

THE SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), April 9, 2013

Assembly called to order at 11:44 a.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present and one vacant.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Chuck Durante.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, conscious of our weaknesses but aware that we are gathered before You.

Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give to this Assembly light and strength to know Your will, to make it their own, and to live it in their lives.

Guide them by Your wisdom, support them by Your power, for You are the source of all that is good.

You desire justice for all. Enable this Legislature always to uphold the rights of others; do not allow them to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite all of us to Yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As this Assembly gathers, discerns, and legislates, may they temper justice with love, so that all their decisions may be pleasing to You, that they may know all that is promised to good and faithful servants.

We make this prayer as Your holy and humble people.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblyman Horne 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 Commerce and Labor, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 22, 492, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 39, 173, 277, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

DAVID P. BOBZIEN, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Concurrent Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 426, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DAVID P. BOBZIEN, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 130, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

ELLIOT T. ANDERSON, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Concurrent Committee on Education, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 373, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Without recommendation.

ELLIOT T. ANDERSON, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 169, 252, 383, 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 Government Affairs, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 364, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended and refer to the Committee on Ways and Means.

TERESA BENITEZ-THOMPSON, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 183, 255, 344, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 1, 79, 154, 155, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MARILYN DONDERO LOOP, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 233, 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 were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 55, 102, 110, 116, 132, 156, 174, 195, 212, 217, 240, 300, 365, 366, 377, 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 Judiciary, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 139, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

JASON FRIERSON, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 350, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 175, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

JAMES OHRENSCHALL, *Chair*

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 20, 381, 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 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: Amend, and be adopted as amended.

SKIP DALY, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

AMENDED NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 5, 2013

The Fiscal Analysis Division hereby amends its Notice of Exemption dated March 25, 2013, as follows:

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Assembly Bills Nos. 298, 304, 376, and 398.

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bills 80, 265, 273, 276, 299, and 308.

CINDY JONES

Fiscal Analysis Division

April 5, 2013

The Fiscal Analysis Division hereby amends its Notice of Exemption dated April 1, 2013, as follows:

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Assembly Bills 328, 342, 448, 449, 450, 451, 461, 463, 464, 465, 472, 473, 481, 482, 488, 491, and 497.

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bills Nos. 226, 230, 247, 253, 260, 267, 285, 288, 290, 297, 309, 311, 320, 324, 325, 330, 335, 336, 338, 344, 346, 354, 355, 359, 362, 364, 368, 371, 372, 373, 384, 399, 405, 406, 409, 410, 411, 419, 424, 427, 428, 435, 436, 447, and 494.

CINDY JONES

Fiscal Analysis Division

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 8, 2013

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Assembly Bill No. 7.

CINDY JONES

Fiscal Analysis Division

April 9, 2013

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 400, 401, 406, 467, 479 and 499.

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Fiscal Analysis Division

By Assemblymen Kirkpatrick, Horne, and Hickey:

Assembly Resolution No. 8—Adding former Assemblywoman Gene Wines Segerblom to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established an Assembly Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Assembly are saddened by the loss of one of their own, former Assemblywoman Gene Wines Segerblom; and

WHEREAS, Gene Segerblom served Nevada and her constituents in Boulder City, Laughlin and Searchlight in Assembly District No. 22 in Clark County for over four regular sessions; and

WHEREAS, Gene began her career as an elected public official as a councilwoman on the Boulder City Council from 1978 through 1983; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, upon her election to the Legislature, she held the record as having the “latest start” of any woman elected to the Legislature and was only 1 year shy of being Nevada’s oldest “freshman” legislator in the history of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her public life, Gene taught school in Nevada for many years and traveled the State with her husband Cliff, writing articles on Nevada history and geography while he photographed the wonderful and unique places they visited; and

WHEREAS, Gene was active in numerous civic organizations and served on many foundations to benefit causes ranging from the Boulder City Museum and Historical Association to the Boulder City Chamber of Commerce; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Assemblywoman Gene Wines Segerblom is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of former Assemblywoman Gene Wines Segerblom.

Assemblywoman Flores moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Flores, Stewart, Ohrenschall, Grady, Dondero Loop, and Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN FLORES:

We are here today to honor one of our own and a pioneer for women everywhere. Gene spent most of her life in Nevada, and we can only imagine what it must have been like to be born in the Ruby Valley in eastern Nevada at the end of World War I, and to be a young wife during the Second World War, watching the building of Hoover Dam, along with the growth of Las Vegas into a gambling Mecca and a top travel destination that it currently is. Long before women’s liberation in the sixties, Gene Segerblom was already living life by her own rules. With a career and a family in Boulder City, Nevada, and as a freelance writer, she traveled the state with her husband Cliff, a photographer, writing about her love of Nevada and its history, which is chronicled in the many articles the Segerblom family has written and illustrated over the years.

Early on, she rose above the crowd in finding time to volunteer for civic organizations representing a wide variety of causes, including the Chamber of Commerce, Boulder City Museum and Historical Society, Nevada State Museum and Historical Society, Boulder City Boys and Girls Club, the Nevada Council of Senior Citizens, and that’s just to name a few. She was elected to the Boulder City Council at the very young age of 61, which led to her election as an Assemblywoman at age 74, serving four full Assembly terms. And as an Assemblywoman, she worked on just about every issue that came before this body and served on virtually every committee.

A champion of women’s issues and the control of health care costs during her legislative career, she also worked on education issues, harkening back to her time as a teacher, and she worked on preserving Nevada’s unique history and special places.

Truly, Gene Segerblom had a remarkable life and left many wonderful legacies including, even though some people might not agree, Senator Tick Segerblom, and her beautiful daughter Robin Liggett, who is sitting here with me and the Majority Leader from District 34. I had the opportunity to meet Gene many, many times, and she was always so incredibly wonderful, always so empowering, always so energetic. I used to look at her and wish that I could have that amount of energy at that age. Her life was truly remarkable, and it is a distinct honor for me—after all of that inspiration that I personally felt with Gene—to be introducing and supporting this Assembly resolution. I urge your enthusiastic and respectful support of Assembly Resolution 8.

Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 8.

In 1970, I was hired as a teacher at Boulder City High School. I was in a conversation with a man about a week after the hiring, and he said, “What are you doing here?”

I said, “Well, I replaced Gene Segerblom in the faculty.”

He said, “Stewart, nobody can replace Gene Segerblom.” So from then on, I was always very careful to say, “I filled the slot that Gene Segerblom once had,” but I realized throughout my career there that no one could replace Gene Segerblom. So I’m very much in support of this resolution.

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 8.

I had the privilege of knowing Assemblywoman Segerblom for a long time, back to when I was a kid and when she was on the Boulder City Council. I know she was active in many civic causes that a lot of the activists that my family was around also got involved with, like the Equal Rights Amendment going back to the seventies. Coming up here for the 1995 Session, I got to know her very well because there was a group of four Assemblywomen who spent a lot of time together. It was Gene Segerblom, Marcia de Braga, my mother, and Vonne Chowning, and they were very, very close. I know that she was really a role model for them.

There are a couple of anecdotes that my mom and Assemblywoman Chowning wanted me to share with everyone. Gene could make folks stop their foul language with, “Watch your French.” The media would never publish her age, nor did she ever disclose it. Gene would always say, “You never ask a woman her weight or her age.” She was a Nevada representative, all Nevada, but we used to say that she thought all roads led to Boulder City, and everyone knew that she liked red wine and dark chocolate. If one of her bills didn’t pass, she was famously known to say, “Those bums,” but then smile and take it with a good heart.

I whole-heartedly rise in support of this resolution. She was a wonderful person to know, and I wish she was still serving with us.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 8.

I had the pleasure of working with Gene a couple of sessions or longer here, and in a committee meeting you could always count that she had one question she would always ask: “How is this going to affect Boulder City?” If you could get by that, you usually had her vote. One time there was a voice vote, and Gene told the chairman, “I’d like to vote again.” She was on the losing end of that vote and he said, “Why do you want to vote again?” And she said, “This time I’ll vote louder.” That was the Gene that we all knew and loved.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DONDERO LOOP:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 8.

My personal story about the Segerblom family in general is that the Donderos and Segerbloms are long-time Nevada families, all of us natives, and our parents, too. We were

intertwined through education, art, and philanthropy, and so very often the two families saw each other and did things together, even though we lived in different little cities. I remember fondly my parents talking about the Segerbloms and my mother certainly taking art classes and doing art with Senator Segerblom's father. Having a mother who is 93 and who will be here next week, I say they just don't make them like that anymore. It was a pleasure to know her.

Madam Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

I'd just like to say I met Mrs. Segerblom when Tick came to the Legislature. She was very helpful and told me, "There are no bad days in this building—just keep on going." I think that Tick definitely has taken that motto on for the whole session, and it's great to have such strong people within the Legislature. She taught something to so many in this building that they will carry on and share with our future legislators.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

By Assemblymen Kirkpatrick, Horne, and Hickey

Assembly Resolution No. 9—Adding Terry Sullivan to the Assembly Wall of Distinction

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established an Assembly Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Assembly wishes to add to its Wall of Distinction those past staff members who are selected by leadership to be acknowledged for their exemplary service; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sullivan was born in Lovelock, Nevada, in 1937 and began a career as a stock clerk in the classified service of the State of Nevada in 1960 at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, After several promotions, Terry Sullivan was appointed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan as Purchasing Director in 1972 and continued to serve in that job until 1983; and

WHEREAS, Terry accomplished many things during his tenure in state service, such as writing the grant for funds to rebuild the former Stewart Indian School; reestablishing the state tradition of the Christmas tree lighting; producing the history of the Capitol Building and the Governor's Mansion in magazine form in 1985; coproducing *Nevada, a History of the Silver State* in 1987; selecting the first colors for the Great Seal of Nevada; and protecting Nevada's governmental antiquities by having them placed in museums and state institutions; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sullivan loved rural Nevada and worked to preserve Nevada's traditions and promote the cowboy way through cow punchin' and performing his true labor of love at the Cottonwood Ranch in Jarbidge, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement from state service, the cowboy in Terry wouldn't let him sit still for long, and he joined the Assembly's Sergeant at Arms staff in 1995 and was appointed as the Sergeant at Arms in 1997; and

WHEREAS, During Terry's service as Assembly Sergeant at Arms, he worked with Assemblyman John Carpenter to create the Assembly's Cowboy Hall of Fame; began and promoted school tours of the Nevada Legislature; brought the first art exhibition to the Legislative Building, with an emphasis on art of Nevada students; and established the Assembly's lunch program, which coincided with the start of the 120-day session; and

WHEREAS, Terry Sullivan's tenure with the Nevada Assembly lasted nine regular sessions, eight of those as Sergeant at Arms; and

WHEREAS, Nevada owes a great debt of gratitude to Terry Sullivan for 50 years of distinguished service to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sullivan can take pride for his efforts to maintain the honor, traditions and decorum of the Assembly and its Chamber for nine legislative sessions and for being a stalwart

steward of the process and a friend and mentor to the many people he met and worked with over the years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That former Assembly Sergeant at Arms Terry Sullivan is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Sergeant at Arms Terry Sullivan.

Assemblyman Grady moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Grady, Horne, Ohrenschall, Stewart, Elliot Anderson, Dondero Loop, and Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLYMAN GRADY:

My first thought for Terry is should this be a roast or a toast? I decided it must be the cowboy way.

Next, what would Speaker Emeritus Joe Dini, who selected Terry for the Sergeant-at-Arms post, say? Then it came to Assemblyman John Carpenter, Senator Pete Goicoechea, or our present Sergeant-at-Arms, Robin Bates. What would they say about Terry?

The cowboy way would be to say Terry is a friend, Terry is a father, Terry is a grandfather, Terry is a gentleman, and always, Terry is a cowboy.

Working for the Governor or here in this building, he was always a professional first. He cares about the state and about the traditions established over the years in the Legislature.

He was very proud to work with Assemblyman Carpenter, Assemblyman Wendell Williams, Steve Watson, and others on the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Over the years, people lobbied hard to get into this very select fraternity. As he was known, Terry “Biscuit Roller” Sullivan was proud to be selected into this group.

As the resolution states, Terry was born in Lovelock, worked for Governors Mike O’Callaghan and Richard Bryan in various posts before retiring, then for 16 years served with the Assembly Sergeant-at-Arms staff—14 years as the head of this group.

Terry’s aim and the cowboy way was always to serve the legislators and guests in a very professional and unbiased manner. Before introducing dignitaries at the bar of the Assembly as Senators, Congressmen, Governors or the Supreme Court, it was always with a tag line, “from the great state of Nevada.” Whether fixing oatmeal for John Carpenter or maybe an egg in the morning for Marcus Conklin, it was always with a smile.

Terry loves his time at Jarbidge as a wrangler, a cook, a storyteller, or a guide for the many tourists over the years.

Madam Speaker, I could go on and on about our friend Terry Sullivan, but let me close by saying that Nevada and the Legislature are better places today because of Terry “Biscuit Roller” Sullivan and his cowboy way.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLYMAN HORNE:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 9.

Hello, Mr. Sullivan. Good to see you here. This coming from William “Trust Me” Horne, a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Anyone who has ever met Terry knows he is a true Nevadan, and yes—cowboy, absolutely—but most importantly he embodies a true, true gentleman. It’s a pleasure.

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 9.

Terry, I had the privilege of meeting you many years ago, and I could never forget all the kindness you’ve shown to my family. As a second generation Cowboy Hall of Famer, which I don’t think many people can stake claim to, I rise in support of this resolution. There was one session where my mother busted her leg and was in a wheelchair, and every day during the Assembly session, Terry and the other Sergeants at Arms would lift her wheelchair up to her

seat, there where my colleague from the Mason Valley is sitting, and let her get into her seat so that she could fulfill her role as a representative for Clark County. That's just one example of the kind of person you are Terry, and it was a pleasure serving with you. Whatever trails you follow, I hope they'll be happy ones.

ASSEMBLYMAN STEWART:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 9.

When I first came into the Assembly, Terry was one of those who welcomed me, and I really appreciated that. I was honored to be selected for the Cowboy Hall of Fame, and I'll never forget the cowboy saying that always goes along with your selection. It goes like this: "Never judge a man until you've walked a mile in his boots. That way, you're a mile away from him and you've still got his boots." Terry is a true son of Nevada and a true example of the cowboy way. Thank you very much for all you've done for me, Terry.

ASSEMBLYMAN ELLIOT ANDERSON:

I rise in support of this resolution.

Terry, I just wanted to say that you can tell the measure of a person in how they treat folks who aren't in power, and when I was an intern in 2009, I was really grateful for all the advice you gave me and all the help that you gave me. I wanted to tell you that my biggest regret is that I won't be able to be in the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Thank you very much.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DONDERO LOOP:

I rise in support of Assembly Resolution 9.

When I was first elected, I met Terry and I cannot tell you what a pleasure it was, first of all to meet somebody who was similar in age, but more importantly knew how to cook, which were two of the things that I valued. I also noticed right away that not only did he give respect, but everyone respected him. I cannot tell you what a privilege it is to be a member of the Cowboy Hall of Fame, mostly because I knew that Battle Mountain had small fences. I appreciate the fact that we are all Nevadans, and we are here together honoring you today. Thank you for everything you've done.

Madam Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

I will just say, for myself coming into this body, he was the first bright spot that I saw. He walked in, he was pleasant—"What can I do to help you?" And that means a lot because it is pretty intimidating walking into this building for your very first time. To walk in and see Terry first was a relief—knowing that he really was personable. He taught me all about cowboy coffee. I thought I knew everything, but now I know better. And for me, it was nice having the cowboys come in the morning and just having conversation. Terry was quick to get here in the morning to make sure that he beat us, and we had real conversations about the state as a whole. I learned a lot about the whole state, with Terry just saying, "Have you thought about this? And have you ever been out here?" I think he was really instrumental in making me appreciate the state as a whole, because without those days—and trust me, there's some tough days ahead, but there were tough days then—he just stood in the hallway and said, "Would you like some coffee? What can I do for you?" He just wanted to make you feel more comfortable and make your day a little bit easier, whether it was at night, in the morning, throughout the day. He really wanted to make everybody love and appreciate Nevada. So I personally thank you for your service. I called him and said, "Hey, I've got a big favor. Can you help me out?" And he said, "Favor? Okay, sure, whatever." I said, "Can you be our Hall of Famer for the staff?" We have some great staff in our building, and I really think that what he brought to my first session, everybody should experience for the day. With that, I thank you for the opportunity to know you and be a part of this building.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

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

Assembly in recess at 12:36 p.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:42 p.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

Assemblyman Horne moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 14, 24, 108, 117, 135, 493; Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 be taken from the Second Reading File and placed on the Second Reading File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Elliot Anderson moved that the action whereby Assembly Bill No. 373 was concurrently referred to the Committee on Taxation be rescinded.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Elliot Anderson moved that Assembly Bill No. 373 be rereferred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion carried.

Assemblyman Horne moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 2, 7, 13, 16, 19, 30, 40, 45, 66, 69, 75, 82, 84, 85, 128, 134, 158, 170, 206, 249, 262, 352; Assembly Joint Resolutions Nos. 3, 4, 5; Senate Bill No. 121 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

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

Motion carried.

ASSEMBLYMAN BOBZIEN:

This is, indeed, a very, very special day. Today is the twentieth anniversary of our legislative day for the noble Order of the Clampers. If I could have all the brethren please rise.

While many only know the E Clampus Vitus organization for the red shirts and their love of a good time, this organization does have a serious side. The E Clampus Vitus organization originated in the early 1800s and became famous in the gold fields of California in the 1850s. Chapters quickly sprung up throughout the Mother Lode, in places like Downieville, Mokelumne Hill, and Sierra City, and of course over on our side of the hill in Virginia City and other areas.

One of the purposes of the organization was to provide relief for miners' "widders" and orphans—though some say the interest in widows was more personal than charitable, but we will never know. As more people moved West, formal fraternal organizations came along too. Many

of those fraternal organizations—Masons, Shriners, et cetera—tended to be rather clannish and serious when compared to the rowdy Clampers and their love of the absurd. To poke fun at the pomp and ceremony of these later organizations—and the fancy sashes and bejeweled vests worn by some of their members—the Clampers cut tin can lids into odd shapes and pinned them to their own simple vests. They called this “wearing your tin,” a practice continued to this day, although badges, ribbons, and pins have taken the place of tin can lids.

The organization was revitalized in San Francisco in 1931, and today it is a nonprofit organization for men involved in humanitarian and public help programs, with a strong program of historical preservation. There are numerous active chapters throughout the Southwest dedicated to preserving Western and mining history, including researching and dedicating plaques to sites, incidents, and people in Western history that might otherwise be overlooked. When traveling throughout the West, and particularly through the Mother Lode country, you will see these plaques. Those of us who love history owe them a debt of gratitude for finding these locations and preserving them before they are lost forever to the past.

Please make them feel welcome.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DONDERO LOOP:

To this honorable body, I join many of the members of the Nevada Assembly Women’s Caucus, who sadly must rise in opposition. In the continuing, proud tradition of Marcia de Braga, I found no better words than hers to speak today:

Every odd-numbered year, a resolution supporting E Clampus Vitus comes before the Assembly. It asks us to endorse an ancient and mystical order that has at its philosophical core the Goldwater Theorum regarding God-given rights. We have looked for some redeeming social value in the Clampers’ resolution that would enable us to support it. But we were not successful. Instead, we have come to the conclusion, [Madam] Speaker, that their reality check bounced.

Proponents would try to make us believe their compassion, education, and the preservation of history are the principles this society was founded on and upholds. We submit to you that the facts are these:

E Clampus Vitus was started prior to 1800 and has existed in some form or other ever since, allegedly for the purpose of protecting “widders and orphans,” but, preferably, widders.

Clampers’ interest in education seldom goes beyond periodic research on why “lite” beer weighs the same as regular beer.

They are patrons of sports, literature and the arts, favoring anything with one ball, two folds, or three stooges.

All members have standing of equal indignity, but obviously, some members are more equal and/or indignant than others. Those who have achieved mediocrity, and therefore leadership, are reverently referred to as Clampatriarchal Humbugs.

Within their own organization is a strong support group to help Clampers in times of severe difficulty. This is vital to their safety because, following the regular meetings, very few of them can remember the number for 911.

The history of E Clampus Vitus is shrouded in mystery. Is it a historical drinking society or a drinking historical society? No one knows; the debate continues.

To preserve their surreptitious activities, they developed their own secret language which can be deciphered easily by anyone with an IQ higher than celery. For example, their motto translates to “Never let the

fact that the widders do not want to be protected deter you,” and their creed means, “Beer: It isn’t just for breakfast, any more.”

Although E Clampus Vitus has existed for more than 200 years, almost none of the history of the order has been recorded. And two theories exist to explain this:

Most Clampers prefer to do their protecting anonymously. In the thousands of meetings held by chapters of ECV, seldom, if ever, has anyone remained functional long enough to take intelligible minutes. In fact, the only meeting notes ever found are now in the Smithsonian or some other institution. They were written by the Utmost High Extremely Illustrious Exalted Supreme Grand Secretarial Humbug, who may have been more than a little squiffed, himself, at the time he wrote, “The roll was called and the members were asked to respond present or not present, as best befitted their circumstances. And many of them appeared to have been stricken with some sort of mental confusion. And they answered with unintelligible remarks.”

The very name of their club may also have been incorrectly recorded. E Clampus Vitus sounds like a disease—a combination, if you will, of the word for a form of dementia coupled with the word for a form of instability, with which many of its members are, from time to time, afflicted. No one knows how the disease is spread. And, [Madam] Speaker, no one wants to know how the disease is spread.

In opposing this resolution, we do so not because we wish to be equal to men—that would show a lack of ambition. However, in the interest of fairness, we have tried our best to understand men. Like so many other women before us, we failed in that endeavor.

Since time immemorial, there has only ever been one woman who actually figured men out. But, [Madam] Speaker, she died laughing before she could tell anyone.

We were going to move that all rules be suspended, that reading so far be considered more than enough, that there be no further consideration of this measure, and that the proclamation be immediately concurrently referred to Health and Human Resources, NATRAM, Government Affairs, and the Ways and Means Committees in some other state.

So, instead, we are discussing forming our own counter-organization of E Clampus, whose members will be known as the “Lady Bugs” as soon as we decide what we want to protect.

Thank you.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Aizley, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sharon Segerblom.

On request of Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Austin Liggett and Emma Day.

On request of Assemblyman Bobzien, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jeff Johnson, Scarlett Rose Johnson, Brandon Wilding, Jeremy Wilson, and Jordan Wilson.

On request of Assemblywoman Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to former Assemblyman and current Senator Tick Segerblom.

On request of Assemblyman Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to former Assemblyman and current Senator Pete Goicoechea and former Assemblyman John Carpenter.

On request of Assemblywoman Fiore, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Carson Cessna, Teak Dopf, and Matthew Ebert.

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

On request of Assemblyman Frierson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Mary Clare Day and Carl Segerblom.

On request of Assemblyman Grady, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gwen Barrett, Liz Sullivan Lopez, Julie Sullivan Ikonen, Terry Sullivan, Leta Ikonen, Bethy Ikonen, Mario Lopez, and Dominique Lopez.

On request of Assemblyman Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to the following Boy Scouts from Troop 11: Paul Wolz, Brocken Roelofs, Mason Fisher, Ammon Bishop, Benjamin Gibbons, Nikolas Gibbons, and Timothy Roberts.

On request of Assemblyman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Fred Scruggs and Jerry Scoop Robich.

On request of Assemblyman Healey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sergio Lemus.

On request of Assemblyman Hickey, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Terry Widaman and Jack Priew.

On request of Assemblyman Horne, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Robin Liggett.

On request of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to former Assemblyman John Ocegüera, former Assemblyman David Goldwater, and Nora Enos.

On request of Assemblyman Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to former Assemblyman Bob Price, Nancy Price, Frank Daykin, Eugenia Daykin, and former Assemblywoman Vonne Chowning.

On request of Assemblywoman Pierce, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Larry Lyon.

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

On request of Assemblywoman Swank, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nina Ornstein.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Marilyn McElhany.

Assemblyman Horne moved that the Assembly adjourn until Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Approved:

MARILYN K. KIRKPATRICK
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly