus not building." That kind of thinking should not drive our actions.

I will vote "no" on this. I will listen to testimony even though it is not going to the typical committee that should hear bills relating to tax and tax exemptions—Committee on Taxation. I will try to pay attention as much as I can.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 567:

YEAS—19.

NAYS—Care, Coffin—2.

Senate Bill No. 567 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bills Nos. 4, 5, 8, 18, 27, 30, 35, 75, 100, 114, 152; Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 22.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Norton, Joe Eidem, Julius Weiss and the following students, chaperones and teachers from the Caughlin Ranch Elementary School: Zane Bensing, Megan Biggs, Brittany Blair Bordycott, Jonathon Brunson, Shannon Campbell, Ashley Chan, Jonathan DiFrancesco, Lucas Halki, Isabella Hicks, Stephen Kasmer, Spencer Kunder, Jamison Lundemo, Takashi Mori, Nick Ortiz, Dana Parmenter, Alex Pavelea, Elissa Pavelea, Cassidy Pearson, Rachel Perkins, Oana Pop, Valerie Rhoades, Alex Schumacher, Christopher Sharp, Hunter Stamm, Jordan Walshaw, Tylo Ward, Braden Wesnousky, Rachel Willis, Danie Young, Brenna Adams, Chelsea Betker, Abby Boyden, Yanna Brustol, Hannah Buchell, Ania Calvillo-Mason, Josh Dahan, Ashleigh Davis, McKenna Davis, Katie Gardner, Nicholas Gholdoian, Rachel Greiner, Rachel Hald, Kristina Hamlin, Jack Johnson, Colbee Jones, Tyler Kazarian, Nathan Kerr, Katie Mathews, Cedar Moosmuller, Thoann Ngo, Jordan Page, Jakob Rolling, Matthew Ruiz, Lee Ann Scharback, Madison Sieffert, John Tillis, Blake Walshaw, Addie Eykelbosh, Aly Dziminski, Michael Zhang, Courtney

Rayppy, Alexandra Rayppy, Trevor Cullen, Nick Slezak, Alexandra Mocerino, Sarah Beasley, Sierra LaDuke, Abbie Seeliger, Jeanette Liou, Lacey Anderson, Jimmy Hill, Quinton Jardon, Justin McKenzie, Blake Herbert, Samantha Suen, Brittany Messick, Amy DeNardo, Alexandra Baldwin, Justin Watland, Kaley Davis, Jacob Brunson, Tristan John, Haley Aramini, Kendall Walshaw, Kai Logue, Cooper Sellers; chaperones: Gerry Willis, Shawn Pearson, Caroline DiFrancesco, Tammy Kincannon, Diana Hicks, Sonya Campbell, Jodi Herzik, Jae Meyer, Laurie Betker, John Brustol, Linda Savoie, Jill Greiner, Sherie Hald, Jennifer Kazarian, Lorrie Mathews, Kristin Rolling, Russ Ruiz, Rick DeNardo, Erliene Aramini, Brian Dziminski, Leslie Durant, Adriana Baldwin, Scott Walshaw; teachers: Miss Johnson, Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. Saulsbury.

On request of Senator Schneider, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Deborah Aragon and Cynthia Kroon.

On request of Senator Washington, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students and chaperones from the WINN Homeschool Group: Conor Clement, Rose Shoen, Sarah Shoen, Ann Shoen, Melina Blondfield, Audrey Blondfield, Dane Blondfield, Alice Hodges, Sierra Esau, Shane Cannon, Cameron Etchart, Ari Henry, Jake Henry, Evan West, Shayla, West, Timothy Mick, Megan Kruitbosch, Kevin Kruitbosch, Price Poston, Jamie Poston; chaperones: Melissa Clement, Katie Shoen, Holly Kruitbosch, Jody West, Jody Blondfield, Vickie Etchart, Tracy Henry and Potti Poston.

On request of Senator Wiener, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Alex Haartz, Marcia Turner and Rota Rosaschi.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Kristen McNeill, Ean McNeill and the following students, chaperones, teachers and principal from the Nate Mack Elementary School: Kaila Prescott, Angelica Ponce, Logan Meeks, Cameron Rojas, Nicholas Thorniley, Tori Snell, Jonathan Garrison, Joshua Rath, Olmurewa Olalere, Kody McDonagh, Mirinda Scruggs, Elizabeth Guerrero, Joseph Ellison, Coryn Richardson, Robert Anthony Terry, Dave Carino, Cindy Lopez, Kyle Corday, Kiley Harrison, Jason Dixon, Reina Dalton, Gracelle Garcia, Deseree Moe, Jared Moreda, Brandon Thibeault, Dacia Flowere, Jalaina Carey, Lucas Horseau, Megan Loman, Joseph Moscoli, Daniel Mastny, Lucian Porter, Kenny Taboada, Catherine Rodriguez, Isreal Torres, Nolan Higgins; chaperones: Disa Rochelle Smith, Raquel Favila, Lisa Meeks, Martha Rojas, Tiffany Brandise, Melissa Snell, Andrea Garrison, Cheryl Ann Harrison, Jason Dixon, Karen Jean Thibeault, Olga Flowers, Rizalina Tanjay, Mona Bettencourt, Salvatore Mascoli, Chris Mastny,

Ramon Alberto Rodriguez; teachers: Nancy Hutchins, Brynn Songer and Principal Nancy Heavey.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

*Secretary of the Senate*