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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento
Monday, January 25, 1999

The Assembly met at 12:17 p.m.

Hon. Fred Keeley, Speaker pro Tempore of the Assembly,
presiding.

Chief Clerk E. Dotson Wilson at the Desk.

Assistant Clerk Sue Parker reading.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called, and the following answered to their names—72:

Aanestad	Dickerson	Longville	Runner
Ackerman	Ducheny	Lowenthal	Scott
Alquist	Dutra	Machado	Soto
Aroner	Firebaugh	Maddox	Steinberg
Ashburn	Florez	Maldonado	Strickland
Bates	Floyd	Margett	Strom-Martin
Battin	Frusetta	Mazzoni	Thompson
Baugh	Gallegos	McClintock	Thomson
Brewer	Havice	Migden	Torlakson
Briggs	Honda	Nakano	Vincent
Calderon	House	Olberg	Washington
Campbell	Jackson	Oller	Wayne
Cardenas	Kaloogian	Pacheco, Robert	Wesson
Cardoza	Keeley	Pacheco, Rod	Wiggins
Corbett	Knox	Papan	Wildman
Correa	Kuehl	Pescetti	Wright
Cox	Leach	Reyes	Zettel
Davis	Lempert	Romero	Mr. Speaker

PRAYER

Upon invitation of Speaker pro Tempore Keeley, the following prayer was offered by Assembly Chaplain Rabbi Mona Alfi:

While our nation has long championed the official separation between church and state, we have also understood the value of political action being influenced by the ethical and moral beliefs, that are promoted by religions, that strive to uplift the human spirit and elevate our actions towards one another.

In February of 1795, President George Washington declared a day of national thanksgiving. The Bishop James Madison preached a sermon in honor of the day. On the topic of religion and government he taught that:

“Virtue such as republics and heaven require must have its foundation in the heart; it must penetrate the whole man; it must derive its obligations and its sanctions, not from the changeable ideas of the political moralist, or the caprice of the wisest of human legislators, but from the unchangeable father of the universe, the God of love, Whose laws and Whose will we are incited to obey by motives, the most powerful that can actuate the human soul. Men must see and feel, that it is God Himself, their maker and their judge, Who demands obedience to duties which constitute their individual, their social, their eternal happiness. Then and not till then, will virtue reign triumphant in the hearts of citizens.”¹

Legislators are entrusted by the people with the sacred obligation to enact policies and laws, but, as Bishop Madison suggested, the people hope that their government will not be influenced simply by the changing whims of the political moralists and pundits, but rather by the motivation that their actions have the power to actuate the human soul, to elevate the human condition, and to bring us together in thanksgiving and understanding.

Master of All Creation, we ask of You to grant us humility in the awesome task to which we have been entrusted, we pray that You be an inspiration in our daily actions and that You grant us wisdom and compassion in all of our endeavors.—AMEN.

¹ Bishop James Madison: “Manifestation of the Beneficence of Divine Providence towards America,” February 19, 1795.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Upon request of Speaker pro Tempore Keeley, Assembly Member Correa 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 Cardenas, seconded by Assembly Member Rod Pacheco.

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 Granlund, Hertzberg, and Leonard.

Because of illness: Assembly Members Baldwin and Shelley.

Because of illness in their families: Assembly Members Cedillo and Cunneen.

(NOTE: For letters explaining the absences of Assembly Members Granlund, Hertzberg, and Leonard on this day on legislative business pursuant to the Assembly Rules, see Assembly Daily Journal for Monday, January 25, 1999.)

RECESS

By unanimous consent, at 12:18 p.m., Speaker pro Tempore Keeley declared the Assembly recessed.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF
ASSEMBLY BILLS**

The following bills were introduced and read the first time:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 29—Soto. An act to add Section 11507 to the Education Code, relating to parental compacts.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 30—Oller. An act to amend Section 41862 of the Education Code, relating to school finance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3 p.m., the Assembly adjourned to reconvene upon Call of the Speaker.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA, Speaker

PAM CAVILEER, Minute Clerk