

THE NINETY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), May 8, 2017

Senate called to order at 11:49 a.m.

President pro Tempore Denis presiding.

Roll called.

All present except for Senator Ratti, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Mike Patterson.

Creator God, we, Your people, know You by many names, and we know that You hear us when we call on You.

Today, we ask Your gracious love and guidance on our State legislators as they do the tough work of governing. We ask that You give insight to the deliberations that need to be undertaken. We ask that You intervene to temper any animosity or anger that may occur between our members and give them the wisdom to reach compromises when possible. Strength, real strength, can always find compromise, working together. May we find a common ground, enable us to move forward with a shared purpose.

We also ask for comfort for these hard-working men and women as they encounter the long hard days ahead. Keep them all well and under Your protection. Please share a little of Your wisdom with us to help us do right by all concerned.

Thank You for Your heavenly blessing.

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 Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 4, 6, 14, 27, 28, 37, 38, 63, 74, 75, 102, 107, 118, 132, 133, 135, 147, 184, 191, 203, 227, 239, 391, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

TICK SEGERBLOM, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Hammond, Atkinson, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Farley, Ford, Gansert, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Roberson, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Spearman, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Paul Anderson, Elliot Anderson, Araujo, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Cohen, Daly, Diaz, Edwards, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Fumo, Hambrick, Hansen, Jauregui, Joiner, Kramer, Krasner, Marchant, McArthur, McCurdy II, Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Neal, Ohrenschall, Oscarson, Pickard, Spiegel, Sprinkle, Swank, Thompson, Titus, Tolles, Watkins, Wheeler, Woodbury and Yeager:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Celebrating the sister-state relationship between the State of Nevada and Taiwan, affirming support for the signing of a Bilateral Investment Agreement between Taiwan and the

United States and reaffirming support for increasing Taiwan's international profile.

Senator Hammond moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Hammond.

I rise today to speak in favor of this resolution and to welcome our visitors from the Republic of China. Nevada has a long-standing tradition of friendship with the Republic of China, a friendship based on trade and ongoing cultural exchanges. In 1979, shortly after the United States switched its diplomatic recognition from Taiwan to the People's Republic of China on the mainland, the Nevada Legislature adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 60th Session. This resolution recognized the Republic of China on Taiwan for its democratic way of life, its high standard of living and its respect for fundamental human rights. The resolution also called upon the U.S. Congress to maintain our substantial economic and trade relations with Taiwan.

In 1983, the Legislature again expressed its warm friendship with Taiwan, noting that "trade is a powerful force for bringing together nations far apart in culture as well as distance" and inviting the people of Nevada and of Taiwan to carry out "such mutually beneficial programs as will promote better understanding between our citizens as well as strengthen international understanding and goodwill."

In 1985, the Legislature took the further step of adopting Senate Joint Resolution No. 33, inviting Taiwan to become a sister state with Nevada, an invitation that was graciously accepted. As you know, the Constitution of the United States vests in the federal government all authority for entering into treaties or alliances. However, the sister state program was established by the President of the United States in 1956 to foster closer relations between the people of the United States and those of other nations through the medium of personal contacts and friendships. A sister state relationship is a formal declaration of friendship between two states or nations. It is intended as a symbol of goodwill and cooperation.

Over the intervening years since the establishment of our sister state agreement, the friendship between Nevada and Taiwan has flourished and borne fruit. The trade between our two communities has expanded and grown. Our relationship has been strengthened by mutual visits between members of the Legislature and officials from Taiwan. There have been cultural exchanges and gifts of fine art, some examples of which hang in our hallways. The State seals on both ends of this Legislative Building are a tangible symbol of our friendship, a gift from the people of Taiwan.

If you have walked around outside our building, you will notice that these seals have recently been refurbished. The colors have been renewed and brightened. They have been restored to their pristine condition. I think this is a fitting symbol what we are doing by adopting this resolution today. We are renewing and refreshing a deep and long-standing friendship between the Nevada Legislature and the people of Taiwan.

We live in a time when relations between peoples and nations are often strained and difficult. By passing this resolution, the Nevada Legislature places itself on the side of peace and international understanding. I urge you to give it your favorable consideration.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Hammond moved that all necessary rules be suspended and that the resolution be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Cannizzaro has approved the addition of Senator Ford as a sponsor on Senate Bill No. 192.

Senator Hammond has approved the addition of Senator Ford as a primary sponsor on Senate Bill No. 414.

Senator Ford moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 297, 452 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 50.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 64.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 105.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Senator Atkinson moved that the bill be taken from the General File and placed on the Secretary's desk.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 221.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 252.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 482.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bills Nos. 1, 85, 385, 451, 490.

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

SENATOR FARLEY:

It is with great sadness that I share the loss of one of the most ethical, knowledgeable and reliable contractors over this past weekend. As most of us in the industry know, Frank Harris was a man of high morals and principles and was the epitome of upholding these standards in his industry. In the last day-and-a-half, so many contractors have spoken about how Frank shaped them into the good men they have turned out to be. Frank truly believed and lived in the motto of the Nevada Contractors Association – skill, integrity and responsibility.

I would like to take a few minutes and share some of Frank Martin's words about his friend, industry pioneer and a man a lot of people in this State called friend.

"Frank Harris was the apprentice carpenter that I met when I enjoyed a short stint working for Mr. J.A. Tiberti. Right after I left Tiberti, I hired Frank as quickly as I could. He was the guy that I picked up every day at his home and took him to work to teach him the carpentry trade; he was a rapid learner and very quickly moved up to assume control of his own crews.

During the era when Frank was in training, he developed a tremendous love for ice-cold CocaCola. Around those instances of his fondness for Coke developed some of my favorite memories; like the time we were installing acoustical ceilings in Bonanza High School and it was summertime, hot as hades, we had been working 12-hour days, and we ran out of Coke, of all things! Well, we hung on for as long as we could, but pretty soon Frank came over to me and said, "Spider, I need some fuel." The job shut down while Frank and I went and found a 7-11 at 6:00 p.m. at night to replenish our supply. We worked until almost midnight that day fueled by ice-cold Coke!

Many people do not know this, but starting Martin Harris Construction was actually Frank Harris's idea when he approached me in early 1976 and said "Hey, Spider, why don't we

go into business for ourselves?” That was the beginning of a career and trajectory that one could only dream of for both of us.

Frank was the “go-to” guy for many people, including myself, whenever things got tough, as they have a way of doing in the construction business. Frank was the guy that I could call and talk with. Many times we would just talk and never really reach a resolution or plan, but he had the gift of sincerity and a loving heart, and you would leave that conversation fulfilled.

Frank and I parted ways as business partners in 1980, but we NEVER parted as friends. Frank continued to work at Martin Harris Construction until 1991 when he left to spend more time with his son, Chris, who had Muscular Dystrophy. Chris had been ill for a long time, and Frank wanted to make sure that Chris’s final days on this Earth were spent with his Father. Chris passed away in Frank’s arms about six months later.

Frank met and married the love of his life, Linda Knox Harris, while they both were working at Martin Harris Construction. That was the best, two of my best friends getting married. That did not mean I was not apprehensive about it, but they loved each other very deeply and were totally committed to one another, so it would all be good.

Frank’s commitment was to the industry and to helping others to no end. In the words of his wife, Linda Harris, “Having been married to Frank for over 32 years and having been his business partner for over 25 years, he made me a better person. Even with the demands of running a small business, he totally supported the involvement and many hours I spent working to open doors for women working in the construction profession and constantly supported the National Association of Women in Construction, Las Vegas Chapter, for over 32 years.

I am one of those women that Linda and Frank spent time mentoring, opening doors, talking through the difficult stuff, continued pushing me to run for office, supporting my run for office, celebrating with me the night of the election and attending awards dinners in my honor.

Frank was a pioneer in the construction industry, and there are a lot of successful women in the construction industry because of Linda Harris and Frank Harris.

From his wife and my dear friend, Linda Harris, “Frank showed his love for his family and friends by doing the little things they needed. In return, his family and friends overwhelmingly loved and respected this very special man. Our children are Gord, Kirsten, Nicole, Kelly and Christopher. He was just the very best and dearly loved by all.”

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Ford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Ricky Gourrier.

On request of Senator Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Kathleen Delegal, Elwood Miller, Janet Ouren, Ed Smith and Dawn Swinney.

On request of Senator Hammond, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jessie Chin, En-Kuang Huang and Joseph Ma.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.
Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 12:17 p.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 12:37 p.m.
President pro Tempore Denis presiding.
Quorum present.

Senator Ford moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 9, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Approved:

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President pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT

Secretary of the Senate