

**THE EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Monday), April 29, 2013

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

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by Joel Ferguson.

We pray that, today, we will awaken to the common consciousness of all the citizens of Nevada. This consciousness is not to be found in some distant place, but in our hearts, in our ability to share the pain of our Nevadans. It is the spirit that says: "As long as you are suffering, I suffer too."

When we turn a blind eye to the suffering of others, we grow numb to something important in ourselves and eventually succumb to a spiritual paralysis. Whatever our ethnicity, whatever our beliefs, we all have families we love; we all have dreams; there is a future we all want to protect. No human being can escape the eternal rhythms of life: birth, aging, sickness and death. When we are grounded in this most fundamental perspective of the commonality of our lives, we can rise above any differences and without fail, achieve empathy through dialogue.

The discovery of our commonalities bridges the distance between people's hearts. It is the spirit of mutual respect and the willingness to learn from others that bonds hearts together. In the words of a wise person, when you respectfully bow first, you receive a bow in return.

It is easy to get caught up in the heat of the battle for what we believe is right. However, we must always remember that we are human beings first, and we have a duty to others to protect each other. One who maintains their humanity can cherish other people, value peace and possess a richness of character unfettered by selfish calculations of personal gain or loss.

While human society highlights the distinctions or differences between us, we pray today to transcend all superficial differences and focus directly on the realities of life, which are suffering and joy. When we perceive their lives as the same as all other people, our views of society, nationality and race will naturally be transformed. And when our hearts are transformed, our reality is also transformed. As long as the window of the human heart remains closed, a dismal future lies in store for humanity. We pray today to throw open the window of the heart. When we do so, there will be no more hindrance to peace, no more suffering and no limit to what we can accomplish.

As we close our prayer, please join me and recite the title of the *Lotus Sutra*, the Buddha's highest teaching, which is *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo* three times. Let us pray and awaken the power that resides in each one of us and reveal our inherent enlightenment. *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo.*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The President announced that under previous order, the reading of the Journal is waived for the remainder of the 77th Legislative Session and the President and Secretary are authorized to make any necessary corrections and additions.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Mr. President:*

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 43, 115, 127, 192, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

TICK SEGERBLOM, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 26, 2013

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly amended, and on this day passed, as amended, Senate Bill No. 510, Amendment No. 587, and respectfully requests your honorable body to concur in said amendment.

MATTHEW BAKER  
*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 175.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary of the Senate signed Senate Resolutions Nos. 7, 8; Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Gustavson, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the students, teachers and chaperones from Denio Elementary School; students: Alex Barocio, Belen Barocio, Estefani Barocio, Tyson Breshears, Lane Johnson, Layton Johnson, Mattie Rose Johnson; teachers: Melanie Grecco, Mary Thibodeaux; and chaperones: Lorena Barocio, Amie Breshears and Janet Johnson.

On request of Senator Settelmeyer, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the students and chaperones from Churchill County High School Young Republicans, students: Abigail Belbin, Rebecca Conner, Jacob Evans, Rebecca Jamieson, Joseph Jamieson, Emily Johnson, Hannah Perazzo, Samantha Price, Nathan Schank, Mary Scholz, Christian Stadtman, Tyler Wood; and chaperones: Kelly Frost and Cheryl Venturacci.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: DAVID A. BYERMAN  
*Secretary of the Senate*