

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Tuesday), April 2, 2019

Assembly called to order at 11:46 a.m.

Mr. Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Assemblyman Hambrick, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Father Chris Kanowitz.

Grant us, compassionate God, a vision of Your world as Your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry, or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different cultures and ways of life live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to be willing partners in building this vision with You.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 49, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

LESLEY E. COHEN, *Chair*

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 91, 107, 134, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

STEVE YEAGER, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Frierson, Benitez-Thompson and Wheeler:

Assembly Resolution No. 5—Adding former Assemblywoman Sadie Hurst to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established an Assembly Wall of Distinction for those past members of the Assembly selected by leadership who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Sadie Dotson was born in 1857 in Iowa and married Horton Hurst in 1881 but later divorced, leaving Sadie a single mother with two sons; and

WHEREAS, After Sadie's sons moved to Reno, Nevada, Sadie followed suit and became active in the Women's Citizen Club in Reno when that entity was a potent force in political, social and civic issues and Sadie is quoted as saying "[n]othing affects the home more than politics. The more women become interested in politics the better for the home life of our nation"; and

WHEREAS, Sadie was passionately involved in the women's suffrage movement and helped to see the successful passage of a state ballot question in 1914 to amend the Nevada Constitution by granting voting rights to women in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In November 1918 at the age of 61, Sadie became the first woman ever to be elected to the Nevada Assembly and Nevada Legislature, representing Washoe County, and during a special session in 1920, Sadie voted with the majority to ratify the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granting women across the nation the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, During her service in the Nevada Assembly, Sadie sponsored many legislative measures and, although not all those measures were successful, they demonstrate how forward-thinking she was for her time, including granting a mother full control over her children in the event of the father's death, requiring both husband and wife to sign all deeds held as community property, allowing women to enter into any legal contracts and prohibiting acts of cruelty against animals; and

WHEREAS, Sometime after the end of her legislative term, Sadie left Nevada to live in Southern California, and upon her departure, the Reno League of Women Voters, the successor organization to Sadie's Women's Citizen Club, held a reception in her honor to express gratitude for her outstanding contributions to the rights and welfare of women in Nevada; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for her pioneering efforts in advancing the role of women in Nevada, opening the door for women in Nevada politics and dedicated service as the first female legislator in Nevada, Assemblywoman Sadie Hurst is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Assemblywoman Tolles moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Tolles.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TOLLES:

This year marks two important milestones in the history of the Nevada Legislature. First, for the first time in any state, women constitute a majority in our legislative body. There are at present 33 female legislators in Nevada, 23 in the Assembly and 10 in the Senate.

Second, this year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the year that the first woman took her seat in the Nevada Assembly. Sadie Hurst was a remarkable pioneer in women's rights. The resolution we have before us today celebrates not only Sadie Hurst's personal accomplishment, but also her role as a trailblazer for those who have come after her.

As you know, the struggle for women's suffrage in Nevada was long and arduous. When Nevada entered the Union, its state constitution restricted the franchise to white males over 21 years of age. The first proposal for universal suffrage was put forward in 1869 by Curtis J. Hillyer, a member of the Union Party from Storey County. That effort was not successful, but it was the beginning of a 45-year political battle. Several times, the Legislature placed the question of women's suffrage on the ballot only to have it rejected by the all-male electorate. Not until 1914, with the vigorous backing of Republican Governor Tasker L. Oddie, did women's suffrage prevail in this state. Four years later, Sadie Hurst, suffragette and prominent community leader from Washoe County, became the first woman ever to serve in this body.

Since that time, 153 women have served in the Nevada Legislature including the 33 who serve now. Not until 1935 were there women in both houses. Let us honor these brave pioneers. Perhaps you can imagine what it must have been like for Assemblywoman Hurst and her immediate successors to serve in what had up to that time been something of an exclusive men's club. It took courage, persistence, and tact.

As a representative in Washoe County 100 years later, I am especially proud to bring this resolution to the floor today with the full knowledge and respect for not just Sadie Hurst, but many other remarkable women that I serve with today. I also have great respect for other

groundbreaking women who held my seat before me including former Lieutenant Governor Sue Wagner, Patty Cafferetta, and my dear friend and colleague Senator Heidi Gansert.

We celebrate not only Sadie Hurst, but all these brave women and I urge your support for this resolution.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

By Assemblymen Frierson, Benitez-Thompson and Wheeler:

Assembly Resolution No. 6—Adding former Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall Daykin to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established an Assembly Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership who have served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Born in Athens, Greece, shortly after World War II, Eugenia “Genie” Pintos was 9 months old when she and her mother boarded a ship headed to New York City to join Genie’s father who was working at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, Genie grew up in New York City and later moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked on Capitol Hill for Congressman James Kee (D-West Virginia); and

WHEREAS, Genie earned her undergraduate degree from The George Washington University and her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center, graduating at 22 years old as one of the law school’s youngest graduates and one of only four women in her class; and

WHEREAS, Moving to Nevada, Genie became a pioneer among female attorneys in Nevada, helping to break the glass ceiling for future women by being only the 28th woman admitted to the Nevada Bar; and

WHEREAS, During her early legal career, she worked for renowned Reno attorney and philanthropist Robert Ziemer Hawkins and as a staff attorney at the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Genie first won election to the Nevada Assembly in 1994 and went on to represent her constituents in Clark County for 6 regular sessions and 6 special sessions; and

WHEREAS, Some of Genie’s most significant legislation included a landmark measure to prevent domestic violence, a bill creating the Nevada Council for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and anti-SLAPP legislation to limit attacks on free speech; and

WHEREAS, Each legislative session, Genie’s commitment to, and empathy for, the poor and vulnerable was proven by her sponsoring bills to protect the elderly and renters, ensure payment of child support and provide sales tax exemptions for medical equipment; and

WHEREAS, Raising both of her children as a single mom, Genie is now the proud grandmother of two boys and married to her dear friend of more than 50 years and former colleague, former Legislative Counsel Frank W. Daykin; and

WHEREAS, To this day Genie and her husband Frank continue their dedication to the people of Nevada through their service as Commissioners representing Nevada on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for her many years of dedicated service to the Assembly, Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall Daykin is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to former Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall Daykin; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Assemblywoman Carlton moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Carlton.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN CARLTON:

It was my distinct pleasure to serve in this building with the Assemblywoman that we are honoring today. Unfortunately, I never had the opportunity to serve in the same chamber with her. She was a junior when I came to the Legislature and was very helpful and knowledgeable. I always enjoyed being able to sit down and have conversations with her.

During her tenure in this body, Assemblywoman Ohrenschall made a number of important contributions to the development of Nevada law. I would like to mention one of these that I found very fascinating and which took me a long time to actually understand. It was regarding the so-called SLAPP suits or SLAPP legislation. This piece of legislation was aimed at protecting citizens in the exercise of their right to speak out and petition the government for redress of grievances. Assemblywoman Ohrenschall was aware that wealthy individuals and interests often use the threat of litigation to silence their critics, to prevent them from making public complaints or testifying before public bodies such as the Legislature. Citizen participation can only be stifled by the prospect of facing a lengthy, expensive, time-consuming, and annoying lawsuit. Nevada's SLAPP suit law has been successfully invoked in a number of significant cases in Nevada, and it has been widely discussed across the nation. Some other states have followed suit and developed their laws with Nevada as an example. This is just one example of Assemblywoman Ohrenschall's legislative achievements. We heard a number of other examples.

Oftentimes folks ask me what is the difference between the Senate and the Assembly. Years ago there really was not a whole lot of difference, but I will tell you one thing, Mr. Speaker. If you wanted to have a little bit of fun in the evening, you came down and you found a couple of the Assembly members. Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall was one of those. There was a group of us that worked really hard but we did not play too hard. Assemblywoman McClain, Assemblywoman Koivisto, Genie, and a number of others all got together and we sat, and we drank, and we talked. Remember, that was when women had to fight a little bit harder to get our voices heard. I learned from a lot of those women—if you are not at the table, you are on the menu, so do not wait to be invited into the room. Put yourself in the room and make yourself part of the discussion. It was always a true pleasure serving with Genie.

You cannot talk about the Assemblywoman without talking about the love of her life, Mr. Daykin. To the lawyers in this body, every once in a while you will hear a saying when you look at something in *Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS]. They will say, That is a Daykin-ism. So if you ever want to learn about Daykin-isms, we will be happy to have that conversation. There are still a few of them in our NRS, and we are very happy about that because it was an excellent job that was done for our Legislative Counsel Bureau [LCB] by Mr. Daykin. I cannot congratulate one part of the partnership without congratulating the second part of the partnership. With that, Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Assembly Resolution No. 6.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bill No. 381 be taken from its place on the General File and moved to the top of the General File.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Assembly Bill No. 381.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Assemblywoman Titus.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TITUS:

Assembly Bill 381 designates April 16 as "Healthcare Decisions Day" in the state of Nevada and requires the Governor to issue a proclamation encouraging the observance of the day each year. The proclamation must, without limitation, call upon the news media, state and local officers, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, hospice facilities, private nonprofit groups and foundations, and other public and private entities to bring to the attention of the adults in this state the importance of discussing the manner in which they would like to have their health care wishes carried out and of using an advance directive to express those wishes. This bill is effective upon passage and approval.

Mr. Speaker and members of this body, I would encourage all of you to support this measure and go beyond supporting the day and actually have that discussion with your family members. It is so important that every one of us makes known what our wishes are and especially discusses it with our family members.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 381:

YEAS—41.

NAYS—None.

EXCUSED—Hambrick.

Assembly Bill No. 381 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. Speaker declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Senate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND NOTICES

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 21, 98, 113, and 245 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblywoman Backus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Allison Boyer and Marc McDermont.

On request of Assemblyman Ellison, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Tyler Ingram, Micah Edward Kraintz, and Joshua Edward Kraintz.

On request of Assemblyman Frierson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Genie Ohrenschall Daykin, Frank Daykin, James Ohrenschall, Rianna Durrett, Ren Ohrenschall, and Luka Ohrenschall.

On request of Assemblyman Hafen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Susan Davila.

On request of Assemblyman Hambrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jacquie Springer, Nancy Price, John Copoulos, and B.J. Thomas.

On request of Assemblywoman Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sister Maria, Margaret Flint, Olivia Ulmana, and Melina Mara.

On request of Assemblywoman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Pat Hutson, Melanie Cook, and Bob Cook.

On request of Assemblywoman Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jeremy Robbins, Christine Brady, and Novella Kowallek.

On request of Assemblyman McCurdy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Dennis Hough and Eileen Hough.

On request of Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Natalia Jordon and Peyton Barsei.

On request of Assemblywoman Munk, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Matthew Kimball and Donna West.

On request of Assemblywoman Nguyen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Elliot Malin and Shera Alberti-Annunzio.

On request of Assemblywoman Peters, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nora Laitinen, Wendy Stolyarov, and Rosanne Catron.

On request of Assemblyman Roberts, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kaylee Draper, Cole Draper, and Jessica Draper-Slavin.

On request of Assemblywoman Spiegel, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Nate Jones and Robbie Moen.

On request of Assemblywoman Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Erin Spalletta and Fran McKay.

On request of Assemblywoman Tolles, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sara Priola, Deepak Kumar, and Tony Hnat.

On request of Assemblyman Wheeler, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Matt Digesti, Sena Loyd, Haley Summers, and Nathan Tea.

On request of Assemblyman Yeager, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Michael Wagner and Gabriel Allred.

Assemblywoman Benitez-Thompson moved that the Assembly, in conformance with Article 4, Section 15 of the *Constitution* of the State of Nevada, and with the consent of the Senate, adjourn until Monday, April 8, 2019, at 11:30 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Approved:

JASON FRIERSON
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG
Chief Clerk of the Assembly