

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), May 2, 2011

Assembly called to order at 11:07 a.m.

Madam Speaker pro Tempore presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblymen Ocegüera, Sherwood, and Woodbury, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Chuck Durante.

O Good and Holy Creator,

We come before You on this beautiful spring day, mindful of all that is given us: land for food and vibrant splendor; sunshine to warm our earth and our bodies; minds and hearts to think, reflect, love, and give back.

Thank You for all that we are and all that we have. Guide us always with Your holy wisdom to use these gifts wisely for the good of all Your people.

As the Assembly begins another week in this time of great challenge for Nevada, send them insight and creativity; channel their efforts toward cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support for the common good.

Strengthen them for the work of the weeks ahead toward a successful legislative session. Bless their families and grant them patience in these trying times.

Hear all who cry out to You in their need this day and let us be Your instruments of hope, of forgiveness, of courage, and of joy. We make this prayer as Your humble people.

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 Ways and Means, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 490, 492, 500, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was rereferred Assembly Bill No. 534, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Ways and Means, to which were rereferred Assembly Bills Nos. 167, 363, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

DEBBIE SMITH, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Segerblom, Aizley, Anderson, Atkinson, Benitez-Thompson, Bobzien, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Conklin, Daly, Diaz, Dondero Loop, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hambrick, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, Hickey, Hogan, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Kirner, Kite, Livermore, Mastroluca, McArthur, Munford, Neal, Ocegüera, Ohrenscha11, Pierce, Sherwood, Smith, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senators Breeden, Brower, Cegavske, Copening, Denis, Gustavson, Halseth, Hardy, Horsford, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, McGinness, Parks, Rhoads, Roberson, Schneider, Settelmeyer, and Wiener:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Memorializing Nevada’s first acupuncturist, Dr. Yee Kung Lok.

WHEREAS, As late as December 1972, the practice of acupuncture was considered in Nevada to be “not sufficiently well understood to be an acceptable method for use in the practice of medicine in this State”; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature became the first in the nation to declare traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, a learned profession when Senate Bill No. 448 of the 1973 Session, authorizing the practice of Chinese medicine and acupuncture, was signed into law on April 20, 1973, and many states thereafter followed suit; and

WHEREAS, Credit for this unprecedentedly quick change in the status of the profession largely belongs to Dr. Yee Kung Lok, who worked tirelessly for this cause; and

WHEREAS, Yee Kung Lok was born in Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, on June 17, 1913, to Lok King Qu and Wong Ming Chien and studied Chinese medicine and acupuncture in Shanghai as a disciple; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Dr. Lok came to Nevada with the ambition to legalize the practice and, along with Arthur Steinberg, a patient he had treated in Hong Kong, and lobbyist Jim Joyce, began the arduous process of attaining this goal; and

WHEREAS, In the ultimate illustration of the adage that seeing is believing, Dr. Lok conducted a demonstration of acupuncture in the spring of 1973, in a clinic in the Ormsby House hotel and casino across the street from the Legislative Building; and

WHEREAS, Half of Nevada’s 60 lawmakers and countless members of the public put themselves under the needles of Dr. Lok during this demonstration, and with assistance from only his wife, he treated more than 100 patients every day for 3 weeks; and

WHEREAS, The great majority of those patients claimed improvement, with some announcing astonishing results, such as an Assemblyman who reported that a 20-year sinus condition disappeared after needles were stuck in his forehead and alongside his nose; and

WHEREAS, Although one of those receiving treatment professed he “would follow him to Hong Kong,” Dr. Lok graciously chose to settle in this State to continue helping Nevadans needing relief from their ailments and established a successful practice; and

WHEREAS, With the passing of Dr. Yee Kung Lok in Las Vegas on January 17, 2004, Nevada lost one of its most forward-thinking leaders in the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Chien Ching Lok, their children and spouses Maria Ming Chu Pan and her husband Wei Pan, Dr. Peter Pak Ming Lok and his wife Merle Lok and Lucy Ming Wei Cheung and her husband Chiu Ming Cheung, as well as grandchildren Farrowe and Gerrine Pan, Henry Junwen Lok, Angela Meiwen Lok, Amanda Meihui Lok, Alvin Yao Wen Cheung and Anthony Yao Fang Cheung; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature note with admiration this awe-inspiring man’s life and, with sorrow, this great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Lok's wife, Chien Ching Lok.

Assemblyman Segerblom moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Segerblom.

Resolution adopted and ordered immediately transmitted to the Senate.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 480.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 498.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

ASSEMBLYMAN ANDERSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker pro Tempore. I would beg the indulgence of the body for a short minute. One thing I learned in the Marines was that at any given time, there is someone in our military who is sacrificing, who is miserable, and who could use a little good news. Well, they are in luck. Madam Speaker pro Tempore, I would remiss if I did not mention that every first responder across the nation, especially in New York, is getting some amazing, well deserved news as well.

Like many Americans, I did not get a whole lot of sleep last night. Like many Americans, I am a bit overwhelmed. And like many Americans, I have a personal perspective on last night's events and I wish to share them. This moment is deeply and irrevocably personal to me, as it is to most of our nation. I was in boot camp in San Diego on September 11, 2001. I was still in that boot camp when our nation commenced military action against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. I also took part in that military action, in late 2004 and early 2005, in Afghanistan.

I rise, Madam Speaker pro Tempore, to praise our armed forces who executed this mission we have heard so much about, against our nation's number one enemy. It has been a long time coming—literally, my entire adult life. I have grown up with these events as a backdrop. Last night renewed my confidence in the belief that people ultimately get what they deserve. I think everyone in this Chamber would agree justice has been served. No longer does any military family, first responder's family, or our nation have to ask itself if what we did was in vain. Last night is a night we will all remember for the rest of our lives. We will be recounting last night to our children and to our grandchildren. This is our generation's victory day, if only temporarily, as we still have so much conflict ahead.

My heart is bursting with pride for our nation, standing once again united. We have fought and we have bled together and we still have many challenges to face. Through all of it, I hope we remember that no matter what comes our nation's way, we are in this together, through thick and thin. God bless America and thank you, Madam Speaker pro Tempore, and thank you to the body for letting me share my thoughts today.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Atkinson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Huiwen Zhang.

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Seung Bai Park.

On request of Assemblyman Brooks, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Crystal Vera.

On request of Assemblywoman Bustamante Adams, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jin Li Ran.

On request of Assemblywoman Carlton, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Maggie Tracey.

On request of Assemblyman Daly, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Vince Link and the following students and chaperones from Katherine Dunn Elementary School: Nikki Abuan-Rodriguez, Sofya Agüero, Jessica Arenas Hagler, Dylan Burkhardt, Ismael Diaz, Kiara Druley, Ashleigh Fogal, Connor Freeman, Zachery Gaertner, Rebecca Graves, Hailey Ladd, Marcos Lopez, Richard Maramag, Montana Marsh, Christian Medina, Christian Miller, Ryan Mora, Misael Oregon, Vivian Sanchez, Cody Scoble, Jayden Scott, Chris Tonkin, Alyssa Tosado, Jody Vice, Elijah Wanco, Henry Aguilar, Elizabeth Aguilar, Vivian Alvarez, Karol Amaya, Caleb Ariaz, Savannah Barber, Dakota Davidson, Morgan Dayes, Jonathan De Leon, Irene Dominguez, Makayla Farmer, Kolton Ferro, Joseph Georges, Alex Gutierrez, Michelle Lara, David Lee, Ulises Martinez, Ixchel Mejia, Mary Jane Olivas, Adrain Ortiz, Erin Ramos, Nicolette Fimby, Joey Shugar, Rachel Shumsky, Joey Simon, and Lilly Willson.

On request of Assemblywoman Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sable Shaw.

On request of Assemblyman Hickey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Edge.

On request of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Maureen Lamerdin.

On request of Assemblywoman Mastroluca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bruce Eichelberger.

On request of Assemblyman Segerblom, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Benny Lee and Peter Lok.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that the Assembly adjourn until Friday, May 6, 2011, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved:

JOHN OCEGUERA
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly