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**Sunday, July 12, 1998**

**TWO HUNDRED FORTIETH SESSION DAY**

**FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY**

**AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Sunday, July 12, 1998

The Assembly met at 5 p.m.

Hon. Bret Granlund, Assembly Member, 65th District, presiding.  
Chief Clerk E. Dotson Wilson at the Desk.

Assistant Clerk Sue Parker reading.

#### ROLL CALL

The following were placed upon the roll call—61:

Ackerman	Ducheny	Machado	Prenter
Aguiar	Escutia	Margett	Pringle
Alquist	Figuroa	Martinez	Richter
Aroner	Frusetta	Mazzoni	Runner
Ashburn	Goldsmith	McClintock	Shelley
Baca	Granlund	Migden	Thompson
Battin	Havice	Morrissey	Torlakson
Baugh	Hertzberg	Morrow	Vincent
Bordonaro	Honda	Murray	Washington
Bowen	House	Napolitano	Wayne
Bowler	Keeley	Olberg	Wildman
Brewer	Knox	Oller	Woods
Brown	Kuehl	Ortiz	Mr. Speaker
Cardoza	Kuykendall	Pacheco	
Cedillo	Leach	Papan	
Davis	Leonard	Perata	

Quorum present.

**At 9:35 p.m., Hon. George House, 25th District, presiding**

#### REGULAR BUSINESS DISPENSED WITH

By unanimous consent, the regular order of business of the Assembly was dispensed with for this legislative day.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

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

*Because of illness: Assembly Members Takasugi and Wright.*

*The following Assembly Members were excused for the day, and their per diem was waived: Alby, Baldwin, Bustamante, Campbell, Cardenas, Cunneen, Firestone, Floyd, Gallegos, Kaloogian, Lempert, Miller, Poochigian, Scott, Strom-Martin, Sweeney, and Thomson.*

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following veto messages from the Governor were received and ordered printed in the Journal and the bills ordered to the unfinished business file:

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 621**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
July 9, 1998

*To the Members of the California Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill No. AB 621 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Paraprofessional and Career Ladder Program to provide school districts with grants to increase the number of paraprofessional staff working in kindergarten and grades 1 to 6.

Increasing the number of paraprofessionals, or instructional aides, in California's classrooms is a laudable goal, however, a higher priority for the state is increasing the supply of teachers to reduce class size, fill subject shortage areas, and replace retiring teachers. This bill does not support an instructional aide either through education or professional experience toward earning a teaching credential and increasing the number of teachers. If hiring more instructional aides is a local school district priority, they have flexibility to use local funds for that purpose.

Cordially,

PETE WILSON

**Veto Message—Assembly Bill No. 1649**

Governor's Office, Sacramento  
July 9, 1998

*To the Members of the California Assembly:*

I am returning Assembly Bill No. AB 1649 without my signature.

This bill would provide that classified employees of schools transferred to new districts through reorganization could remain employees of the initial district or become employees of the acquiring district as specified.

Current law provides classified staff with rights to their salary, leave, and benefits, and their job in the district where their continuing duties will be performed. This bill permits classified employees who are regularly assigned to a school which becomes a part of an acquiring district to elect to remain in the employ of the district losing the territory of the school, regardless of the employment needs of the district or the performance of the employee. This provision places unacceptable pressure on districts losing territory to find employment for classified staff who would not otherwise be their employees.

Cordially,

PETE WILSON

**RECEIPT**

I acknowledge receipt this 10th day of July 1998, at 3:14 p.m., of Assembly Bills Nos. 621 and 1649, without the Governor's signature, together with a statement of his objections thereto, signed by the Governor, delivered to me personally by Karen Morgan.

RALPH ROMO

Acting Chief Clerk of the Assembly

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Senate Chamber, July 9, 1998

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed as amended:

Assembly Bill No. 224

And respectfully requests the Assembly to concur in said amendments.

GREG P. SCHMIDT, Secretary of the Senate

By John W. Rovane, Assistant Secretary

Above bill ordered to unfinished business file.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12 midnight, the Assembly adjourned until 10 a.m., Monday, July 13, 1998.

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ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA, Speaker

PAM CAVILEER, Minute Clerk

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