

THE NINETEENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Friday), February 25, 2011

Assembly called to order at 11:12 a.m.

Madam Speaker pro Tempore presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblywoman Diaz, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend, Bruce Henderson.

Our Father in Heaven—maybe we should have called a "snow day!" Well, here we are on Friday, and as we all know only Robinson Crusoe had everything done by Friday. Lord, we don't have everything done, but we have a good start. Help us to rest so we can approach everything anew on Monday. We thank You for the gift and promise of renewal. We pray in the Name of the One who makes everything new.

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

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, to which was referred Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Be adopted.

MAGGIE CARLTON, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Goedhart, Aizley, Goicoechea, Grady, Hambrick, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, Hickey, Kirner, Kite, Sherwood, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senators Hardy, Cegavske, Gustavson, Halseth, Rhoads, and Settlemeyer:

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5—Urging the Federal Government to engage in discussions with the State of Nevada and Nye County, Nevada, regarding the mitigation of water contamination in Nevada which resulted from certain nuclear testing and storage activities that were conducted by the Federal Government in Nye County, Nevada.

Assemblyman Goedhart moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Assemblymen Aizley, Ohrenschall, Carrillo, Horne, Atkinson, Conklin, Dondero Loop, Frierson, Goedhart, Hambrick, Hogan, Ocegueda, Pierce, and Stewart; Senators Leslie, Parks, and Denis:

Assembly Bill No. 211—AN ACT relating to employment practices; prohibiting discriminatory employment practices based upon the gender identity or expression of a person; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Aizley moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Woodbury, Goicoechea, Grady, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, Hickey, Kite, and Stewart; Senators Hardy, Gustavson, Kieckhefer, and Settlemeyer:

Assembly Bill No. 212—AN ACT relating to transportation; revising provisions governing the authority of the Department of Transportation to enter into contracts with design-build teams; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Woodbury moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

Madam Speaker pro Tempore announced if there were no objections, the Assembly would recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Assembly in recess at 11:19 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:21 a.m.

Madam Speaker pro Tempore presiding.

Quorum present.

By the Committee on Judiciary:

Assembly Bill No. 213—AN ACT relating to gaming; authorizing the Nevada Gaming Commission to adopt regulations relating to the issuance of a preliminary finding of suitability; revising provisions relating to investigations and the initiation of complaints by the State Gaming Control Board; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Assemblyman Conklin moved that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

Motion carried.

ASSEMBLYMAN MUNFORD:

In the spirit of Black History Month, I rise to recognize and share with this body the significant accomplishments of the Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women.

I was expecting to welcome some of these members of this group who are quite mature now in age. They were supposed to be here today. Unfortunately, they could not make the trip due to transportation and health problems.

During the 1950s and the 1960s, few African Americans had roles in television or film. Movie stunts were almost strictly performed by white men and women who wore makeup to act as stunt doubles for black actors.

The Black Stuntmen's Association and the Coalition of Black Stuntmen and Women joined together and filed a legal action against the "Hollywood machine" and forced it to hire, train, and advance individuals both in front of and behind the cameras, without regard to race, gender, or sexual orientation.

These legal efforts came at a great personal cost to the members of the Association and Coalition. They experienced attempts to crush them mentally, physically, and financially, such as blacklisting them and forcing them out of work. Through it all, these determined men and women persevered. Ultimately, they created groundbreaking opportunities for countless African-American men and women in the film and television industry.

Please join me in recognizing and appreciating their sacrifices and their commitment in the pursuit of America's principles of equality and justice for all.

One thing I want to add. A lot of people might not know why Black History Month was chosen to be celebrated in the month of February. One of the reasons is because of this gentleman, Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is in February. Another reason was Frederick Douglass. I don't know if you have heard of Frederick Douglass, but he was a very outspoken and vocal fighter for rights for African Americans. The third reason is the development and birth of the NAACP started in February. So I give you a little lesson.

Also, I congratulate my colleague from District 22 for talking about Abraham Lincoln. I remember all three sessions he always talked about Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday is in February. It always reminded him—but he never brought it up—that Abraham Lincoln was very instrumental in this state joining the Union, but he also freed the slaves. Remember that.

ASSEMBLYMAN CONKLIN:

On behalf of my colleague from District 33, late last night Elko County Sheriff's Deputy Lenwood VanNatter was shot three times and was airlifted to the University of Utah Hospital, where he is now in critical condition suffering multiple gunshot wounds to the chest, hip, and legs. This is not the first time that a police officer of law enforcement agency has been shot when this body is in session. On behalf of my colleague from District 33, I would just request that Mr. VanNatter remain in the prayers and thoughts of our members, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Goedhart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Chamberlin.

On request of Assemblyman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to students and chaperones from the Nevada Homeschool Network: Karen Anderson, Grace Anderson, Cynthia Amster, Rob Amster, Shannon Brigger, Rey'na Borg, Stephanie Castanedo, Dylan Castanedo, Frances Castelli, Anthony Castelli, Hope Castelli, Laura Cleland, Alison Cleymaet, Dianne Craft, Tracy Cuneo, Kim Dahl, Amy Dold, Glenda Dudley, Maureen Ford, Tegan Ford, Wayne Hoag, Katrina Hollar, Dawn Johansen, Jeremiah Johansen, Amanda Keith, Harvie Keith, Julianne King, Gretchin Kvaal, Sai'len Kvaal, Monica Lang, Natasha Lang, Sandra Lorenz, Scott Macmillan, Jennifer Macmillan, James Macmillan, Kamie McBride, Jacob McBride, Julie McBride, Jenn Medina, Mandy Nicholson, Gabriela Nodar, Avery Nodar, Angel Nuugent, Makela Palmer, Rob Palmer, Theresa Panziera, Amy Poole, Donald Poole, Gabriel Poole, Kelley Radow, Rick Saake, Jennifer Saake, Ron Schreckengost, Shannon Schreckengost, Robin Schnorbus, Frank Schnorbus, Sharon Seibel, Laura Seigal, Holly Sentell, Cindy Simpson, Brandee Shipman, Jamie Sommer, Dawn Toussaint, Beverly Vugteveen, Katie Vugteveen, Alisa Wagner, Hennessy Wagner, Elissa Wahl, Wendy Ward, Nikki Willis, Ben Willis, Julie Xeras, Jullie Deal, Dan Durrer, Laura Durrer, Gia Gallegos, Edwina Koepsell, John Snyder and Cindy Snyder.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that the Assembly adjourn until Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Approved:

JOHN OCEGUERA
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG

Chief Clerk of the Assembly