

**THE EIGHTEENTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Thursday), February 23, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:24 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senator Cancela, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Jay Hull.

Once again, Lord God, we ask for Your strength and guidance for the important work we have been set apart to accomplish, here, today. Hear us now as each of us, in our own way, offers a silent prayer for those we know who are in special need, today, for healing, for encouragement, for faith, for hope.

And now hear me, O God, as I share, for us all, this prayer from Mother Theresa of Calcutta: "People are often unreasonable, irrational and self-centered. God, help us to forgive them anyway. If we are kind, people may accuse us of selfish, ulterior motives. God, help us to be kind anyway. If we are successful, we will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. God help us to succeed anyway. If we are honest and sincere, people may deceive us. God, help us to be honest and sincere anyway. What we spend years building, others could destroy overnight. God, help us to build anyway. If we find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. God, help us to be happy anyway. The good we do today, people will often forget tomorrow. God, help us to do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it will never be enough. God, help us to give the best we've got anyway."

Lord God, help us to see that in the final analysis, it is always between us and You; it was never between us and them anyway.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

*Mr. President pro Tempore:*

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which were referred Senate Bills Nos. 92, 123, 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 Senate Bills Nos. 28, 95, 96, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, and re-refer to the Committee on Finance.

PAT SPEARMAN, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, February 22, 2017

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Initiative Petition No. 1.

CAROL AIELLO-SALA  
*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

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 STATE OF NEVADA  
 DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 CARSON CITY, NEVADA, 89701

January 31, 2017

CLAIRE J. CLIFT, *Secretary of the Senate*, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City,  
 Nevada 89701-4747

DEAR MRS. CLIFT:

Pursuant to the Nevada Constitution, Article 19, Section 2 (3), the Secretary of State's Office is required to transmit to the Nevada Legislature any initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment or statewide measure, which is filed with this office and deemed sufficient, as soon as the Nevada Legislature convenes and organizes. In compliance with the Nevada Constitution, enclosed please find "The Automatic Voter Registration Initiative" petition.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 684-5705.

Respectfully,  
 BARBARA K. CEGAVSKE  
*Secretary of State*

## MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Initiative Petition No. 1.

Senator Atkinson moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Senator Spearman moved that Senate Bill No. 28, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

Senator Spearman moved that Senate Bill No. 95, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

Senator Spearman moved that Senate Bill No. 96, just reported out of Committee, be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

## INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Transportation:

Senate Bill No. 207—AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; creating the Legislative Committee on Transportation; setting forth the composition and administration of the Committee; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Manendo moved that Senate Standing Rule No. 40 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

## GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 16.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Manendo.

Senate Bill No. 16 changes the name of the General Services Division of the Department of Public Safety to the Records, Communications and Compliance Division.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 16:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Cancela.

Senate Bill No. 16 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President pro Tempore declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to Assembly.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Hardy requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENATOR HARDY:

I was reminded that it has been five years, today, since my friend Bill Raggio passed away. I was remembering this building and his office. Once, I went into his office with 18 requests for things I wanted to have happen. He went down the list, one by one, and said: "You can have this; you can have this; you cannot have that; you can have that." He went down that list, and it was interesting how he did it. He finally got down to my 7-percent request, as you recall, in 2003 we had a tax issue, and if we got in more than 7 percent of what we predicted, it would go into a special fund to save. He asked me why I got 7 percent, and I told him. He then picked up the phone and said: "Put 7 percent in the bill," and that was it—it was in the bill.

He was a remarkable man in so many ways and a mentor to so many people. He was truly a statesman of Nevada. I am honored to be in a Chamber where he served so eloquently in so many ways.

SENATOR GANSERT:

I stand to honor Bill Raggio. I am fortunate to sit in the seat where he served for 39 years; we will not have that record again because of term limits. He served for 19 regular Sessions and 12 Special Sessions. He was a friend and a mentor. He was known as the Lion of the North, and he was an amazing man. What I appreciated about him was his statesmanship. He always worked across the aisle—across the aisle and in both Houses. When I was a young woman serving in the Assembly, he would reach out to me and we would have discussions. Now that I am on this side, I recognize that does not always happen. When you first begin to serve, you think everyone will be working between the Houses, but sometimes, it does not go that way. He taught me a great deal.

When I thought back to his service since 1972, I started thinking about the Governors he served under: Michael O'Callahan, Richard Bryan, Bob Miller and Kenny Guinn. I know he was a friend and a counsel to all of them. It did not matter what their party was; he was always looking out for what was best for Nevada. I also looked at the acknowledgments and recognitions he received. He received the President's Medal from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which demonstrates how he also reached north and south. He cared about the entire State.

I am honored to have served with him and to have considered him a friend, a mentor and someone who can inspire all of us to be strong representatives for all the constituents of Nevada.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Nancy Andersen.

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jennifer Baker, Taylor Brockelsby, Suly Cortez, Andrea Garrett and Hayley Haas.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, February 27, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. and that it do so in memory of former Senator William J. Raggio.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Approved:

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*President pro Tempore of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

*Secretary of the Senate*