

THE EIGHTIETH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday) April 22, 2015

Senate called to order at 11:19 a.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Segerblom, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Stanley Friend.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make His face shine on you,
 And be gracious to you;
 The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
 And give you peace.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Roberson, Ford, Atkinson, Brower, Denis, Farley, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lipparelli, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 4—Inducting Dean Rhoads into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Dean A. Rhoads was born in Tonasket, Washington, received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture business management from California State Polytechnic College and married Sharon Packer of Elko County, Nevada, and together they worked on her family's ranch near Tuscarora and raised two daughters, Shabby and Chandra; and

WHEREAS, Dean Rhoads was first elected to serve in the Nevada Assembly in 1976, where he served for 6 years until 1982, and was then elected to serve in the Nevada Senate in 1984 where he served for 28 years representing rural Nevada and his lengthy tenure in the Senate makes him one of the longest serving Nevada Senators in this State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dean Rhoads served on six different standing committees in the Senate including the Committee on Finance (16 years), the Committee on Commerce and Labor (12 years), the Committee on Government Affairs (4 years), the Committee on Transportation (10 years, with 4 years as Chair), the Committee on Taxation (16 years, with 2 years as Chair), the Committee on Natural Resources (26 years, with 14 years as Chair), and he also served as Senate Majority Whip for 3 regular sessions and 6 special sessions between 2003 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rhoads was the primary sponsor of numerous bills that were enacted and signed into law, including measures affecting local governments, Great Basin College, unappropriated public lands, public access to recreational land, public utilities, renewable energy resources, water and real estate disclosures, and of particular note were his bills concerning candidates for office, rangeland resource management, statewide initiative petitions and merit awards for certain state employees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rhoads was the founding member and chair for 26 years of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, which has made important contributions over the years on topics such as access to public lands, grazing fees, "takings," wilderness designations, endangered species, wild horses and burros, historical roads and off-road vehicles, and, specifically, he helped enact legislation to reclaim the sovereignty of the State of Nevada over unappropriated public lands; and

WHEREAS, During his years of service in the Legislature, Senator Rhoads served on nearly 60 legislative study committees, statutory committees, subcommittees, task forces and advisory boards, and during the interim period between legislative sessions, he served on the Legislative Commission (4 years, with 2 years as Vice Chair), the Interim Finance Committee (22 years) and the Audit Subcommittee (10 years, with 4 years as Chair); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Dean A. Rhoads, who has dedicated years of his life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada, particularly the residents of rural Nevada, and served as a member of both the Nevada Senate and Assembly over a period of five decades from 1976 through 2012, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Hardy moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Hardy and Goicoechea.

SENATOR HARDY:

It is my great pleasure to say a few words in honor of a good friend and colleague who I truly admire—I remember being a young child and my favorite get up was chaps and a cowboy hat—the great State Senator, Cowboy Dean Rhoads.

There is much to be said about Dean's long, outstanding service in the Nevada Legislature and to the State of Nevada, and especially in representing the residents of the Rural Nevada Senatorial District, which he did for 28 years.

Dean is the real thing, an authentic "Son of the Rural West"—both a rancher and a cowboy. He was born and raised in the State of Washington on a working farm, and later in life, he and his wife Sharon lived, worked and raised two daughters on a family ranch near Tuscarora, Nevada, in Elko County. In fact, Dean and Sharon are living in the same house, built in 1903, that was the home of another former State Senator and Hall of Fame member, Senator Tracy Fairchild. That is certainly an unusual record in its own right. There may have been some remodeling since then.

The resolution before us, today, highlights some of the legislation and accomplishments of Senator Rhoads, including his service on a number of legislative committees over the years. Today, I want to emphasize a couple of areas.

As a State Senator, Dean represented, at one time or another, the residents of all or part of 9 of Nevada's 17 counties. And for his final ten years in the Senate, Dean's Rural Nevada Senatorial District was the largest State Legislative District in America, not counting Alaska. His district was larger in geographical size than 34 of the 50 states, including states like Florida, Illinois and New York. I think it is safe to say that Dean may have visited some of his constituents on horseback, and clearly, his constituents were happy with the job Dean was doing, as they kept sending him back to Carson City to look out for their best interests.

Although Dean and I served together in the Senate for only one Session, I was well aware of his work in both the Assembly and Senate and admired his authentic work ethic and especially his passion for public lands. This is the other area that I want to emphasize.

Dean was the founding member of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, which he chaired for 26 years. In the late 1970s and 1980s, he was a dominant force behind efforts in Nevada and the West to increase State and local control over the unappropriated public lands. He met personally with President Reagan on these efforts, which the media called the "Sagebrush Rebellion," and the President appointed Dean to the Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism.

Over the years, the Public Lands Committee made significant contributions on a number of subjects that include access to public lands, grazing fees, "takings," wilderness designations, endangered species, wild horses and burros, historical roads and off-road vehicles. It almost sounds familiar. There was probably no topic that Dean was more concerned and passionate

about than the proper and fair use of public lands. His "horse sense" was very effective in pulling together the joint support of sometimes opposing groups, which included ranchers, miners, recreation users, environmental and wildlife groups, hunters and fishermen, wild horse advocates and federal land-management agencies. It is fair to say that Dean was widely respected by all of these entities.

Dean served a total of 34 years in the Nevada Legislature, which makes him the fourth longest serving member of all-time. He is one of the most highly respected, distinguished and admired Senators ever to serve in our State Legislature.

A cowboy's cowboy, a rancher's rancher. A college degree. A modern day man. A cowboy with counties, having served, learned and has been able to help all Nevadans. I counted up the birthdays, he served for 34 years in the Legislature. If you divide that by 2 you get 17 years of missing birthdays. He missed over 100 birthdays in his family. Sometimes, we forget that I is not the Legislature but it is the family that has put up with the sacrifice and so we appreciate you and yours Sharon for everything you have done to be supportive of him.

I am grateful to have Dean sitting with me and sitting in a Senatorial chair. He reminded me that chair cost \$500. You go on with the list of the many things that Senator Dean Rhoads has done, and it is only befitting, I think, to have something that we can do for him to honor what he has done for us. With much preparation I would like to present Dean Rhoads with a symbolic shovel as he has led, was in and involved with the literal "Shovel Brigade." As I campaigned in my rural part of Nevada, I was amongst a group of people and when I said I wanted to get 1.5 percent of the land that the federal government owned back to Nevada, they said something about that and I said are you going to bring your own shovel? They said we do not bring our shovels; we bring our guns.

Senator Dean Rhoads, a gentlemen's, gentleman as he understood the power of moving mountains of bureaucracies with virtual shovels.

Dean Rhoads, I honor you for your vision, integrity, your wisdom, dedication, leadership and your family for your outstanding service in the Nevada Legislature. Thank you, brother, Dean. I am grateful to have you sitting in a Senate Chair again.

If you could join me with welcoming him here.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the members of the Body and the Senator from Senate District No. 12. To me, the biggest thing that Senator Rhoads brought to this Body and the State of Nevada, was the Interim Committee on Public Lands. I do not think there are many people in this Body that were able to accompany Senator Rhoads to Washington, D.C., to witness the tremendous respect and the doors that were opened to that delegation from Nevada. Everyone knew Dean Rhoads from Nevada. It was not so much because he was the leader of the Sagebrush Rebellion. He was the voice of the West. No one can ever take that away from him.

We no longer travel to Washington, D.C., because of funding cuts. If there is one commitment we need to make in this Body, we need to refocus and start those trips back to Washington, D.C., to reestablish Nevada as the leader in public lands. I was County Commissioner when Senator Rhoads asked me to sit on the Interim Committee on Public Lands as the county commissioner representative, which I did a couple of times. After I was elected to the Assembly, I was fortunate enough to accompany him to Washington, D.C. There is no greater feeling, and there are others who will be honored today that also made that trip. It did not matter what door you went through in Washington, D.C. they knew you were from Nevada. A lot of people said "you're not from here. They do not dress like that here."

Thank you, Dean, and thank you to your family for their sacrifice.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Roberson requested that the remarks of former Senator Rhoads be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR RHOADS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was not sure they were talking about me in that resolution. I want to thank in particular my wife for staying with me for 34 years out there in the snowstorms in the desert. I want to thank my family, many of whom are here, today, and my friends who have helped me with my campaigns over the last 34 years.

I read what the Senate is doing down here, so be careful. If I do not like something, I am going to let you know. Thank you, Senator Hardy, for that excellent introduction. I appreciate it. Again, I want to particularly thank my wife, Sharon.

By Senators Roberson, Ford, Atkinson, Brower, Denis, Farley, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lipparelli, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 5—Inducting Terry Care into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Nevada State Senate established the Senate Hall of Fame to honor former Senators who served for a significant number of years, who served with distinction in leadership positions and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Terry John Care was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1947, grew up in Wichita, Kansas, and, after graduating from high school, entered the Armed Forces of the United States and served in the Vietnam War with bravery and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Terry Care worked as a reporter for some time before he received his bachelor of arts degree in history and his juris doctor degree from the University of New Mexico, after which he worked for many years as an attorney at law in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, After the birth of their daughter Diana, Terry Care and his wife Jenny became concerned with the funding for education, which prompted Terry Care to run for a seat in the Nevada Senate; and

WHEREAS, Terry Care was first elected to the Senate to represent Clark County in 1998, and served in that position until 2010, when he could no longer serve in that office because of constitutional term limits; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Senate, Senator Care served in leadership positions as Assistant Majority Floor Leader and as Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, Senator Care served on various legislative committees, including as a member of the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, the Senate Committee on Taxation and the Senate Committee on Transportation, as well as numerous interim committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Care was known for thoroughly preparing himself before each floor session, cooperating with other legislators and championing bills to increase the transparency of government and open public meetings, as well as sponsoring other important legislation; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Commission appointed Senator Care in 1998 to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws where he still serves and has led a number of committees that have drafted uniform acts on a wide range of topics, over 40 of which have been adopted into Nevada law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Terry John Care, who has dedicated years of his life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada as a journalist, as an attorney at law and as a member of the Nevada State Senate for 12 years, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Ford moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Ford.

Thank you, Mr. President. A little over five years ago, when I decided to run for office, I was then, as I am now a practicing lawyer. I asked around to find out who I should reach out to for advice about trying to be both a public servant and a practicing lawyer. The same name kept coming back up, Terry Care. At the time, people suggested I contact him to get some advice. I will never forget sitting over at Jimmy John's over five years ago as he gave me advice. Some of that advice is actually tangible and visible in my office right now. He said, first of all, go buy

yourself your own computer and your own printer if you are going to do legal work after hours. The equipment is upstairs in my office right now. I have a computer and printer for my legal work that I have to do after hours. He gave such sage advice and such honest advice. From that point on he has been a mentor and a friend. I am delighted to offer some good words about former State Senator Terry Care.

Senator Care served with great dignity and efficiency in this Body for 12 years, from 1998 through 2010. During his legislative service, Senator Care gained a reputation for his thorough reading of proposed legislation prior to each Floor Session and for working with Legislators on both sides of the aisle to pass important legislation. Senator Care, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations for your many years of exemplary service.

Let me highlight just a couple of the many accomplishments of Senator Care's long life of service. Senator Care is a true Nevada hero, as he served with bravery and distinction in the Vietnam War as an infantry platoon leader and a company commander. He was wounded twice while on duty in Vietnam and was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star Medal for acts of heroism. I get goose bumps just thinking about it.

After his military service, Senator Care worked as a television and newsprint reporter in South Dakota and Nevada for some time before earning his Bachelor's and Juris Doctor Degrees from the University of New Mexico. Returning to Las Vegas, he worked as a successful attorney at law for many years.

It was in 1998 that he came to the realization, "when you live in a place long enough, and find yourself as a spouse, a homeowner, a parent and part of the community, you increasingly want to become more involved." That was when he decided to run as a Democratic candidate for the Nevada Legislature in Clark County Senatorial District No. 7. He was successful and was first elected to that office in November, 1998.

Senator Terry Care is the first Hall of Fame Senator whose Senate service was limited to just 12 years because of Constitutional provisions concerning term limits. But, during that 12 years, Senator Care was able to become one of the Senate's most respected and distinguished members of this Body, working cooperatively with members of both political parties to achieve the common good. Further, Senator Care continues to serve, with great success as you heard, on the Uniform Law Commission and has seen over 40 proposals become Nevada State laws. Senator Care brought a brilliant mind and common-sense approach to governing, and he maintained a courteous, thoughtful and dedicated manner in the important offices he held. He is an outstanding new member of the Nevada Senate Hall of Fame.

In closing, I want to thank you, Senator Care, for your many years of service to the State of Nevada as a Senator, as a member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and as a distinguished attorney at law. Thank you very much.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Roberson requested that the remarks of former Senator Care be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR CARE:

Thank you, Mr. President. When I walked into the building this morning, I ran into a lobbyist I met my first day here in 1999. We shook hands, and he asked me "are you here for the Townsend thing?" That is a true story, and that lobbyist knows who he is. Before I say anything else, I want to express publicly my respect and admiration for the courage shown by Senator Smith. She came to the Legislature in 2001, as a member of the Assembly as I recall, and received high marks for that Session—as she has done ever since. You are sitting where you should be. I am glad to see you.

Second, I know that I would not be standing here but for the support of my Republican wife, my Republican daughter and my Republican mother. I have been working across the aisle for decades. Mom will be 90 next month. No term limits for Mom.

Thirdly, I cannot express enough my gratitude to the Majority Leader and Senator Ford. Senator Ford is the one who notified me of this selection, and I am still trying to recover. The reason I am humbled is because I served with so many of the Senators in the Hall of Fame. I

came here in 1999 and served on the Committee on Government Affairs for 12 years. I remember being in the minority for ten years, sitting all the way down on the end and looking to the right. There was Senator Titus, who would serve 20 years, the absolutely fearless Senator Joe Neal, who would serve 32 years, and the incomparable Bill Raggio would serve 38 years. Senator Ann O'Connell would serve 20 years. Senator Townsend was on that committee at one point, serving 28 years. Senator Bill O'Donnell, who served 16 years, I think. Five of the six Senators I just named have been inducted or will be inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame. These were legislative masters, and I mean masters in the sense of the Japanese concept of sensei. They were instructors. I had a wonderful opportunity, which unfortunately does not exist anymore. You all are having to learn a lot in a short time. I am humbled, now, to be included with that fine, fine group of people I met and learned from when I first came up here. Again, I am deeply grateful for this honor. I have a number of friends here. I will not even try to introduce them all. At this moment, I have that chill that I had when I first came in here in February of 1999. I am humbled to be amongst you all this morning. Thank you so much.

By Senators Roberson, Ford, Atkinson, Brower, Denis, Farley, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lipparelli, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 6—Inducting Randolph J. Townsend into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Nevada State Senate has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Randolph J. Townsend was born in Los Angeles, California, on January 24, 1947, received his bachelor of science and master of education degrees from the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, Randolph Townsend is married to his wife, Robyne and has worked as a small business owner, investor, advertising executive, automobile dealership executive and company president; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Randolph Townsend was first elected to the Nevada Senate and served the people of this State for 28 years representing districts that included portions of the City of Reno, unincorporated Washoe County and Carson City; and

WHEREAS, Senator Townsend served as a member of the Legislative Commission for 22 years and as Chair of the Commission three times, served on the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor for 26 years and as Chair of the Committee for 20 years (a Senate record) and served as a member of several other standing committees and on over 50 different legislative study committees, policy bodies and advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, Among his many notable accomplishments, Senator Townsend championed mental health reform and, in recognition of his dedication to that cause, the Dini-Townsend Hospital located in Sparks, Nevada, was named in his honor, and he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Senator Townsend was also recognized for his outstanding work on behalf of workers who were injured on the job, helping to make Nevada's workers' compensation system solvent and transparent, and was instrumental in leading the early effort for increased renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2010, nearing the end of his final term of office, Senator Townsend resigned from the Senate to accept an appointment by Governor Jim Gibbons to the prestigious Nevada Gaming Commission on which he still honorably serves; and

WHEREAS, Senator Townsend was a founding member of the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is a member of Governor Brian Sandoval's Behavioral Health and Wellness Council; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Randolph J. Townsend will forever be remembered for his leadership and dedication to public service, for his indelible legislative accomplishments and for being an outstanding member of and positive

driving force in the Nevada Senate for 28 years serving the people of this State and is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Kieckhefer moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Kieckhefer, Brower, Goicoechea and Lipparelli.

SENATOR KIECKHEFER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. To say it is an honor would be an understatement to offer some remarks regarding former Senator Randolph Townsend. First, I think it is appropriate to set the mood, I do not know how you talk with these cigars in your mouth.

Senator Townsend was born in Los Angeles and moved to the Bay Area at the age of ten. He received an excellent education, attending prep schools, military academies and a school in Switzerland. After high school, he attended San Francisco State University, then transferred to the University of Nevada, Reno, where he completed his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Science degrees.

From the time he first came here as a college student, he fell in love with Nevada and made it his adopted home. Upon graduation, Senator Townsend began a notable career in business as a small business owner, an investor, an advertising executive, an automobile dealership executive and a company president.

In 1982, at 35 years of age, he felt the call of public duty and ran for the Nevada Senate. Senator Townsend served in this Body for 28 years. In the history of our State, only two other members, Senator William Raggio and Senator Joseph M. Neal have served longer. During his long legislative career, he served on many different committees. Perhaps most notable, he was Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor for 20 years, putting his extensive business experience to work in the service of the people of Nevada. He also served three terms as Chair of the Legislative Commission, the Body that oversees the operations of the Legislative Branch of Nevada government.

One of Senator Townsend's most note-worthy legislative accomplishments was in the area of energy and public utilities. He led the way increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy. He helped establish the Integrated Resource Planning process for utilities, the Renewable Portfolio Standard and Net Metering. His action in opening up the telecommunications industry to competition in 1995 anticipated federal legislation on that subject.

As a State Senator, he cut an impressive figure, still does as a Gaming Commissioner, and he brought significant class to this Body. Senator Townsend had the manners to match: frank, open and courteous. Even his legislative office was always tastefully decorated probably with significant help by his wife Robyne. In short, Senator Townsend was a natural aristocrat in the best sense of the word.

Senator Townsend was known for his compassion and his regard for the less fortunate, particularly injured workers and those who suffer from mental illness. In 1993, after extensive study and deliberation, he secured the passage of Senate Bill 316, which benefited employers and injured workers alike, placing the State Industrial Insurance System on a firm financial footing and paving the way for its conversion from a State agency to a private mutual insurance company.

Senator Townsend was also a champion of mental-health reform. Because of his efforts, he was appointed in 2002 to President Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. Nevada's Dini-Townsend Hospital, a major State mental health facility in Sparks was named for him and for Joe Dini, long-time speaker of the Assembly. The hospital is dedicated to serving those who need our services.

Finally, Senator Townsend had a true gift for friendship. Many of us here, today, are fortunate to be counted among his friends. His friendship extended from ordinary citizens of Nevada, to some of the most famous names in athletics and entertainment, friends whose memorabilia adorned his legislative office.

Senator Townsend, you have set a high standard for all of us to emulate. I want to extend to you, on behalf of the members of this Body and the citizens of the State of Nevada, our sincere gratitude for an illustrious and eminently successful career in public service.

When I had made the decision that I wanted to explore running for office, yours was the first door I knocked on. I was scared to tell you that I wanted to run for your seat because it was your seat and had been your seat for 28 years. You steered me on a good path then, and I believe you have stood me on a good path since when I sought your advice, which I have always found to be incredibly sage. This is a representative body. We represent the people of this State, represent our districts, and there is no one, I think, more representative of the State Senate than Randolph Townsend. Serious, diligent, honest, forthright, trustworthy. That is who I want to be in this Body is what I see in you. Those are the types of characteristics I think we all should strive for and the characteristics that you represent.

Thank you for your service; thank you for being my friend; thank you for being my mentor Senator Randolph J. Townsend and welcome to the Senate Hall of Fame.

SENATOR BROWER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. That is a hard act to follow to say the least. I feel compelled to say just a couple of words. I have had the honor, and it is a real honor to have served with each of today's inductees, and it is a real privilege to be here to witness this today. I have been especially close to Senator Townsend over the years. We first met, I think, it was about 1996, and we got to know each other a little bit. Then, when I considered running for the State Assembly, we got to know each other even better because the District I eventually ran in and represented largely overlapped with Senator Townsend's Senate District, so, we had a natural relationship for that reason. Thereafter, he and another Hall of Famer, Senator Raggio, took me under their collective wing and really taught me everything that I know about being a good Legislator. Now, that I am serving in the majority for the first time, I realize how hard it was, although they made it look awfully easy, to lead this Body for so many years. Senator Raggio was like a political grandfather to me, whereas Senator Townsend was more like that cool uncle that we all wanted to hang out with. To this day, through everything he and I have been through over the years, through everything we have done together and independent from one another, I have had no bigger supporter, no better mentor and no greater friend than Randolph Townsend. Senator, congratulations on this honor. It is beyond well deserved.

SENATOR GOICOECHEA:

Thank you Mr. President. I want to point out how the good Senator, as the Chairman of Commerce, Labor and Energy, was at putting a freshman Assemblyman in his place. I was pleading a certain IS-2 bill with another Assemblyman colleague of mine and maybe it was going on a little too long. He turned to the other Assemblyman with me and said "You might ask your colleague if he likes the bill." Lesson well learned. I thank you.

SENATOR LIPPARELLI:

Like my good friend Senator Kieckhefer, I also want to honor my good friend Randolph Townsend. I have had the opportunity to serve as a member in the Executive Branch and presenting to Senator Townsend. I was warned ahead of time—make sure you are prepared ahead of time for that meeting. I was, and I appreciate the fact that those questions would have been tough. That shows the level of dedication that Senator Townsend has to the State and the role that he played.

I also had the pleasure of serving with Senator Townsend as a Commissioner when I served as Chair of the Gaming Control Board and likewise, he represents the State well in that capacity. More than anything, I am here as a friend to honor you on your big day. Robyne, Garret, it has been great to get to know you, and this is a great day for you. Congratulations.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Roberson requested that the remarks of former Senator Townsend be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR TOWNSEND:

Thank you all so very much. I am honored to have been invited back here after casting thousands of votes on this Floor. I am just glad to be invited anywhere. Had I known that this

group was going to be so an august and a lot of my longtime friends were going to be here, I probably would have dressed a little better, but I did not know that. This will not be long because Socrates made long speeches and his friends killed him, so I will try and keep this short.

None of the three of us thought the day that we first walked in here, and in my case almost thirty years later when I left, that we would return to be humbled by this honor. But today, it is especially important for me because I am here with two of my friends who are also being honored. Two very deserving individuals. Senator Care not only brought his intellect to this body and his perspective, but more importantly, he brought something that most people tend to forget when it gets tense and that is to bring your sense of humor about yourself. We need to take our work seriously, but he always reminded us not to take yourself too seriously. I have always appreciated that about him. Senator Rhoads brings to this Body, and brought for all those years, a rural principled perspective that is always important because of who we are and where we came from. In all those years we worked together, he was never able to take this city kid and teach him how to ride a horse. But, he did explain to me that a chucker was not a small dog, and I have appreciated that.

I want to acknowledge a number of people because I was here so long, and they deserve to be acknowledged for all of the work they did. First of all, my friend, Senator Smith. I worked with her on Washoe County School issues and seated with her is also a fellow honoree from the Hall of Fame, Senator Mathews. The three of us worked together on Washoe County issues. That is the way that we thought it should be done. They were from different parties, different houses; it is just the way it should be done. I am honored that you are here in the Senate. I am so glad you are back, and I am so glad that your health is recovering. I know everyone missed you, and I sure did too.

I want to acknowledge my friend Senator Settlemeyer. Senator, you have taken over a chair, it is probably sagging by now having sat in it for all those years, with really complex issues. I know you are up to the task but, more importantly, savor them. Savor every minute of every complex fight you have because I can assure you that the day you leave here, you are really going to miss it. Savor them; enjoy them. Senator Ford, you have a big responsibility. You are a leader now. You have a big responsibility, but I am going to hand you another one. Officially today, you have now become the new Chairman of the Fashion Police. Ok? So do not let me down.

To my friend Senator Brower, this young man never let me down because he grew into this job. He started high and kept getting higher. I can tell you one of the things that I appreciate as Chairman of Judiciary, trying to craft public policy for our largest industry is to include those of us who are regulators. That is so important. I know that Senator Lipparelli, who served in that capacity, appreciates that as well. But, it means a great deal to me because I now know how hard it is to be a regulator. I appreciate what you have done with that.

Senator Kieckhefer, my friend, more importantly someone that has taken on the great task of filling in for Senator Raggio's shoes as Chairman of Finance. I could not be prouder of anyone to serve in that seat. It is not my seat any longer; it is your seat. Congratulations, I am as proud as I can be of you.

To my friend, Senator Roberson. I got to know Senator Roberson in the private sector. I actually met him when it had to do with automobiles. He had a client, who had no clue what they were doing, but they hired him. That was a real good start, and we helped them get what they needed. When he was being touted as a potential candidate, I could not have been more pleased to find out his interest. Now, you have the ultimate responsibility of leading this Body. That is not easy, as I am sure you know, but I know you are up to it.

To the Lt. Governor, who in the heck wants that job? God bless, you are the most energetic, smartest guy I have ever run across, but someday someone will answer that question for me.

To my friend the Governor, I walked precincts with the Governor in his first Assembly race. If you ever have the opportunity, please ask him that story because he tells it a whole lot better than I do. I am glad that it did not hold him back and all the best to him.

There are two individuals here that I want to acknowledge. One is my dear friend John Moran. I served on the Gaming Commission with him. He is someone who knows this Body well. A regulator who represents the public on Wildlife and did a number of things. One of my dearest friends who has stuck up for me in many a gaming hearing, our chairman, Dr. Tony

Alamo of the Gaming Commission. Please get to know these individuals. They regulate the largest industry in the State that affects all of us. Get to know them. They would like to know your perspective. Doctor, it is good to see you. You can take my blood pressure after this, I am sure it is fine.

I also want to acknowledge most importantly the staff of this building. There are over three hundred people that work for the State of Nevada and work for the public. They are remarkable. I want to acknowledge Mrs. Clift. I am glad you are back. You were a great part of what we did in this Body, and I am glad to see that you are still going to be a great part. I know you put this team together to help all of these folks out here. It is wonderful.

Wherever Mrs. Erdoes is, I am sure she is in the back, I could not have done it without her. Our Legal Counsel, our friends in Research, in Fiscal. There is Russ Guindon or Mark Krmptotic or any of the people in the back like Pepper Sturm or Michael Stewart, on and on. We could not do it without you. They know. They are learning it now.

There are two people here that are really important to what I was able to accomplish. One of them is Marie Cavin who now works for the Lt. Governor. By the way, she cannot figure out why the heck you wanted to run for that job either. She worked in this Body, in this Legislative Counsel for almost 35 years. More importantly, she worked for me for an awful lot of those years in the public and private sector. I have never met anyone more competent, more skilled and better to work with than her. I was honored that she kept staying and kept staying on. Those of you who interacted with her, you know exactly what I am talking about. Scott Young was the Counsel for the State Industrial Insurance System when I met him, and we were at odds constantly. He was so impressive in the early '90s in testifying on tough issues, that I offered him a job here, and he took it, and I was so thankful. He is a perfect representative of what goes on in the LCB that no one sees. He is extremely smart, could work for any law firm anywhere, anytime and make a whole lot more money than he does. He is insightful; he is respectful and he is always understanding of other people. It is always about other people with him. I will tell you that no one could have propped up a guy my size more than Scott Young. I am honored to call him a friend, and I am glad that he is here, today.

Lastly, I want to introduce to the people that make my life what it is. That is my wife and son. Many of you have met Garrett at some time or another. I know Dean Rhoads will remember when he was about seven years old, and I made the mistake of telling Garrett that you were the largest rancher in the State of Nevada and for an hour he pilloried you over how many head of cattle, how do you count them, how do you kill them, how do you eat them, and it went on and on and Dean was so patient. Anyway, I want to introduce you to my best friend and my son Garrett Logan. Of course, you all know my wife and the love of my life and the person who changed my life, Robin. Would you please welcome them to this building?

The three of us, Senator Rhoads, Senator Care and myself could not have risen to where we are today without standing on the shoulders of giants, believe me. That includes Senator Gibson, the first person entered in to the Hall of Fame. He was quiet; he was methodical; he was conservative, and he probably knew the budget better than anyone. He worked at it. He was always respected. He was always kind.

Senator Neal, a fire brand from the 1960s. A gentleman with passion that you just do not see, but just as importantly, he was able to open up this Body and show them that there are things out there that we did not understand. I will always be grateful for that. Lastly, my dear friend and my mentor, Senator William Raggio. Senator Raggio taught me everything I know about politics, policy and the legislative process. However, he left a legacy that was far more important. That has to do with what we do inside these Chambers. It has to do with policy, and it has to do with relationships. They are fundamentally the two most important things that go on here. He told me about policy. He said you have to listen. You have got to read. You have got to study. You have got to listen, and then when you are done, you have got to lead. Regarding relationships you have got to listen; you have got to be understanding; you have got to be compassionate; and above all you have got to be respectful. In my short time here, I hope I lived somewhat up to the legacy that he set for every single one of us. Thank you, Mr. President.

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 Joe Guild and former Senator Coe Swobe.

On request of Senator Denis, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Daphne DeLeon and George Ogilive.

On request of Senator Ford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Arnold Austin, Jean Austin, Carolee Care, Diana Care, Jenny Care and Senator Terry Care, Secretary of State Barbara Cegavske, Ed Cordisco and Jenny Cordisco, John Frankovich, Judy Henricks, Darinda Hood, Ashton McKissan, John Morrow, Marisa Morrow and Debra Sweeny.

On request of Senator Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Assemblyman John Carpenter.

On request of Senator Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Billy Brickman, Chandra Cahill, Joe Cahill, Rachel Cahill, Danny Domingo, Walt Laberski, Malachi McClain, Wyland McClain, Sharon Rhoads, Senator Dean Rhoads, Mammie Rodrigues, Cowboy Rodrigues, Shammy Rodrigues, Willis Rodrigues, Paul Rogers, Valerie Rogers and DeLoyd Satterthwaite.

On request of Senator Kieckhefer, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Garret Logan, Dale Raggio, Randolph Townsend, and Robyne Townsend.

On request of Senator Lipparelli, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tony Alamo.

On request of Senator Manendo, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Eileen Hayes, Barbara Fennie and Patricia Martinelli Price.

On request of Senator Smith, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Bernice Mathews.

Senator Roberson moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 12:19 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:43 p.m.

President Hutchison presiding.

Quorum present.

Senator Roberson moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Approved:

MARK A. HUTCHISON
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate