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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
Thursday, April 20, 1995

The Assembly met at 10:38 a.m.

Hon. Willie L. Brown, Jr., Speaker of the Assembly, presiding.

Assistant Chief Clerk Lawrence A. Murman at the Desk.

Assistant Clerk Sue Walker reading.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and the following answered to their names—76:

Aguiar	Cannella	House	Murray, Willard
Alby	Conroy	Isenberg	Napolitano
Allen	Cortese	Johnson	Olberg
Alpert	Cunneen	Kaloogian	Poochigian
Archie-Hudson	Davis	Katz	Pringle
Baca	Ducheny	Knight	Rainey
Baldwin	Escutia	Knowles	Richter
Bates	Figuroa	Knox	Rogan
Battin	Firestone	Kuehl	Setencich
Boland	Friedman	Kuykendall	Speier
Bordonaro	Frusetta	Lee	Sweeney
Bowen	Callegos	Machado	Takasugi
Bowler	Goldsmith	Martinez	Thompson
Brewer	Granlund	Mazzoni	Tucker
Brown, Valerie	Hannigan	McDonald	Vasconcellos
Burton	Harvey	McPherson	Villaraigosa
Bustamante	Hauser	Morrissey	Weggeland
Caldera	Hawkins	Morrow	Woods
Campbell	Hoge	Murray, Kevin	Mr. Speaker

Quorum present.

PRAYER

Assembly Member Speier introduced Archbishop Vatché Hovsepien, Archbishop Datev Sarkissian, Pastor Der Raphael Minassian, Rev. Moushegh Mardrossian, and Rev. Yeghia Hayirabedian whereupon Archbishop Vatché Hovsepien was invited to offer the following prayer:

ARCHBISHOP VATCHÉ HOVSEPIAN, PRIMATE

Armenian Church Western Diocese:

Honorable Willie Brown, Speaker of the California State Assembly:

I am most appreciative of the kind invitation extended to us by the Speaker, the Honorable Willie Brown, a good friend of mine and of the Armenian Community.

As the spiritual and lay leaders, we bring greetings to you from the Armenian Communities living in the West coast. This year, once again, the over seven (7) million Armenians throughout the world, will gather in their respective communities to remember our

martyrs of 1915, on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The magnitude of the tragedy that befell our people was so extensive, that today, there scarcely exists an Armenian, whose family was not touched by this horrendous act of genocide. We are unable to forget these horrible events; which are indelible in our psyche.

In reality, to be victimized by genocide is tragedy enough, however, to have the Holocaust of 1915 ignored, and to have the perpetrators pronounce that it never happened, adds to our feelings of victimization and our communal sense of outrage.

In this century, . . . which is hailed as the most progressive in all of human existence, . . . we constantly observe 'the laws of the jungle,' we have moral responsibility to protest against acts of violence. The genocide of any people, no matter how small or how powerless, is an attack on all humanity. Each of us has a moral responsibility to protest against acts of brutality. It is tragedy that in the international politics there are no ethical and moral boundaries. Throughout history, it looks as though small nations are always being victimized and swallowed by the bigger powers. Let everyone know, . . . that in the sight of God, everyone is equal!

I have just returned from Armenia, a country who has risen from ashes, has survived atheistic persecutions and has now declared independence, and now is in the process of building our ancestral homeland. The entire Armenian nation, with jubilation, witnessed the enthronement of the new spiritual leader of the Armenian Church and the Armenian people, His Holiness Karekin I, Supreme Patriarch and Catholicos of All Armenians, on April 9, 1995.

For Armenia, and Armenians, these are the days of resurrection and hope for a bright future, because we are the followers of the eternal message given by our Lord, Jesus Christ:

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

We can accept the natural disasters; however, we should never accept the genocide of the Armenians; the Holocaust of the Jewish people and the destruction of the African and Asian nations, and presently, the Kurdish people.

My advice to you is to stand steadfast for justice, truth and beauty and be courageous to repel the evil principalities of the world. Remember that living, by the fear of God, and the Love of God, will truly make this world a better place to live for all mankind.

Now, let us bow our heads for a moment of meditation:

"O'Beneficent, merciful and omnipotent God, with Thy unforgettable knowledge and infinite love of man, We beseech Thee to bestow Thy divine wisdom and grace upon the leaders of the United States, in particular, the members of this Assembly. May they realize, that Thou art the righteous Judge and pure wisdom and Thy divinely instituted laws and commandments are above all the laws of the world."

As we relive with humility and respect the memories of millions Armenians and martyrs of other nations, let us harken unto the voice of God revealed through the prophet Ezekial. (37: 1-6)

“The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the midst of the valley, it was full of bones. And he led me round among them: and behold there were very many upon the valley, and lo, they were dry. And He said to me, “Son of Man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O’Lord, God, Thou knowest,” again he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, O’dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And, I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

We pray Thee, O’Lord, to receive the souls for all the martyrs, in particular the souls of millions of Armenians, who became victims of the Turkish atrocities and place them in the abode of just. Bestow Thy divine grace upon us all to live in love, in peace and with one another, and glorify Thy immutable dominion now and forever and unto the ages of ages.”—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Upon request of Speaker pro Tempore Baca, Assembly Member Olberg then led the Assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF THE JOURNAL

Further reading of the Journal of the previous legislative day was dispensed with on motion of Assembly Member Pringle, seconded by Assembly Member Aguiar.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

By unanimous consent, the following Assembly Members were granted leaves of absence for the day:

On legislative business: Assembly Members Brulte, Horcher, and Sher.

(NOTE: For explanations of absences of Assembly Members Brulte, Horcher, and Sher on this day, on legislative business, pursuant to the Rules, see the Assembly Journal for the Regular Session for this day.)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was presented by the Chief Clerk, and ordered printed in the Journal:

April 17, 1995

E. Dotson Wilson
Chief Clerk
State Capitol, Room 3196
Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that Assemblymember John Burton is no longer on the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
Speaker of the Assembly

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Appropriations

Date of Hearing: April 5, 1995

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Appropriations reports:
Senate Bill No. 2

With amendments with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass, as amended.

PRINGLE, Chairman

Above bill ordered to second reading.

CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE
SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 1—An act to amend Section 8686 of the Government Code, relating to disaster relief, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

Bill read second time, and ordered to third reading.

RECESS

By unanimous consent, at 10:39 a.m., Speaker Brown declared the Assembly recessed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3 p.m., the Assembly adjourned until 7 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 1995.

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR., Speaker

PAM CAVILEER, Minute Clerk