

**THE FIFTY-THIRD DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Thursday), March 30, 2023

Senate called to order at 11:58 a.m.

President pro Tempore Spearman presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Nick Emery.

Father God, thank You for this day, and thank You for the work You have been doing in our lives through this week. Each day we have is a gift, and regardless of our faith or background, we can still recognize that. Mindful of the events that have happened in our nation this week, we thank You for life today. Thank You for each one of our State Senators, their staff and their families.

So, I pray over this group of servant leaders today, their families and their staff, from Your Holy Word in Jude 1:2 says:

May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

Give these leaders opportunities to demonstrate great mercy to those much different than themselves this day. Allow them to be gracious and receive mercy from others. Give these leaders a deeper sense of Your peace for their lives, for their journey they are on and for all the work that they do. Help them to be Your people, people of peace this day. Give these leaders opportunities to demonstrate true service, real sacrifice and authentic love towards everyone, those who are easy or a joy to love and those who are harder to love but who need to be loved and encouraged too. We pray these truths would be evident in their lives, for their staff and families as well.

May our Senators strive for what is truly best for everyone in our State. Give them opportunities that they did not expect and the grace to face each task, whether planned or not planned. Bless this gathering, Father God, and pour out Your blessing on our great State.

It is in Your Name, 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 pro Tempore and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

*Madam President pro Tempore:*

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 72, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

ROBERTA LANGE, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 29, 2023

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Assembly Bills Nos. 98, 291; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 81st Session.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day concurred in the Senate Amendment No. 53 to Assembly Bill No. 268.

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

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March 30, 2023

The Honorable Steve Yeager  
 The Honorable Nicole J. Cannizzaro  
 Nevada Legislature  
 401 S. Carson Street  
 Carson City, NV 89701-4747

Dear Speaker Yeager and Majority Leader Cannizzaro:

Pursuant to past protocol, I would like to request permission as a Representative in the United States Congress of the Second District of Nevada, to address a joint session of the Nevada Legislature on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Please contact my District Director, Stacy L. Parobek, at 775.686.5760 to coordinate the details of my visit, or if you have any further questions. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
 Mark E. Amodei  
 Member of Congress

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS  
 NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 30, 2023

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 58, 212, 256.

Also, the Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule No. 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 220, 266, 430, 432, 444.

WAYNE THORLEY  
*Fiscal Analysis Division*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Titus, Benitez-Thompson, Krasner, Gorelow, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Matthews, Nguyen, Orentlicher, Peters, Summers-Armstrong and Thomas; Senators Hardy, D. Harris, Seevers Gansert, Kieckhefer and Ratti.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 1 of the 81st Session—Proposing to amend the Nevada Constitution to add and revise terms relating to persons with certain conditions for whose benefit certain public entities are supported by the State.

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Section 1 of Article 13 of the Nevada Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section [.] 1. ~~[Institutions]~~ Entities for the benefit of ~~[the Insane, Blind and Deaf and Dumb,]~~ persons with significant mental illness, persons who are blind or visually impaired, persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and persons with intellectual disabilities or developmental disabilities, and such other benevolent ~~[institutions]~~ entities as the public good may require, shall be fostered and supported by the State, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

And be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

Senator Lange moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

Senator Dondero Loop approved the addition of Senator Krasner as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 285.

Senator Dondero Loop approved the addition of Senator Scheible as a sponsor of Senate Bill No. 379.

Senator Harris approved the addition of Senator Hansen as a cosponsor of Senate Bill No. 296.

Senator Spearman approved the addition of Senators Stone and Seevers Gansert as cosponsors of Senate Bill No. 398.

#### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Assembly Bill No. 98.

Senator Lange moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Revenue and Economic Development.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 291.

Senator Lange moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bill No. 268.

#### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Hansen requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you today the Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada, a public charter school located in Sparks, Nevada, my hometown.

At Pinecrest Academy they believe that every child deserves access to high-quality education regardless of their background or ZIP code. This is why they have dedicated themselves to providing a superior learning experience that cultivates academic excellence, character development and a lifelong love of learning. Just so everyone knows, the school has a long waiting list to get in.

Today, Pinecrest Academy is visiting the State Capitol and the Legislature to learn more about how government works and to advocate for facility funding for public charter schools. This is vital to ensuring that public charter schools have the necessary resources to provide students with a world-class education.

Would you please join me in welcoming Pinecrest Academy to the State Senate.

Senator Stone requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

One of the pinnacles of my life was serving in the California State Legislature in the Senate. There, I made lifelong friends with democrats and republicans that continue to this day.

I proudly served with California State Senator Brian Jones, who represents the eastern San Diego area. After I was elected to the Nevada State Senate, I learned from Senator Jones that I was now his father's, Clifford William Jones, new Nevada State Senator, as he lived in Laughlin.

Today, I am honored, with the Jones family watching live, to present this beautiful proclamation in the memory of Clifford Jones, who recently passed away.

Clifford was born in Oklahoma City on December 6, 1946. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in December 1969. He was a wonderful husband to Janice; a brother to two sisters, Kathy and Jennifer; father to two sons, Brian and Brad, and daughter-in-law Heather; and Grandfather to five wonderful grandchildren. He was a man of faith and regularly attended church. His priorities in life were God, family and country.

On behalf of our grateful State of Nevada and a grateful country, we sincerely thank Clifford Jones for his service to our country, recognizing his love for his family and community, and he will always be remembered by his loving family for being such a dedicated and loving family man.

I know the many wonderful memories of Clifford will comfort his family during this sad time and we extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

My friends of the Nevada State Senate, as I approach my seventh decade of life, I have come to realize how short life truly is and that our true wealth in life is our family and friends that we make during our life's journey. We also must know and recognize that a good name will last forever. Clifford Jones will live in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make this beautiful proclamation, which will be forwarded to the Jones family.

Senator Ohrenschall requested that Senator Cannizzaro's remarks be entered in the Journal.

I am going to take a few moments to address an important day we have coming up in the Legislature, which is the induction for our 2023 Hall of Fame. As you may know, the Hall of Fame was created in 1989 to recognize former members of the Senate who made significant contributions to the State not only as members of this body but also in their many other endeavors. Portraits of previous inductees hang on the walls outside this chamber and remind us of the impressive dedication so many of our former colleagues have shown to our great State.

Today, I am pleased to announce that the 2023 inductees to the Senate Hall of Fame are former Senators Richard H. Bryan and Joseph P. Hardy, M.D., who both represented Clark County.

First elected when he was just 31 years old, Senator Bryan served a total of 10 years in the Nevada Legislature, 4 years in the Assembly and 6 years in the Senate. He resigned his Senate seat in 1978 upon being elected as Nevada's Attorney General. He was elected Governor of Nevada in 1983 and served in that post until he was elected to the United States Senate in 1989, where he served until 2001.

While in the Nevada Senate, Senator Bryan served on the Legislative Commission and as Chair of the Education and Taxation Committees. He was also a member of the Commerce and Labor, Environment and Public Resources and Judiciary committees. During interim periods, Senator Bryan chaired the committee on pupil achievement in Nevada and was a member of committees reviewing the condition of the state prison, the counsel bureau organization and legislative procedures, problems confronting the dairy industry, a proposed evidence code for the State of Nevada, and skilled nursing facilities and problems of the aged and aging.

Our second inductee, Senator Joseph "Joe" Hardy, who is currently the Mayor of Boulder City, served a total of 20 years in the Nevada Legislature, 8 years in the Assembly and 12 years in the Senate. Put another way, "Doc Hardy" served in 10 sessions and 15 special sessions. Senator Hardy was the Minority Whip during the 2013 session as well as the 2013 and 2014 special sessions. He served as President pro Tempore during the 2015 session and the 2015 and 2016 special sessions. He was the Assistant Minority Leader during the 2019 session, two special sessions in 2020, the 2021 session and the 2021 special session.

Senator Hardy served on both the Legislative Commission and the Interim Finance Committee, and he was a member of virtually every Senate committee at one time or another, including Commerce and Labor, Education, Ethics, Government Affairs, Growth and Infrastructure, Health and Human Services, Revenue, and Transportation. To go down the list of interim committees that Senator Hardy served on would keep us here until midnight. Suffice it to say, he was, and is, an incredibly energetic, dedicated and knowledgeable public servant.

Both Senator Bryan and Senator Hardy served on numerous interim commissions, committees and councils for the betterment of Nevada. When their service here at the Legislature was finished, they each continued to serve the State with humility, dignity and an unwavering commitment to do their very best for us all.

Please mark May 11 on your calendar as the date on which we will induct Senators Richard Bryan and Joseph Hardy into the Senate Hall of Fame.

I also want to take a moment of remembrance for a colleague of ours who recently passed. Patricia Hutson, or Pat, as she was very fondly known, worked in this body both on the Assembly and Senate side for many sessions, including five with our colleague from Senate District 21, both as a Committee Manager and a Legislative Assistant and as an Attaché.

She was a dedicated public servant. She was a retired public schoolteacher before coming to serve in the Legislature. Unfortunately, we lost her on Tuesday after a long battle with cancer.

#### GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to James Humm and Tom Humm.

On request of Senator Hansen, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the Pinecrest Academy of Northern Nevada.

On request of Senator Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Zoe Castro, Celeste Cravalho and Sarah Maples, M.D.

On request of Senator Seevers Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the Girl Scouts of Sierra Nevada, Josie Haymond and Joy Southerland.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the Nevada Academy of Family Physicians.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn in memory of Patricia Hutson until Monday, April 3, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved:

PAT SPEARMAN

*President pro Tempore of the Senate*

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY

*Secretary of the Senate*