

THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), May 1, 2013

Senate called to order at 12:30 p.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by Joel Ferguson.

Thank you. Let us continue where we left off yesterday. But first, I would like to apologize to anyone I may have caused to feel uncomfortable on Monday and Tuesday without explaining the phrase *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo*. Today, I will go into that.

The invocation of *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo* was established by Nichiren Daishonin in Japan on April 28, 1253. Having studied all the Buddhist sutras, he concluded that the *Lotus Sutra* contains the ultimate truth of Buddhism: that everyone, without exception, has the potential to attain Buddhahood or be indestructibly happy. The Japanese translation of the title of the *Lotus Sutra* is *Myoho-Renge-Kyo*. But to Nichiren, it was the expression, in words, of the law of life which all Buddhist teachings in one way or another seek to clarify.

Simplified: *Nam* means devotion or dedication; *Myoho* means mystic law or the wonderful, unexplainable phenomena of life; *Renge* means lotus blossom which symbolizes the simultaneity of the Law of Cause and Effect; and *Kyo* means teaching or sutra. In English: Dedication to the Teaching of the Wonderful Law of Cause and Effect.

Buddhism is not a belief or a religion; it is a philosophy of life that we practice religiously. Some people think that we have replaced God and Jesus with Buddha. However, Buddha is not a god. The actual definition of Buddha means "one who is awakened." So we all have the potential of being the Buddha. In fact, we pray to behave like a Buddha. *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo* is the expression of the energy, the law, the driving force in the universe.

We are not as concerned with what people believe as we are with how they are living. Buddhists are focused on transforming suffering into joy, losing into winning, sickness into health and turning dysfunctional relationships into fulfilling ones. Are you happy? How is your life? Are you winning? What is your determination right now? How can I help you? These are questions we ask each other. Based on the Law of Cause and Effect, we believe that the answer to every question, the solution to every problem, is already within us. We just have to bring it out. Actually, life's difficulties are what help us bring out our greatness. We welcome challenges.

Buddhism teaches that there is only the mind, and that all things spring from our mind. The state of our mind determines how we experience our life. How we experience life determines the causes we make. The causes we make create our karma, and our karma determines our state of mind. Life is an eternal loop or a series of causes and effects. This concept of cause and effect proves the eternity of life. At what point, can there be a cause without an effect or an effect that had no cause?

So, if it is all in our minds, then that means we are responsible for creating our lives and how we relate to the people and events of our lives. Nichiren states: "If the minds of living beings are impure, their land is also impure, but if their minds are pure, so is their land. There are not two lands, pure or impure in themselves. The difference lies solely in the good or evil of our minds."

Today, we pray that you will exert yourselves with such a newborn energy and commitment that you surprise even yourselves at what you can achieve. I hope you are praying in some way every day for each other so that you will be the best Senate ever. And pray especially hard to have a great relationship with those who are the most aggravating. I hope every day you are praying in some way for the happiness of all Nevadans. I hope you will bring the Buddha to work with you.

Now that you know what *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo* means, let us say it all together. *Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo, Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo*. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Have a great Floor Session.

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 Transportation, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 111, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARK A. MANENDO, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, April 30, 2013

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Joint Resolution No. 15.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 488.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 404.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Smith.

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senate Bill No. 404 which, as amended, prohibits any subcontractor from receiving public money or entering into a contract with the State of Nevada including Legislative, Judicial and Executive Branches as well as the Nevada System of Higher Education and the Public Employees' Retirement System, unless that person is a holder of a State business license. The bill also revises Chapter 598 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* to provide that certain advertising practices, which misrepresent the geographic location of a vendor or provider of floral or ornamental products or services, constitute deceptive trade practices. Acts that would be considered a misrepresentation of the business' geographic location would include advertising a local phone number without providing a physical address, assuming a fictitious business name that misrepresents the geographic location and excluding the physical address of a business in its advertisement. The revisions would not apply to publishers of telephone directories, Internet websites that aggregate information on business owners or publishers of the advertising medium, Internet service providers or Internet businesses that distribute advertisements for other businesses.

My colleagues, Senate Bill No. 404 addresses two items: (1) anyone who receives tax dollars through a State contract should hold a business license; and (2) there is a serious problem with floral vendors; if you go on the Internet looking for one, you sometimes cannot tell where they are located. There are "middle men" who simply answer the phone, act like a florist, take an

order and then call a local florist to place the order. The “middle men” make the money and the client gets less of an order; the local floral provider is the one who gets a bad name in these situations because they are not providing the type of arrangement expected. This is a great measure to protect our local florists and grow our local businesses. I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 404:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 404 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 43.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Brower.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 43 provides that an offender sentenced to prison may not earn more good-time credits than the amount required to expire his or her sentence. This is a simple, technical cleanup bill requested by the Department of Corrections. I urge your support.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 43:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 43 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 115.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hammond.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 115 makes changes to the written statement that a peace officer, investigating an act of domestic violence, must provide to a suspected victim. The bill adds language to the written statement regarding an animal owned or kept by the suspected victim, the person who committed or threatened the act of domestic violence, or the minor child of either such person. The additional language in the written statement notifies the suspected victim that: (1) he or she may seek a court order for the protection of the animal; (2) the protective order may require the offender to stop injuring, taking possession of, or threatening the animal; and (3) the court may issue future protective orders requiring compliance with arrangements for care or possession of the animal.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 115:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 115 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 127.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Kihuen.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 127 authorizes the Nevada Gaming Commission to adopt a seal for its use in identifying various licenses related to interactive gaming. The bill makes unauthorized use of the seal a misdemeanor, except for circumstances in which a person fraudulently counterfeits or forges and makes use of a seal, which is a Category D felony. Assembly Bill No. 127 also makes a person convicted of unauthorized use of the seal liable for a \$5,000 civil penalty for each violation, which is to be remitted to the Nevada Gaming Commission. This bill is effective on October 1, 2013.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 127:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 127 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 192.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Hammond.

Thank you, Mr. President. Assembly Bill No. 192 removes the sunset date on the existing statute that authorizes a county clerk to charge a \$5 technology fee for filing and recording a bond of a notary public.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 192:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 192 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Brower, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dan Wong.

On request of Senator Denis, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Frank Flaherty.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Joel Gentry, Toni Gillen and Casey Sanders.

On request of Senator Gustavson, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Teresa Twitchell.

On request of Senator Kihuen, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Rachel Anderson.

On request of Senator Segerblom, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Kimberly Farmer and Nevada Supreme Court Justice Nancy Saitta.

On request of Senator Woodhouse, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Christine Hull.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, May 6, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI
President of the Senate

Attest: DAVID A. BYERMAN
Secretary of the Senate