

THE TENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), February 11, 2009

Assembly called to order at 11:17 a.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Albert Tilstra.

O Lord, keep our faith in the power of prayer as we unite our petitions in this sacred moment. We have asked for Your guidance in difficult decisions many times, yet it has not always been answered in the way we thought it should. Many of the situations and relationships which we have asked You to change have remained the same.

Forgive us for thinking, therefore, that You are unwilling to help us in our dilemmas or that there is nothing You can do. Remind us, O God, that when we plug in an electric iron and it fails to work, we do not conclude that electricity has lost its power, nor do we plead with the iron. We look at once to the wiring to find what has broken or blocked the connection with the source of power. May we do the same with ourselves, that You can work through us to do Your will. This we ask in the Name of our Lord.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 103, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

ELLEN M. KOIVISTO, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Gansert, Aizley, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Dondero Loop, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Manendo, Mastroluca, McArthur, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegvera, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spiegel, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senators Nolan, Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, and Woodhouse:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3—Designating February 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, According to recent statistics, more than 100,000 people in the United States are currently on the waiting list for organ transplants, and each day approximately 77 people receive the transplant that gives them a second chance at life, but 19 others die because not enough organs are available to meet our needs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby designates February 11, 2009, as Tissue and Organ Donor Day in Nevada to raise public awareness regarding tissue and organ donation and the effect it can have on so many people; and be it further

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

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

Assemblywoman Gansert moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Gansert and Manendo.

Resolution adopted.

Assemblywoman Gansert moved that all rules be suspended and that Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Transportation:

Assembly Bill No. 153—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising provisions governing the issuance of drivers' licenses to persons who are 16 or 17 years of age; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Atkinson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Munford, Denis, Segerblom, Bobzien, Dondero Loop, Ohrenschall, Parnell, and Pierce:

Assembly Bill No. 154—AN ACT relating to education; revising provisions governing the establishment by the board of trustees of a school district of a policy prohibiting criminal gang activity on school property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Munford moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Munford, Denis, Segerblom, Bobzien, Ohrenschall, and Pierce:

Assembly Bill No. 155—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a program of multicultural education for certain pupils; requiring certain licensed teachers to complete a course in multicultural education upon renewal of their license; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Munford moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Cobb, Gansert, Goedhart, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, Settlemeyer, and Stewart:

Assembly Bill No. 156—AN ACT relating to courts; requiring district courts, justice courts and municipal courts to use collection agencies to collect certain debts; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Cobb moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Cobb, Gansert, Goedhart, Grady, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, McArthur, Settlemeyer, and Stewart:

Assembly Bill No. 157—AN ACT relating to welfare; providing that the head of a household which receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families must accept certain employment; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Cobb moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Cobb, Gansert, Goedhart, Grady, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, Settlemeyer, and Stewart:

Assembly Bill No. 158—AN ACT relating to education; prohibiting the board of trustees of a school district from expending more than a certain percentage of its total expenditures in each fiscal year for certain administrative expenses; revising provisions governing the Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Cobb moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Pierce, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Aizley, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Buckley, Carpenter, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Goicoechea, Grady, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Leslie, Manendo, Mastroluca, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Segerblom, Smith, and Spiegel; Senators Carlton, Parks, Copenig, and Woodhouse:

Assembly Bill No. 159—AN ACT relating to international trade agreements; prohibiting the Governor or any other state officer or employee from binding the State to the requirements of an international trade agreement without authorization by the Legislature; invalidating any prior consent to any such requirements in an international trade agreement; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Pierce moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Christensen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Adam Cegavske.

On request of Assemblywoman Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sandi Smith, Ken Richardson, Heidi Smith, Joe Stivers, Jaclyn O'Malley, Tracey Copeland, Debbie Pinjuv, Danelle Snodgrass, Annie Norris, Stephanie DeBoor, Jude Hurin, Bonnie Bowlan, former Assemblywoman Dawn Gibbons, Trudy Larson, Jessica Drossulis, and Susan Drossulis.

On request of Assemblyman Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tom Fransway.

On request of Assemblyman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Roger Tobler.

On request of Assemblyman Stewart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Joshua Gust.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the Assembly adjourn until Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Approved:

BARBARA E. BUCKLEY
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG REIL
Chief Clerk of the Assembly