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# ASSEMBLY DAILY JOURNAL

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**Monday, November 17, 2008**  
**SECOND SESSION DAY**  
**TWELFTH CALENDAR DAY**  
**AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**



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NOTE: Official record of roll call votes; all amendments considered by the Assembly on this day are on file with the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and available on request. A list of all measures amended and on which amendments were offered is shown on the final page of this day's Assembly Journal.

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Sue Parker, Minute Clerk: Phone 319-2360)

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

### IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento  
Monday, November 17, 2008

The Assembly met at 8 a.m.

Hon. Sally J. Lieber, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly, presiding.

Hon. Wilmer Amina Carter, Assembly Member, 62nd District, presiding.

Chief Clerk E. Dotson Wilson at the Desk.

Assistant Clerk Elizabeth Potter reading.

#### ROLL CALL

The following were placed upon the morning roll call—44:

Aghazarian	Evans	Karnette	Nava
Anderson	Feuer	Krekorian	Niello
Arambula	Fuentes	La Malfa	Núñez
Benoit	Gaines	Laird	Portantino
Blakeslee	Galgiani	Leno	Saldaña
Brownley	Garcia	Levine	Solorio
Carter	Hernandez	Lieber	Swanson
De León	Horton	Lieu	Torrigo
DeSaulnier	Huffman	Mendoza	Villines
Duvall	Jeffries	Mullin	Walters
Emmerson	Jones	Nakanishi	Mme. Speaker

Quorum present.

**At 2:20 p.m., Hon. Doug La Malfa, 2nd 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:

*On legislative business: Assembly Members Beall, Berg, Calderon, De La Torre, DeVore, Eng, Houston, Keene, Maze, Price, Smyth, Spitzer, and Strickland.*

*Because of illness, per diem waived for the 2007–2008 Session (See Assembly Journal, pages 63 and 64): Assembly Member Wolk.*

*On personal business, and waiving per diem: Assembly Members Adams, Berryhill, Cook, Coto, Davis, Fuller, Garrick, Hancock, Huff, Ma, Parra, Plescia, Ruskin, Silva, and Tran.*

*Because of illness: Assembly Members Dymally, Furutani, Hayashi, Runner, Salas, and Soto.*

*Because of illness in her family: Assembly Member Caballero.*

**EXPLANATIONS OF ABSENCE**

Pursuant to the Assembly Rules, the following explanations of absence were ordered printed in the Journal:

November 13, 2008

*Speaker Karen Bass  
California State Assembly  
Room 219, State Capitol  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request to be excused from the Assembly Check-In Session on Monday, November 17, 2008. I will be in my district during this time attending to legislative business.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

JIM BEALL, JR., Assembly Member  
Twenty-fourth District

November 14, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request permission to be excused on Monday, November 17, as I will be en route from a legislative conference. I will, however, be in Sacramento for Session on November 19, 2008.

Sincerely,

PATTY BERG, Assembly Member  
First District

November 14, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request to be excused from check-in session Monday, November 17, 2008 for legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

CHARLES M. CALDERON, Assembly Member  
Fifty-eighth District

November 13, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request to be excused from check-in session for legislative business, on Monday, November 17, 2008.

I am thanking you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff, Juan Carlos Torres, at (916) 319-2050.

Sincerely,

HECTOR DE LA TORRE, Assembly Member  
Fiftieth District

November 17, 2008

*Assemblywoman Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Speaker Bass: I am writing to request your approval to be excused, for legislative business, from check-in session on Monday, November 17, 2008. I have prior commitments in my district that day that will conflict with my traveling to Sacramento for check-in. I feel tending to my prior commitments is important to my constituents. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff Leisa Brug Kline at (949) 863-7070.

All the best,

CHUCK DE VORE, Assembly Member  
Seventieth District

November 13, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Speaker Bass: I, respectfully, request to be excused from Check-In Session on Monday, November 17, 2008, so that I may be in my district on legislative business.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this request, please feel free to contact either myself or my chief of staff, Julio Martinez, at 916-319-2049.

Kind regards,

MIKE ENG, Assembly Member  
Forty-ninth District

November 17, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: It is my understanding that Monday, November 17 is currently scheduled to be a Check-In Session. So that I may conduct legislative business in my district, I respectfully request to be excused from Session that day.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Ochwat in my office at 319-2015. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

GUY S. HOUSTON, Assembly Member  
Fifteenth District

November 14, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request to be excused from Check-In session on Monday, November 17 due to legislative business in my district.

Please contact Johannes Escudero in my Capitol office with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

RICK KEENE, Assembly Member  
Third District

November 13, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
Room 219, State Capitol  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Speaker Bass: I am requesting to be excused from check-in session on Monday, November 17, 2008 due to legislative business. I will be attending a highway dedication ceremony in conjunction with my Assembly Concurrent Resolution 147.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

BILL MAZE, Assembly Member  
Thirty-fourth District

November 13, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I would like to request to be excused from Check-in Session, Monday, November 17, 2008, on legislative business.

Thank you for consideration.

Respectfully,

CURREN D. PRICE, JR., Assembly Member  
Fifty-first District

November 14, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request to be excused from Check-in Session on Monday, November 17, 2008 due to legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions, please contact Donda Scholl in my Capitol Office at 916-319-2038.

Sincerely,

CAMERON M. SMYTH, Assembly Member  
Thirty-eighth District

November 14, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
Room 219, State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I would like to be excused from check-in session on Monday, November 17, 2008 for legislative business in my district.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact my office at (916) 319-2071.

Sincerely,

TODD A. SPITZER, Assembly Member  
Seventy-first District

November 13, 2008

*The Honorable Karen Bass  
Speaker of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 219  
Sacramento, California*

Dear Mme. Speaker: I respectfully request a legislative excuse for Monday, November 17, 2008. Due to legislative business in the 37th Assembly District, I will be unable to check-in.

If you have any questions, please call Sam Chung at 319-2037.

Sincerely,

AUDRA STRICKLAND, Assembly Member  
Thirty-seventh District

