

FEBRUARY 8, 2021 — DAY 08

**THE EIGHTH DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Monday), February 8, 2021

Senate called to order at 11:56 a.m.

President Marshall presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Reverend Nick Emery.

Father God, thank You for this day. I recognize that many aspects of our daily lives are affected, in some way, by the officials we elect to govern our cities, states and Nation. These leaders carry a lot of responsibilities, and they need strength and wisdom every day. Please give strength and wisdom to them and guide their decisions. Surround them with people from all walks of life and many backgrounds. Bring to them people of high moral character and spiritual maturity. Among the many voices, which cry out to them every day, may they hear Your voice above all others.

As we look to our leaders for assurance and guidance, especially in times like this, inspire them and speak through them with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Speak to them of truth, integrity, justice and fairness. We boldly pray You will bind their hearts together in ways they would not have imagined. Give each of them strength to reach out to those across the aisle and work together.

We ask these things, Great God, with minds open to Your Holy Word and hearts that trust in You. Hold, bless and encourage these men and women and bless our great State, we pray.

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

Pursuant to Senate Standing Rule No. 134.1(a), Senate Majority Leader Cannizzaro has authorized Senator Ratti to use remote-technology systems to attend, participate, vote and take any other action in the proceedings of the Senate.

Senator Pickard has approved the addition of Senators Settlemeyer and Hansen as primary sponsors and Senators Buck, Goicoechea, Hammond, and Hardy as co-sponsors of Senate Bill No. 88.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Hammond:

Senate Bill No. 102—AN ACT relating to education; changing the date by which a child must be at least a certain age to be admitted to certain grades of school; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Hammond moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

## REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Cannizzaro requested that her remarks be entered into the Journal.

Today, I would like to take a moment to honor the life and career of Cy Ryan, the dean of the Capitol Press Corps and a legend in the world of journalism. He was a proud Nevadan who dedicated his life to fair and straightforward reporting.

After serving in the Navy during the Korean War, Mr. Ryan attended the University of Nevada's School of Journalism, launching him into a career spanning six decades. In 1960, the United Press International hired Mr. Ryan for its Capitol Bureau in Carson City. He held this post until 1990, when the wire service went out of business. Former Governor Mike O'Callaghan, the publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, hired Mr. Ryan to become the Sun's Capitol Bureau Chief. Many of us here, today, remember encountering him during this period of his career. He retired from the Sun when it closed its Capitol Bureau in 2017.

His career spanned nearly 60 years, encompassing 30 regular and 23 special Legislative Sessions. Think of it, he interviewed 13 Nevada governors ranging from Grant Sawyer to Brian Sandoval. From a legislative perspective, that length of service translates to 10 different Senate Majority Floor Leaders and 22 individual Assembly Speakers. Cy was the picture of what most people think of when they visualize a journalist; a hard-nosed reporter asking tough questions, taking detailed notes, pursuing leaders and agency heads for comments, and chasing down leads for his stories.

We all recognize that the Fourth Estate is vital to having an informed electorate with an accountable government, and Cy Ryan was the embodiment of that principle. He was the journalist's journalist, the reporter's reporter, and his colleagues recognized his talent years ago and inducted him into the Nevada Press Association's Hall of Fame. His tough questions were direct and laser-focused on the issues at hand. When you were on the receiving end of those questions, you knew they might be challenging, but his stories were always fair and accurate. It is a testament to his character, and his commitment to excellence, when one of the first Governors he interviewed later hired him as a lead reporter. Brian Sandoval, the last Governor he interviewed, called him a "...wonderful man who was uncompromisingly true to all the tenets of his profession."

I know many of you knew Cy. We will miss him dearly, although his legacy for asking tough but fair questions will long be remembered.

On a lighter note, in honor of Cy Ryan, for today at least, we should all try not to avoid Geoff Dornan when he is trying to get a comment for a story.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn in memory of Robert Dominic "Cy" Ryan until Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Approved:

KATE MARSHALL  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT  
*Secretary of the Senate*