

THE FORTY-FIFTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Wednesday), March 23, 2005

Senate called to order at 10:36 a.m.

President pro Tempore Amodei presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Stanley Friend.

Gracious God, we are grateful that Your living word is at work in us to prepare us for worthy service as leaders within the State of Nevada. We express our gratitude to You by committing ourselves to Your guidance in our decision making with this State Senate. In Your Name, we pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 10:37 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 10:38 a.m.

President Hunt presiding.

Quorum present.

Senator Raggio moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the President and Secretary be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Madam President:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Assembly Bill No. 204, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO, *Chair**Madam President:*

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 120, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 22, 2005

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bill No. 114; Assembly Bills Nos. 79, 141, 164.

DIANE KEETCH

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By Senator Schneider:

Senate Bill No. 273—AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring certain persons who have been issued a special license plate or a special or temporary parking placard or parking sticker to park in a space designated for handicapped persons to have in their immediate possession a special parking card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or a city or county while they are exercising those special parking privileges; revising the period during which a special parking placard or sticker remains effective; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

Motion carried.

By Senator Amodei:

Senate Bill No. 274—AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; restricting the authority of the State Fire Marshal in consolidated municipalities and larger counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Senate Bill No. 275—AN ACT relating to professions; providing for the certification, regulation and discipline of alcohol and drug abuse prevention specialists and interns, and problem gambling prevention specialists and interns, by the Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drug and Gambling Counselors; prohibiting the practice of such persons without certification; authorizing the Board to adopt regulations relating to such persons; revising provisions governing alcohol and drug abuse counselors and problem gambling counselors; authorizing and increasing certain fees; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Senate Bill No. 276—AN ACT relating to regulatory bodies; establishing a uniform disciplinary process for certain regulatory bodies which administer occupational licensing; creating the Office of the Commissioner of Occupational Licensing and prescribing the Commissioner's powers and duties; revising certain provisions governing occupational licensing so they conform with the uniform disciplinary process; repealing certain provisions in the chapters governing occupational licensing so they conform with the

uniform disciplinary process; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Senate Bill No. 277—AN ACT relating to public utilities; restricting and taking away the authority of cities and counties to impose franchise fees and other similar fees upon certain public utilities; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Commerce and Labor:

Senate Bill No. 278—AN ACT relating to occupational safety and health; prohibiting a person from holding himself out as an associate safety and health manager or a certified safety and health manager or using various titles, words or letters in connection with those professions without meeting certain requirements; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Senator Carlton:

Senate Bill No. 279—AN ACT relating to peace officers; allowing the chief executive officers of certain law enforcement agencies of this State to certify peace officers under certain circumstances; revising certain provisions of the Department of Public Safety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Cegavske and Assemblywoman Giunchigliani:

Senate Bill No. 280—AN ACT relating to mental health; providing that a person alleged to be mentally ill who is being detained under an emergency admission for evaluation, observation and treatment must be detained in a public or private mental health facility; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

By Senator Washington:

Senate Bill No. 281—AN ACT relating to welfare; revising the provisions governing the payment to hospitals for treating a disproportionate share of Medicaid patients, indigent patients or other low-income patients; providing for the allocation and transfer of certain funding for the treatment of those patients; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

By Senator Washington:

Senate Bill No. 282—AN ACT relating to halfway houses; creating the Nevada State Board of Examiners for Halfway Houses for Persons Who Have Been Released from Prison within the Department of Corrections; prohibiting a natural person, firm, corporation, association, state or local government or agency thereof from operating or maintaining a halfway house for persons who have been released from prison without licensure by the Board; requiring the Board to adopt standards and regulations governing the licensure of such halfway houses; authorizing the Board to impose fees for the issuance and renewal of a license to operate such a halfway house; requiring each alcohol and drug abuse program operated by a halfway house for persons who have been released from prison to be certified by the Health Division of the Department of Human Resources; requiring the definition of "single-family residence" to include a halfway house for persons who have been released from prison; revising the definition of "halfway house for recovering alcohol and drug abusers"; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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

Motion carried.

By Senator Hardy:

Senate Bill No. 283—AN ACT relating to economic diversification; creating the Committee for the Economic Diversification of Nevada; providing for its organization, powers and duties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 284—AN ACT relating to education; requiring the Superintendent of Public Instruction to prepare a compilation of certain information for inclusion in the biennial budgetary request for the State Distributive School Account; providing that a certain percentage in the ending fund balance of the general fund of a school district is not subject to

negotiations; revising provisions governing the calculation of basic support to provide kindergarten for a full school day; authorizing school districts to develop alternative plans for the reduction of pupil-teacher ratios in certain grades; making various appropriations for education and for educational personnel; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

By Senator Lee:

Senate Bill No. 285—AN ACT relating to the Nevada National Guard; providing for the reimbursement to certain members of the Nevada National Guard of premiums paid for coverage under certain policies of group life insurance; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

By Senators Horsford and Wiener:

Senate Bill No. 286—AN ACT relating to education; directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study regarding career and technical high schools; requiring the Clark County School District to construct a career and technical high school within a certain area of Clark County; requiring the Department of Education to conduct a public awareness campaign regarding career and technical high schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Nolan moved that Senate Standing Rule No. 40 be suspended and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

Senator Amodei moved that the Senate recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 10:42 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 10:47 a.m.

President Hunt presiding.

Quorum present.

Assembly Bill No. 79.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 141.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 164.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Government Affairs.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 155.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 73.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 73:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 73 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 92.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 92:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 92 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 108.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 108:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 108 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Bill No. 138.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Assembly Bill No. 138:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Assembly Bill No. 138 having received a constitutional majority, Madam President declared it passed.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate recess until 11:15 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate in recess at 11:05 a.m.

SENATE IN SESSION

At 11:22 a.m.

President Hunt presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

Senate Resolution No. 4—Inducting Joseph M. Neal, Jr., into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joe" M. Neal, Jr., was first elected to the Senate in 1972, becoming the first African-American member of the Senate, and represented with great spirit and integrity the residents of Clark County in the Nevada Legislature from 1973 to 2004 for a total of 32 years, one of the longest tenures in the Senate in Nevada history; and

WHEREAS, In his long and distinguished career in the Senate, Joe Neal served as Senate President Pro Tempore, Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader and Assistant Minority Floor Leader and chaired both the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments in the Legislature, Senator Neal led the fight to establish the state holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., and championed civil rights and equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Senator Neal also fought for reforming Nevada's tax system to benefit the average resident of this State and sponsored legislation strengthening Nevada's fire protection codes; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his legislative career, Senator Neal spoke eloquently and debated fiercely on behalf of the disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, Senator Neal also distinguished himself through his mastery of the rules of parliamentary procedure and knowledge of legislative rules; and

WHEREAS, Senator Neal enhanced his legislative service by playing an active role in philanthropic endeavors by serving the Clark County community in leadership positions on numerous boards, commissions and foundations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Joseph M. Neal, Jr., who dedicated 32 years of his life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada as a member of the Legislature and in other public capacities, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Titus moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Titus, Horsford, Wiener, McGinness, Care, Washington, Raggio, Amodei, Mathews and Schneider.

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

SENATOR TITUS:

I am pleased and honored to speak in favor of this resolution, which helps to recognize and celebrate the distinguished public service career of Senator Joe Neal. Senator Neal's "larger-than-life" presence has dominated the halls of this Legislature for over 30 years. His booming voice on the floor of this Chamber will never be equaled. Indeed, Senator Neal is acknowledged by both ally and opponent alike as being the greatest orator in the history of this State. His eloquence derives from his academic knowledge, from his vast experience and from his compassion for those who are about to be affected by the actions that we are about to take. When Joe stands to speak, a hush falls over the room. Everyone, including Legislators, staff, the press, the lobbyists in the back, all stop to listen. He speaks from the heart. He fears nothing. He deftly parries any argument, and he does not hesitate to attack those who he believes turn a blind eye to injustice.

He has moved me to tears on more than one occasion. Senator Neal is also known as a constitutional scholar. He is an expert on both the United States and the State of Nevada Constitutions. Do not engage this man in a debate about the founding fathers or the Federalist Papers. He knows more than any professor I have ever encountered. Knowledge of the legislative rules is also Senator Neal's forte. He has probably committed Mason's Manual to memory. It is impossible to "pull one over" on Joe when it comes to proper procedure. I will never forget the night, and you may remember it too, when the Republicans stormed off the floor. The Democrats remained, and because there had not been a call to adjourn, Senator Neal advised us to call for a quorum. We did that, and the Legislative Police were sent to find a few Republicans who happened to be nearby. I will never forget the sight of Senator Ann O'Connell coming back into the building in her pajamas.

More recently, during the Twenty-first Special Session, we were sitting in the Democratic caucus room and the telephone rang. It was Senator Neal, who had been listening to the proceedings on the Internet, calling to give advice on how we should have done something a little differently when it came to procedure. Had he been here with us, it might have turned out a little differently.

Senator Neal's legislative agenda has always been an ambitious and aggressive one. Whether he was fighting for voting rights or against racial profiling, he has never relented. He has never shied from controversy, and he has never cowered in the face of enormous opposition. Senator Neal is much more than a role model. He is a man who has changed the face of this State. He is a man who has made history. Although he has left the Senate as we know Senator Neal, he is very much involved in things that go on. He is going to keep calling it as he sees it, unbought and un-bossed. Senator Neal's shoes are too big to ever fill, but he must feel some sense of gratification that he has left his beloved constituents in the hands of the young and able new senator, Senator Horsford.

Joe Neal likes to quote Abraham Lincoln and used to do it frequently on the floor. He actually reminds me more of Benjamin Franklin with a twinkling eye and always an amusing anecdote. Senator Hardy told me about one evening he spent four hours listening to old tales Joe told about people in times past. More than that, the reason Joe reminds me of Benjamin Franklin is that Benjamin Franklin's guiding principle was a dislike of everything that tended to debase the spirit of the common man. Few of Franklin's fellow founders felt this kind of comfort with democracy, and few of Senator Neal's colleagues can claim such a proud legacy. We will all be reminded of that legacy every day when we see Senator Neal's picture hanging in the hall. That will have to do until he finishes that book that I hope he is writing to recount the history of Nevada in recent decades and all the changes he has seen. He has been a major catalyst for many of those changes. Besides, nobody knows where the bodies are buried as well as Senator Neal.

SENATOR HORSFORD:

I, too, rise in support of the resolution inducting Senator Joe Neal into the Senate Hall of Fame. Senator Neal is a statesman like no other. He has championed causes and used his position in the State Senate to represent those who had no voice. As the first African American

elected to the State Senate, Senator Neal has faced challenges that people in my generation have only read about. While my peers and I may never be able to fully understand what it took for him to stand firm in the midst of these challenges, I appreciate him for forging the way for others to follow.

Senator Neal took on issues, became a master of the process and represented our community with commitment and dedication. I am truly thankful for what he has done. While he is retired from public life, he will always be Senator Joe Neal.

SENATOR WIENER:

Senator Neal, I want to address this to you. He has and does often tell me, "Get up and talk it, don't read it." To honor that request, I am going to "talk it," today, with no notes or script. I first had an exchange with Senator Joe Neal the day after the election in 1996. He called me early and said, "Senator Wiener, I knew you could do it." I was not so sure, but he was sure. He said he had watched me throughout the campaign, and he knew the victory would be mine. Little did I know the impact of that conversation as the years transpired since then. We all know Joe Neal as a Legislator, and I would like to reflect upon my first day after being sworn in. I sat on the third row wondering what I was doing there. I looked down at Senator Neal as he rose to talk about Martin Luther King. His eloquence was immeasurable. I was awed. He spoke, and I thought to myself, "Here is a natural place to conclude," thinking he would sit down. He took a breath and continued. I got to the point where I thought he had a second natural conclusion; he took a breath and continued. When he finally concluded his remarks, I realized that I had not heard anything so well stated about such a historic figure. We had a technical problem that first day of the Sixty-ninth Session and his remarks were not recorded. Not to be daunted or set aback, the next legislative day Senator Neal rose and spoke about Martin Luther King all over again, and I am not sure if there was a sentence repeated because he was so well versed on the subject. The remarks were to be remembered.

We know him as a Legislator, and I certainly know him as an eloquent Legislator. I sat behind him for three sessions. I got a different perspective on Senator Neal than most; I got the "rear-view" perspective. I know when he wanted to make a point, he made sure to turn around and make eye contact with me to ascertain my level of commitment to his statement. I also knew that every time he stood, I was also on camera. I had to be careful of my own demeanor. Thank you for that Senator Neal.

One time, in the Senate Committee on Transportation, I had no seniority and I was sitting on the end next to Senator Neal. I was reviewing my notes from having studied the bills the night before being religious about my commitment to my committee work. He was leaning back, much as he is now, eyes closed as he was reflecting on something. He said, "Hotdog, I understand that when attorneys are assigned my bills downstairs, they get nervous about it even to the point of intimidation." He paused and asked, "Are you intimidated by me?" I paused, turned around, made eye contact with him and said, "You should be so lucky."

Joe often spoke on the floor or in committee about things that others of us might feel uncomfortable addressing. He challenged us in ways we might not have wanted to be challenged. That is what we know about Joe, as a Legislator. I want to talk about Joe's commitment to friendship. If you looked at the two of us, you may have wondered why we became friends. We did. We have continued that friendship well beyond the halls. Joe is a friend. He defines friend in the dictionary. Whether I need someone to talk to at a moment there is no one else, he is the one who calls. I do not know how he knows, but he is the one who calls. When I need someone to fix something, whether it is a piece of exercise equipment in my apartment here or a screen door at home or something that is technical beyond my knowledge, Joe is the one who volunteers. When I need a ride somewhere, he is the one who delivers the chariot. He never questions and always comes with a smile, twinkle in his eye, his giggle and a long story to tell. I do not always agree with Joe. I can say we disagree often. He has an uncanny way of delivering his message. That giggle, no matter how serious the issue, is enough to disarm anybody who would want to take him on.

We do not often talk about the relationships we develop in this legislative body and beyond. Election night 2002 when everybody was rallying with their supporters, Joe had run for statewide office and should have been with those supporters and friends who stood by him in

that campaign. He was not with them. He was sitting in a rocking chair next to my bed, watching me vigilantly during my recovery from surgery. I had just gotten home, and he wanted to make sure I was not left alone. He visited me every day or called me because as a friend, Joe did not want me to be alone. We do not see Joe's car in the parking lot with number two anymore, and that is the rank of seniority that he reached. "Joe, you are number 1 in my heart." I want to thank you for serving the State of Nevada as a Legislator and the rest of us as friend.

SENATOR MCGINNESS:

I do not think we will ever see a student of the legislative process better than Senator Neal. As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Taxation, I can say, "We miss you, and it has been six weeks, and no one has taken a run at the big gamers."

SENATOR CARE:

I rise in support of the resolution also. I first met Joe Neal when I was a young reporter in Las Vegas. I followed a story in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and I am convinced we would not have a coroner's inquest in Clark County were it not for the involvement of Joe Neal. My wife, Jenny, sat on the board of directors with him on the Economic Opportunity Board. Joe would come to Channel 13 to address our editorial board on occasion, and he did not hold back on anything. I never dreamed I would be in the Senate with him, but I had a good idea of what kind of a man he was before I got here.

I want to be brief, the last speech he gave during last session, it was apparent to me that he was concerned about what should be the sanctity of the process and the independence of the Legislative Branch of the government. That was an issue during the last session and I hope it does not come to that again, but I remember Joe's words as he departed the floor after that last session. The Minority Leader talked about that night also. My first session, I had never heard of the "Call of the House," and I really did not know what that was. I thought it was a poker hand or something. I was with Senator Neal when there was some confusion about the missing Republicans. I remember someone from Legislative Counsel Bureau said to the good Senator, "Would it be okay if we just made a couple of phone calls and got two of them to come in here to make a quorum?" Senator Neal's response to that was, "Heck no. I want you to use your powers and go out and arrest all those sons of guns." It did not come to that, but I do remember it well.

Joe, I want to thank you for your inspiration. In 2002, we had a little disagreement about your campaign, but I want you to know I did vote for you. I would do it again.

SENATOR WASHINGTON:

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise in support of this resolution for Senator Neal. I had an opportunity once to do a sermon about a man and his legacy. I would like to talk about Senator Neal's legend.

I first heard about Joe Neal when I was a junior in high school in the early 1970s. He was a man who was big among my peers. Senator Neal was the first Black Legislator, the first Black Senator. We knew and read about Joe Neal. We all looked up to him. He was a handsome devil. I wondered if I could ever match his footsteps and if I could ever meet this man. I finally met Senator Neal and shook his hand. I was in awe because he had blazed a trail. He had opened some doors. He had set a path that men like myself or young women would be able to say that someone made it, someone did it. He was a legend but was real and concrete.

When I finally made it to this esteemed body, I got a chance to see Senator Neal work. As I watched him work, I saw he was a student of parliamentary procedures. He knew his bills. Just to watch the master at work was an awesome sight. As you look throughout this audience, you see an array of people he has touched, people of all races. He has been the warrior, the fighter and the voice that would speak in the wilderness. That is his legacy now. The testimony of his legacy is the people that surround him and the hearts and the people he has touched.

As I look at him now, I wonder if I will ever be able to match that legacy. I am not trying to reach that legacy because it speaks for itself. I had an occasion once to debate Senator Neal on the floor. It was during the welfare reform bill. He got up and blasted the bill and made me feel not so tall. As he kept going, I just sunk down in my seat, and the more he spoke, the smaller I felt. When my opportunity came, I was really scared. I thought, oh Lord, what am I going to do

now? He challenged me, and I had to get up and say something. I gave a speech not so much because it just bubbled up in my soul or out of my heart; I gave a speech out of fear because I was afraid of him. He challenged me which I thought was all right. I will never forget that.

I just want to tell Senator Neal that his legacy speaks volumes for him not only in the south but also up north. Senator Neal, everyone loves you. Everyone knows you. Everyone admires the work you have done. Even walking into this body, it was you that I looked to for help and guidance, and you were there. Thank you, Senator Neal.

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Madam President and members of the Senate. It is difficult to enlarge upon what has already been said about this gentleman.

Senator Neal and I came to the Legislature in 1972. It was difficult to outlast him, and I never thought I would. On many occasions, we both threatened to leave here. When we came to this building in 1972, times were far different than they are today. It was a different world, a different State, and it was a different Legislature. Nevada was relatively small. It was growing, but no one could envision what the State of Nevada would develop into in the future. During the 32-year span that has passed since we both arrived as freshmen, much has changed. At that time, Senator Neal and I were so far apart that it was difficult for us to sit down and discuss an issue. That was true for the entire Senate at that time. However, over the years, we both had the same commitment. We wanted to do what was best for the State of Nevada. We are of different parties and may have taken different paths at times, but Senator Neal never took his eye off that goal.

Senator Neal is one of the most dedicated, committed individuals I have ever had the privilege to work with. On many occasions, he gave wonderful remarks about Reverend Martin Luther King. He tried every year to get a Martin Luther King holiday while the Democrats controlled the Senate. He was never able to do it, but the first time the Republicans were in power in the Senate, we put through the Martin Luther King holiday.

We have had exchanges and have not always agreed, but I have always admired and respected his demeanor, his attitude and his dedication to this process. The Senate of the State of Nevada is a better institution because people like Senator Neal have served in it. We argued and though he got a little bit histrionic at times, maybe we had to throw a little water on him to cool him down, but we always respected what he had to say even if sometimes it took a little longer than necessary for him to say it. I reminded him of that earlier this morning.

I wish to add my personal respect and admiration to this well-deserved recognition, and I say so on behalf of all of who serve on the majority party at this time. Senator Neal, your years of service are appreciated. This is a better State for the fact that you have served here. Your constituency was well served. You are a legend. We admire you and respect you.

SENATOR AMODEI:

Thank you, Madam President. I would like to share the perspective of someone who comes from the opposite end of the State. Senator Neal, I think your best years in the Senate were the ones in which I served.

Many a time, I watched as Senator Mark James who chaired Judiciary argued with you throughout the 1999 and 2001 session. They would go at it debating about what decisions had come out of Judiciary. I would sit back and be thankful that there were people from Las Vegas to do the arguing. I was just happy to be here and to not be one of them. Then, I made the mistake of introducing a bill my first session that had to do with the Nevada Day holiday that a relative of mine had introduced a similar bill 60 years ago. The day the bill was introduced, Senator Neal rose from his desk and headed towards mine. I hoped he was coming my way to fight with Mark James who sat next to me. But, he stopped, leaned over my desk and said, "You think because your uncle did something on this bill, that you have the right to have a bill on it?" I thought, "Okay, I will withdraw the bill."

Much to my fear, after running for reelection and being reelected, I showed up at my caucus meeting for the 2003 session, and my caucus mates said, "We want you to chair Judiciary." I pointed out there are many senior people available for that job. There was Senator McGinness and Senator Washington. I said I had never been on the committee. Moreover, the whole time we were discussing this, I was thinking the reason Mark James is not in the Senate anymore is

because of Joe Neal. In caucus, I said, "No. I have never been on the committee. I do not like lawyers. That is why I am on Senator Townsend's committee." There are stories about how this caucus gets along. They were unanimous. They smiled and said, "You chair Judiciary. You deal with Joe Neal on the floor."

Well, we tried several things to deal with Joe Neal. We had floor statements from committees. I told my committee people, "Get Joe Neal his own Judiciary floor statement book. Make sure he gets all the floor statements from Judiciary." We had Judiciary batting practice caps. We made certain Joe Neal got one. We tried buying him off but to no avail. I decided since I was one of the younger members, I would play the physical card on him. The first time I grabbed his shoulders I realized I could not even get my arms around him. I decided at that point, the physical card would not work either.

Now, during all this, the next good news the caucus gave to me was that since Senator Jacobsen was retiring, they wanted me to be President pro Tempore. Through their phenomenal unanimity, they reasoned that when Joe Neal stands up and starts talking about something and the Lieutenant Governor is not there, then it is my job to shut him up.

I remember looking down from the podium on a few occasions while Senator Neal was talking and seeing Senator Raggio giving me the high sign to stop him talking. I remember thinking, "I think I can outrun Raggio, but I don't think I can beat Neal."

For a guy who just wanted to mind his own business from Carson City, to have to deal with the "Bear" from North Las Vegas, it was quite the cultural experience in terms of "you better learn on the fly, and if you make a mistake, it is big trouble."

Senator Neal, your last session was a significant session for everyone in the State and for the history of this institution. There are three things I think of when I think of this man who is a statewide legend. When push comes to shove, regardless of your political beliefs or regardless of anything else, Joe Neal is best described in two words—"Good people." Senator Neal, during that last session, as the protector of this branch of government and the protector of this House of the Legislature, I was phenomenally proud of you. Lastly, I miss you. It is good to see you.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise in support of this resolution and of my friend, Joe Neal. When Bishop Cox was bishop of our church, he used to say to us, "If there ever is going to be a Black fellow in Carson City in the Senate, it is going to be that Joe Neal." In 1970, Bishop Cox died and my father became Bishop of the State of Nevada for the Church of God in Christ. My father said there is a young man running for office, and he encouraged everyone to listen to him speak. Joe Neal came to all the churches. He spoke, and he listened to the people. I went to Las Vegas one time to hear this mighty man, Joe Neal, speak. It was in that service that I first heard him, and I shall never forget it.

My father admired him. My family admired him. He was my mentor when I came here 18 years later. He was the first Black male, and I was the first Black female to serve in this body. He gave me some advice that I will never forget. I thank you, Joe, and I miss you. I have called him many times. Often he will not pick up the phone, but when I say, "pick up the phone" sometimes he will, and he will say, "What do you want?"

I miss you, Joe. Thank you for all the advice. I never did learn to speak publicly, but I did take all your advice. I do read my bills because of you. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHNEIDER:

I, too, rise in support of this resolution. They moved me from my lofty seat in the back row to this space that used to be the seat that belonged to Joe Neal. As I sit here, I notice the cord on the microphone is awfully short. I think the Majority Leader kept trying to get the cord shorter and shorter perhaps to shorten the speeches coming from this chair. I had to call maintenance to loosen up the cord so I could stand up and talk.

I served a few sessions in the Assembly. In my first session, I had a bill that was passed out of the Assembly and sent to the Senate. I thought the people on this side were pretty old. I thought half of them would not show up to the committee meeting and the other half would be sleeping. I thought, "This will be easy getting this bill through." Well, Senator Neal was leaning back in his chair with his eyes closed, and I was certain he was snoring. I knew I heard him. I tried to take the easy route as I gave my testimony. Then, I heard him, "Mister Chairman, I have

a question," he stated. He fired a question at me, and I was amazed wondering how did he think of that? I thought he was asleep and not listening. I could not answer and, boy, did I sweat. When I moved to the Senate and sat next to him on a few committees, again, I could swear he was sleeping. However, here, again, came that question, "Mister Chairman." Pity the poor lobbyist who did not have their homework done.

The first session I spent in the Senate, I was the Minority Whip. I had to get the votes together. The Governor called me once and asked me to get the votes on an issue. Sometimes, Senator Neal and I did not get along, but I told the Governor I would get the vote from him. I asked Senator Neal for his vote on the issue. He said he would give me his vote. The Governor's people called me during that week to see if I had the vote. I told them, yes. He gave me his word. A week later, we had the vote. The Governor called me after the floor session and asked how I got Senator Neal's vote. I told him I asked him for it. It was easy. I found out with Senator Neal, once he gave you his word, that was it. If you asked him to be there next month, you did not have to remind him; he would be there. I appreciated working with him. I know that I am the minor league even though I sit in this seat. Senator Neal went past the major league. He is the Hall of Fame.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Raggio requested that the remarks of former Senator Joseph M. Neal Jr. be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR NEAL:

Thank you, Madam President, the Majority Leader, Minority Leader and members of the Senate. I am humbled by your remarks today. I remind you to remain true to the process. Also, remember the people who elected you and treat them well. Do not treat them as a horse would do to a cold wind. If you do not know what that means, ask Senator Rhoads.

I thank you for this honor. I am pleased to be here. I have part of my family here, today. My daughter, the doctor, could not make it because she could not get off work and my daughter in pharmacy could not make it here because of the rainstorm. However, my older daughter, Cherisse, and my younger daughter, the lawyer, Dena, are here. John, James, Alexandra and Estelle are my grandchildren and are pleased to be here to listen to what has been said today about their grandfather.

Thank you for this honor.

By Senators Raggio, Titus, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Townsend, Washington and Wiener:

Senate Resolution No. 5—Inducting Dr. Raymond D. Rawson into the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Raymond D. Rawson, D.D.S., M.A., who represented the residents of Clark County Senatorial District No. 6 in the Nevada Legislature for a total of 20 years, from 1985 to 2004, served in many leadership positions, including Chairman of both the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities and the Legislative Committee on Health Care, as well as Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rawson also served as Chairman of the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada and as Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader and Assistant Minority Floor Leader, as well as a member of the Interim Finance Committee and numerous other standing and interim study committees; and

WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments in the Nevada Legislature, Dr. Rawson sponsored legislation that resulted in class-size reduction in the public schools and served as an ardent supporter of and advocate for higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rawson also promoted programs to provide dental health services to children and other needy residents throughout the State, sponsored legislation that revised laws concerning communicable diseases and was the principal proponent of establishing the Fund to Stabilize the Operation of the State Government (the "Rainy Day Fund"); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rawson, a nationally recognized expert in both education and public health, served in leadership positions of prominent public policy organizations, including serving as Chairman of the National Conference of State Legislatures' Committee on Children, Families, and Health, as an Executive Committee Member of the Education Commission of the States and as Executive Commissioner of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Raymond D. Rawson, D.D.S., M.A., with gratitude for his long and dedicated service to the legislative process and to the people of the State of Nevada, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio, Hardy, Mathews, Nolan, Wiener, Titus, Washington and Horsford.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Madam President and members of the Senate. It gives me great personal pleasure to move for adoption of this resolution. Over the years, we have acknowledged many former members of the Senate. I do not know of any two people who have more deserved this recognition than Senator Rawson and Senator Neal.

Together, they comprise 52 years of service in this body. Senator Rawson served here for 20 years. He was born in Sandy, Utah, and moved to Las Vegas when he was ten. He attended school there and graduated in the first class at the University Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), with a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology and chemistry. At that time, he was active in student government at UNLV. He earned his M.A. degree in physical anthropology from UNLV. I think we can forgive him his first ten years and consider him a native Nevadan. He graduated from dental school at the University of California at Loma Linda. He returned to practice in Las Vegas. After ten years in private practice, he decided to work with the Community College System to develop a dental hygiene program where he could have a hand in training the best-qualified dental professionals. The dental program at the Community College of Southern Nevada is considered a model for other programs throughout the United States because it is coupled with a faculty practice where students get a real-life clinical experience. During his 25 years with that University and Community College System, Senator Rawson has always been an ardent supporter of higher education and was appointed Director of Dental Programs for the University System.

He was first elected to the Nevada Legislature from Clark County Senatorial District No. 6 in 1984. Senator Rawson served for 20 continuous years. His tenure as a Senator included ten regular sessions and five special sessions. Senator Rawson's leadership positions included serving as Senate Assistant Majority Floor Leader. He was truly a right arm for me during the time I served as Majority Leader. He served as Assistant Minority Floor Leader during the one year that the Democrats took over in 1991. He was Chair of the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Facilities in 1987-1989 and 1993-1994, 1997-1998 and 2001-2002. That is one of the hardest working committees in the Senate. He was Chair of the Legislative Committee on Health Care, Chair of the Task Force for the Fund for a Healthy Nevada and Vice Chair for the Senate Committee on Finance until the end of his service. Senator Rawson also served as a member of the Interim Finance Committee and numerous other standing and interim study committees.

Among his many accomplishments in the Legislature, Senator Rawson held a prominent role in overseeing the state budget and sponsored legislation resulting in class-size reduction in the

public schools. It was Senator Rawson who insisted on accountability in all programs dealing with grades K-12 and higher education. Anytime we had any issue involving health, we went to Senator Rawson. Senator Rawson championed programs for those who were disadvantaged or who needed services. I do not know of anyone who had more compassion in this Legislature during the years in which I have served than did Senator Rawson. He was not a Senator who arrived at 8:00 a.m. and left at 5:00 p.m. He was here full time. He met with people from early in the morning until late at night on issues that came before this Senate. He took time to meet with people day and night. He had time for everyone. I do not know of any Senator during the 32 years I have served who gave more of his time to issues, ideas, people needs than did he. He was always willing to participate. He could not say "no."

Senator Rawson revised Nevada's communicable disease statutes, promoted programs to provide dental-health services to children and other needy residents statewide. He was the principal proponent of establishing the State's Rainy Day Fund. It was a good thing we had it last session. Without Senator Rawson, we would not have had it. He was an advocate for keeping it until it was really needed. I think of Senator Rawson every time we put a dollar into the Fund.

He authored the legislation to acquire the land so necessary to the Community College program. In addition to all of his Senate service, Senator Rawson is a nationally recognized expert in both education and public health. He has served in leadership positions of prominent public-policy organizations all across this Country. There is a list of articles he has written, a list of affiliations, a list of recognitions that would take our full journal if we put all of his accomplishments in it. I do not know of anyone who has so many achievements. He has been given many prestigious awards. They include Legislator of the Year, Nevada Association of Social Workers; Dentist of the Year 1997; and Man of the Year, Family-to-Family Connection of Clark County. He served on the State Education Commission and the Western Interstate Commission of Higher Education. So much has depended on his commitment and purpose.

In addition, he is active in his church and his community. He reached one of the highest recognitions within his own church. His professional affiliations and achievements include awards in the fields of dentistry and involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and work with childhood diabetes. He received the distinguished award of the Silver Beaver for serving for over 40 years as a scoutmaster and board member. All of us who know him know of his dedication to his family. His family has always come first. That is a measure of a true individual.

He has served as an adjunct professor at both the University of Nevada, Reno, School of Medicine, and at UNLV. He continues to teach in a volunteer position at the Community College of Southern Nevada and is still an active voice in the challenges that face the State.

Senator Rawson is a quiet, soft-spoken person, but when he talks, you listen. He is one of the kindest people I have ever known. He is not only a colleague, but he is someone I look up to. When my temper gets out of hand, he calms me down. He is a conscience and a mentor. He is diligent, intelligent, introspective and always considers the feelings of others. He always wonders how a bill will affect one group or another. He is caring. He is recognized for having an ability to find common ground on which to build, rather than focusing on differences, while always upholding his personal motto of "character counts."

I am pleased to recognize both Senator Neal and Senator Rawson for their work. I did not know either of them before they came to the Senate, but I developed a great deal of respect for them both during the years we served together. They both have made this a far better place in which to serve.

Senator Rawson leaves a legacy to this State for his commitment to public purpose.

SENATOR HARDY:

It is an honor for me to be able to stand in support of this resolution. I can state, with a level of certainty, I would not be involved in the political process if it were not for Senator Rawson. I am not sure if I should hug him or slug him.

I broke into this game as a member of the Young Republicans in the 1980s. There was a group of us that decided we wanted to be involved in public life, and no one encouraged that more than Senator Rawson. He was always the one to stand up and say, "the young people of this State need to be involved in this process."

Senator Rawson was always someone I could turn to for support and advice. His support and advice continued when I was elected to the Assembly in 1991, and I appreciated his counsel, wisdom and experience of the process when I came to the Senate.

The one thing I never received from Senator Rawson was political advice. In all the years I sought out his guidance and advice, I never saw him consider the political consequences of what he was doing. Last session was my first term in the Senate but my 14th year in the building in one capacity or another. I knew we were headed for a difficult session, but I do not think any of us realized how difficult it would be. I benefited from Senator Rawson's counsel often during that session. One night while the two of us were alone in the caucus room discussing and debating the dilemma that was going on, I, as a young freshman, worried about my political career. I asked him about the political ramifications and consequences of what was going on. He genuinely looked at me as if he had no thought about the political ramifications and said, "It does not matter; you cannot consider it. You have to do what is right." I felt ashamed for bringing it up.

Senator Rawson's legacy in my life and career is that I will never again ask that question, and in Senator Rawson's honor, I will always endeavor to do what I think is right regardless of the consequences. I am a better Senator and man for having known Senator Rawson.

SENATOR MATHEWS:

I rise in support of this resolution. Senator Rawson is a special man to me. I first met Senator Rawson when we were both employees of the University and Community College System of Nevada. He was involved with the health science programs in the southern part of this State and I was director of the health science and nursing programs in the northern part. We would often meet in Las Vegas, probably because he was the doctor and I was the nurse.

When I came to the Senate, I was on my first Senate committee assignment to the Committee on Human Resources, and Senator Rawson was my chair. I could not have asked for a better chair. He was so kind and patient. I had a "potty" mouth at that time, and he would look over at me with a look that made me ashamed after I had spoken. His look would say, "Now, you know you should not have said that, Bernice. If only your father had heard you say that."

Senator Rawson tolerated me as a young Senator and permitted me to say some things that most people would not have permitted me to say. Senator Rawson allowed me to grow in that committee. I am not certain which direction I grew, but I did grow. You cannot be here ten years and not grow a little bit.

I can only remember Senator Rawson being angry once. I am not certain the word "angry" is a correct term either, but this one time, someone had pushed him to the wall, and Senator Rawson made it clear that his kindness did not mean he was weak. Sometimes people took that for granted. I will never forget that day he made it quite clear he was kind, in control and in no way weak.

Senator Rawson was a pleasure to work with. I epitomize Senator Rawson with a little saying that hangs on my wall at home. "And in quietness and in peace, shall be that peace," Senator Rawson.

SENATOR NOLAN:

I would like to rise in support of this resolution for Senator Rawson. As a freshmen ten years ago in the Assembly, and before they had orientation, I sat down in your seat a day before the session started, and it did not take me long before I realized I was a small ship in a big storm. I was constantly looking for a "port," someone who would give me good counsel and direction. Quite often, Senator Rawson would be that "port." He would look for freshmen who looked lost, and it did not matter whether you were in the Senate or the Assembly.

I remember bringing my first bill from the Assembly to the Senate for a committee hearing before Senator Rawson. He looked at me and then at what was to become a sorry piece of legislation. I do not think we got far into the hearing before he said we could go ahead and meet on this bill in his office afterwards. We met, and he gave me some excellent counsel on what to do with that piece of legislation. That moment started a wonderful relationship with Senator Rawson.

I looked to him not only for counsel on matters of legislation but because we had an interest in the medical field. I often sought his counsel on professional and personal matters. As it has

already been said, Senator Rawson is a quiet and soft spoken man with a deep-seeded wisdom he would share with you. That wisdom shared was rarely wrong.

When we would meet in caucus after floor sessions, the gloves would come off. Senator Rawson would sit patiently and quietly taking it all in, like he is doing now. Then when the smoke settled, Senator Rawson would clear his voice, and everyone would be quite. Timing was everything with Senator Rawson. He would make a remark that would put everyone at ease or bring the issue full circle, then give us counsel. We always found great solace in what Senator Rawson had to say.

As Senator Rawson came in to the Senate today, I wanted him to take his chair because I feel absolutely inadequate being here in this position. This position looked easy when Senator Rawson sat as the Assistant Majority Leader, but when you are sitting here, there is much more to it. With the Majority Leader on my side, I try to stay out of arms length, but I am never out of ear shot. I feel like an albatross in this position, a position that came so natural to Senator Rawson. I want you to know you were a mentor to me. You still are a mentor to me. I will always appreciate your counsel. You are considered one of the most honest, ethical and conscientious Senators that will ever serve in this body. Thank you for all you have given to me and this State.

SENATOR WIENER:

I rise in support of this resolution. Senator Rawson is known as a teacher but the ultimate teacher. He is known to be a listener, but he is the ultimate listener for those of us who need to spend a little less time talking and a lot more time listening. His quiet nature serves many purposes and a big part of that is to process, remember and to get perspective. No one that I have met in this building has greater perspective of past, present and, probably, future.

In terms of leadership, I want to give Linda a little credit for raising a family of 7 children with 21 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. You have to be a leader in order to work with a family of that size. I want to thank Linda for lending her love and support to a man who shared that with us because he learned so much from her as well and is still learning.

Ray Rawson is a generous man, out of pocket and out of heart. I was pondering whether to share a story of a personal experience. I will so that you can know the depth of his commitment to the people that he calls friend. When we had a story in the newspaper about what would happen if we had to clear the building because of a terrorist attack, Senator Rawson and I were grabbing a bite to eat. He was quiet while we were parting company, and I was getting ready to go to my car. I knew he had something to share so I stopped and he did not say it in many words, but he knows I do not have much of a family to count on down south. Not having parents, husband or children, I am sort of out there like an island. Senator Rawson said, "If something happened here, I would make sure you get home." I cannot tell you how much that meant to me to know that I had a family in Senator Rawson.

Senator Rawson is generous with his knowledge, insights and his heart. One Friday, Senator Rawson had talked to me earlier about chairing the committee that day. As everyone was announcing the committee meetings, I stood and announced Human Resources would meet directly following floor session. You reminded me that we would not be able to take votes without the chair and vice chair. I was not planning on it, but I thought it was nice to be reminded, and you understood that Senator Rawson was allowing me to have the opportunity to take a leadership role in a committee that I love.

Senator Rawson was the chair for four sessions of the Committee on Human Resources, a committee that I love. Through his encouragement to grow and explore that committee, I experienced an adventure where he nurtured our opportunities to explore and go where we would not have gone with only the letter of the law in front of us. He allowed the witnesses to bring forth the humanity and the human connection to the legislation we considered; those are the adventures I remember.

Senator Rawson is a man who is consistently solution oriented but never forgets the importance of the process to get there equitably and honorably. It is such a privilege to know Senator Rawson, another Las Vegas High School graduate, a man who would probably be proud to wear red and black wherever he goes. It has been a privilege for the first eight years to serve with Senator Rawson and to know that not only those of us in these halls have the pride of the

work that you have shared with us. What an honor it is to recognize the merit of what you have contributed to our State and to know that other Nevadans who will follow us and visit this building will be able to recognize and appreciate your service to Nevada.

SENATOR TITUS:

I, too, rise in support of this resolution recognizing the many accomplishments of Senator Rawson. He is truly an honorable man who served with distinction. With his quiet voice, his unassuming demeanor and his steady hand, he moved this State forward in many policy areas, ranging from higher education to aid for the disabled which directly affect the lives of every Nevadan.

We are all indebted to him and are privileged to have had him as a colleague, both in the Senate and in academe.

SENATOR WASHINGTON:

I also rise in support of this resolution. I want to honor Senator Rawson and to let him know it is a privilege to actually chair his committee. I learned a lot from Senator Rawson, watching him work. He is a tactician, knows exactly what he is doing, and he is well versed on the issues and in the subject matter. My first term here, I was pretty fiery and brash and my temper was showing disdain towards colleagues as they spoke on an issue. Senator Rawson took me aside one day and said, "Young man, you do not need to be as harsh and brash as you are. You can still get your point across with a still, small and quiet voice." I took that advice to heart and tried to learn from it. I try to operate in a manner that I think would be honorable to Senator Rawson. I was fortunate to have served as his vice-chair and to have learned much from him. I will try to follow in his footsteps in a manner that he would be proud of. Thank you, Senator Rawson.

SENATOR HORSFORD:

I also rise in support of this resolution. I would be remiss if I did not stand and congratulate Senator Rawson and all he has done for our State, specifically, as it relates to education and health care. I can honestly say as members of this body have already indicated his commitment to these issues is preceded only by his desire to help those who are less fortunate. Senator Rawson respects others even when he does not agree with them. He knows how to bring people together. I think he is a great man of integrity. His wife, Linda Rawson, deserves some honor here, today, as well for her service to our community. I had the opportunity to serve with her on the Board of the National Conference of Community Injustice. Getting to know her was a great privilege for me, and she deserves some appreciation for sharing Senator Rawson with us these many years.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Raggio requested that the remarks of former Senator Raymond D. Rawson be entered in the Journal.

FORMER SENATOR RAWSON:

Thank you, Madam President, the Majority Leader, Minority Leader and to all of you, today.

It is interesting to see the phases of our lives. I thought college was the greatest time of my life; then, I was married, and we started our family, and I thought that was the greatest time. However, the Senate was an exceptional time, a time of growth, one full of meaning to me. My wife and I are in a new phase now. Just like all of the others, we did not know what it would be like. It is turning out to be the greatest time of all.

I would like to introduce my brother, Glen, and his wife, Cheryl. Glen lives in Logandale and can build anything with his hands. My daughter, Kristi, is here with her husband, Dave Cheval, and with our grandchild, Kendall. My son, Rick, and his wife, Lisa, drove here for this. My sister, Cleo, and her husband, Doc Brown, are here, today, as well as my sister-in-law, Honey Rawson, and her daughter, Gisela. I appreciate Linda Chapman coming here, today. She keeps me straightened out and organized.

It must be remembered that this is an important institution. We can aggrandize things if we are involved with it. Maybe that makes us feel more important, but there is something about this

process that we should recognize as key and fundamental and so important to the State. I appreciate the opportunity to serve and thank you for the recognition.

Senator Raggio requested that the remarks of Governor Kenny Guinn be entered in the Journal.

GOVERNOR GUINN:

I, too, rise in support of these resolutions. I have never felt so calm and as restful as I have, today, sitting here in these hallowed halls. I have not heard a negative word spoken. Only the truth has been told today. I wish I had this environment in the Office of the Governor. I sit alone without the comradery I see here.

Today, I am here because of these two gentlemen. I have known them both during my 40 years in this great State. I have worked with them in the community and as a school superintendent, as an elected officer and as a businessperson. I know of no other two people who could match their integrity, honesty and the forthrightness of these two individuals.

I believe they will walk side by side for their hands have always been out for those who have been less fortunate. They have both served as chair of the Committee on Human Resources. They both worked in the health areas. In all the conversations I have had with them, they never asked me about the budget; instead, they asked me about what I could do for those who are less fortunate.

I am here, today, to acknowledge this special privilege that will stay with them and their families for the rest of their lives. I am pleased to announce we are to name the new Mental Health Facility in Clark County the Neal-Rawson Facility. I think the naming of this great new facility will memorialize what they have done for so many people who are less fortunate than many of us. It is a pleasure for me to be a part of today's very important induction into the Senate Hall of Fame.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections the President and Secretary signed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11; Assembly Bill No. 55.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Amodei, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen.

On request of Senator Care, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jenny Care.

On request of Senator Mathews, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students and chaperones from the Bernice Mathews Elementary School: Michelle Foncault, Ena Montes, Angelina Chavez, Rosa Gomez, Ricardo Chavez, Leobarda Reyes, Sonia Baltazar, Brittney Bradley, Jon Bradley, Alexis Chavez, Andrea Contreras, Francisco Del Rio, Daniel Dominguez, Ashley Eckman, Celia Gonzalez, Jacky Guan, O'Dell Hare, Mark Landeros, Nancy Le, Edward McConnell, Roy McConnell, Daniel Moreland, Adriana Perez, Carlos Perez, Julio Rivas, Samantha Salmoran-Guillen, Johnathan Saucedo, Christian Segura, Ali Vargas, Marco Vargas, Yuxiang Wu, Juttland Alsaybar, Jeimico King Bocalig, Ryan Buzick, Michelle Cardenas, Sharayia Carter, Alejandra Estrada, Sarah Faz, Ian Fitzpatrick, Ixian Gonzalez, Evan Guido Diaz, Brenda Hernandez-Lopez, Rosio Izquierdo, Nestor Lara-Gomez, Lupita Lopez, Gabriela Mederos, Alexis Mejia Rodriguez, Conny Mendoza,

Santiago Moran-Garcia, Elizabeth Nieves, Adrian Queahpama-Scott, Jorge Segura, Veronica Sluga, Philip Manuel Soberano, Alexis Arturo Vazquez, Emmallie Walden, Yvette Abundis-Arias, Emily Aguirre, Aaron Aguirre Garcia, Jaqueline Alvarado, Hillary Baker, Kathy Barrett, Cristian Camacho, Kayla Duran, Cory Faz, Teddy Glass, Isaias Guillen, Gerardo Gutierrez-Rodriguez, Violeta Lopez, Griselda Lopez-Segura, Miles Lugo, Christina Luna, Edgar Melchor, Gina Mendoza, Viridiana Natera, Melissa Noguera, Jesse Palomera, Guillermo Reyes Barajas, Fernando Roscom, Oscar Salazar, Maria Sandoval, Juan Alfredo Vazquez, Salvador Vega; chaperones: Mary Nemitz, Rebecca Gauthier, Sara Cunningham, Rosalynda Carlton, Gregg Donnelly and Mary T. Flynn.

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Melissa Cook.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Raymond D. Rawson, Linda Rawson, Johanna Rawson, Gisela Williams, Albert Williams, Richard Rawson, Lisa Rawson, Theresa Raglin, Donna Coleman, Sam McMullen, George Ross, Joe Cane, Erin McMullen, Tema Boies, Dana Bennett, Patrick Ferrillo, Ann Lynch, Victoria Riley, Victoria Coolbaugh, Dr. Larson, Kathy Simon-Block, Glen Rawson, Cheryl Rawson, Cleo Brown, Dock Brown Jr., Linda Chapman, Lindsay Chapman, Brenda Marion, Joyce Haldeman, Steve Haldeman, Patty Charlton, Mary Ann Haag, Andrea Haag, Andrea Wagner, George Wagner, George McAlpine, Feride McAlpine, Carl Shaaf, Dave Cheval, Kristi Cheval, Kendall Cheval, Deanne Newman, Cynthia Cook, Patricia Vardakis, Pepper Sturm, Michael Hillerby, Bob Gilbert, Jan Gilbert, Yolanda Garcia, Diana Glomb, Bridget Peachay, Ron Sparks, Mary Savarese, Honey Rawson, Dana Westre, Jeannine Sherrick and Guy Rocha.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to former Senator Joseph M. Neal Jr., Celester Watkins, Doris Watkins, Dena Neal, Alexandra Neal, T. Neal, James Wilson, John Wilson, Mary Valencia Wilson, Estelle Wilson, Jon Sasser, Ciria Perez, Charisse Neal-Henry, Timothy Henry, Roberta Howard, Lucille Adin, Alberta Rederford, Ada Taylor, Patricia Fladager, Reverend Oni Cooper, Mary Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wilson, S.W. Daniels Sr., Dolores Feemster, Jan Gilbert, Dr. Angela Taylor and Benjamin Newsome.

On request of Senator Townsend, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Rhonda McGlenn.

On request of Senator Washington, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Cloyd Phillips.

On request of President Hunt, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Governor Kenny Guinn.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Thursday, March 24, 2005, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Approved:

LORRAINE T. HUNT
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate