

THE NINETY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), May 6, 2013

Senate called to order at 11:32 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Chuck Durante.

Good morning everyone and happy birthday to Senator Hutchison.

As we gather this morning, it is a pleasure to be with you. Let us recognize that we are, as always, in the holy presence of God and the holy presence of one another. I share this prayer from the Second Vatican Council. This year, the Catholic community throughout the world marked the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council; elements of this prayer were delivered at the beginning of every session they held.

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 our Nevada Senate 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 to always uphold the rights of others; do not allow them to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us all to Yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As this Senate begins another week, 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.

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 Legislative Operations and Elections, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 108, 350, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

PAT SPEARMAN, *Chair*

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 111.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 488.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Roberson and Denis.

SENATOR ROBERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 488 retains the Office of the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities within the Office of the Director of the Department of Business and Industry. The legislation continues the temporary elimination of the Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Business and Industry for the 2013-15 Biennium, and the transfer of those duties to the Office of the Attorney General, as approved by the Legislature during the 2009 and 2011 Legislative Sessions. The bill becomes effective upon passage and approval and expires by limitation on June 30, 2015.

SENATOR DENIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 488 seeks to continue the temporary hold we put in place during the 2009 Legislative Session. Due to economic conditions, the Governor's Office was looking for ways to make cuts. The original proposal was to completely eliminate the Consumer Affairs Division and, some day in the future, allow it to return.

I have worked a lot on consumer affairs issues, especially concerning the Office of the Ombudsman of Consumer Affairs for Minorities which helps minority communities. Two Sessions ago, I felt that when the economy got better we really needed to put in place a robust Consumer Affairs Division. Senate Bill No. 488 allows us to continue to put that off. I do not like it, but at least, it will allow the issue to be addressed next Session. I have been assured that we will come back next Session and there will be a plan proposed around how best to address consumer affairs.

I have worried because there is consumer fraud going on now, but we do not have staff to handle it. I support Senate Bill No. 488, and hope that, as we move forward, the 78th Legislative Session will include a great plan for how to reconsider the consumer affairs issues. Concerns the Consumer Affairs Division had been regulating, or looking at with concern, were placed on hold, and we have unresolved issues. I urge your support.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 488:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 488 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Joint Resolution No. 15; Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7; and Assembly Bills Nos. 43, 115, 127, 175, 192.

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 students from Grace Warner Elementary School: Billy Acosta, Patrick Acosta, Naila Adame, Roberto Ayala-Cervantes, Juan Ayala-Duron, Garret Camp, Curtis Carsen-Burge, Logan Castro, Julieri Chagolla Munoz, McKenna Chapman, Adrian Chavez, Deija Chavez, Kayla Copeland, Emily Criss, Gerardo Cruz-Bautista, Victoria Ebersole, Loren Elder, Ethan Ellis, Chelsea Eslit, Tevin Ferguson, Jeremy Flint, Edwin Gil-Alas, Ethan Gomez, Damon Granadoz, Gabriela Gullatt, Annaliese Harnes, Vanessa Hernandez, Edward Hernandez Rodriguez, Anthony Hopkins, Johnathan Hopkins, Sayra Huizar Gonzalez, Bradley Hutchison, Alexandria Laughman, Michael Lawton, Carlos Lorenzo Valente,

Isreal Luna Alvarez, Evelyn Maxwell, Rachel Metzker, Alasandra Ordaz, Kyla Peaua, Francisco Posada Lopez, Noah Rickett, Miguel Rivera, Jakeem Rivera-Soto, Jalisa Romero, Thomas Schlesinger, Marcelena Scollard, Lenore Slva, Seth Soberanes, Shansen Ternora, Andrew Theall, Kaileigh Ward, Amanda Warner, Samantha Watson, Hannah Willams and Maria Zamudio.

On request of Senator Parks, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the students and chaperones from St. Viator School; students: Kristopher Acuna, Chiamaka Amadi, Paige Arredondo, Patrick Ballinger, Jacob Bieszczat, Connor Burgess, Brianna Burns, Taylor Darden, Alvin Jordan Dela Llana, Christopher Dornak, Jensen Drewes, Jake Espinoza, Julien Calabreses, Jensen Cheney, Elena Conti, Juanita Dominguez, Allison Em, Caden Farley, Nikita Gilvarry, Madison Hall, Nathan Harrington, Christopher Hernandez, Elizabeth Horning, Christopher Jones, Mikayla Kelly, Kandace Lau, Madison Layne, Jason Lewandowski, Justin Lewandowski, John Martin, Skylar Minden, Olivia McEvoy, Kyle Melatti, Cameron Nagy, Amanda Paez, Jacob Reid, Christian Ron, Madison Ryan, Cole Samson, Dylan Sanglay, Rosalia Sedano, Kayla Rose Unkelbach, Riley Watson, Dustyn Weber, Emerson Wieczorek, Andrew Yager; and chaperones: Kirsten Arredondo, Elizabeth Burns, Chris Darden, Jo Ann Dela Llana, Eric Dornak, Tiffany Drewes, Tami Espinoza, Christopher Jones, Melissa Kelly, Chad Layne, Judy Marco, Magdiel Paez, Kristina Tucky, Shelley Unkelbach and Nick Wieczorek.

On request of Senator Settelmeyer, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ann Grant.

On request of Senator Smith, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the students from I Can Do Anything Charter High School: Rachel Arazosa, Jamie Carlisle, Jennifer Carlisle, Zachary Fitzsimmons, Samantha Kilburne, Sam Moran, Alyana Nepomuceno, Sarah Penn, Daniel Reyome, Aaron Van Rossum, Ta'Lon Smith and Katurah Thompson.

On request of Senator Spearman, the privilege of the Floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Dottie Creedon and John Creedon.

Senator Denis moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI
President of the Senate

Attest: DAVID A. BYERMAN
Secretary of the Senate