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TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION DAY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSEMBLY

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly Chamber, Sacramento Thursday, June 26, 1997

The Assembly met at 10:23 a.m.

Hon. Sheila James Kuehl, 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—78:

Ackerman	Davis	Machado	Richter
Aguiar	Ducheny	Margett	Runner
Alby	Escutia	Martinez	Scott
Alquist	Figueroa	Mazzoni	Shelley
Aroner	Firestone	McClintock	Strom-Martin
Ashburn	Frusetta	Migden	Sweeney
Baca	Gallegos	Miller	Takasugi
Baldwin	Goldsmith	Morrissey	Thompson
Battin	Granlund	Morrow	Thomson
Baugh	Havice	Murray	Torlakson
Bordonaro	Hertzberg	Napolitano	Villaraigosa
Bowen	Honda	Olberg	Vincent
Bowler	House	Oller	Washington
Brewer	Kaloogian	Ortiz	Wayne
Brown	Keeley	Pacheco	Wildman
Caldera	Knox	Papan	Woods
Campbell	Kuehl	Perata	Wright
Cardenas	Leach	Poochigian	Mr. Speaker
Cardoza	Lempert	Prenter	_
Cunneen	Leonard	Pringle	

PRAYER

Upon invitation of Speaker pro Tempore Kuehl, the following prayer was offered by Rev. Constantine C. Pappademos, Pastor of Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church:

Lord, Even as our forefathers devoutly called upon You in faith and in truth, help us to be obedient to Your will and to Your almighty and glorious Name. Shelter us by Your mighty hand, and save us from all wrongdoing with Your outstretched arm. Deliver us from those who hate us without cause, granting peace and concord to us and to all mankind.—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Upon request of Speaker pro Tempore Kuehl, Assembly Member Martinez 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 Napolitano, seconded by Assembly Member Oller.

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 Floyd and Kuvkendall.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were presented by the Speaker, and ordered printed in the Journal:

June 23, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Dennis Cardoza to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee effective today, June 23, 1997.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

June 23, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Rico Oller to the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee to replace Assemblymember Jim Battin for today, June 23, 1997, only.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

June 23, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Steve Baldwin to the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee replacing Assemblymember Gary Miller for today, Monday, June 23, only.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

June 24, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Mike Honda to the Assembly Health Committee for today, June 24, 1997, only.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

June 25, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Mike Honda to the Assembly Health Committee effective immediately.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

June 25, 1997

E. Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 3196 Sacramento, California

Dear Dotson: Please be advised that I am appointing Assemblymember Howard Kaloogian to the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee replacing Assemblymember Gary Miller for Wednesday, June 25, 1997 only.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE Speaker of the Assembly

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

June 23, 1997

Dotson Wilson

Chief Clerk of the Assembly Room 3196

State Capitol

Sacramento, California

Dear Mr. Wilson: Please be advised that I withhold unanimous consent to conducting any order of business if the Assembly convenes a check-in session in the First Extraordinary Session, beginning today.

Sincerely,

Curt Pringle Assembly Republican Leader

NOTICE OF MOTION TO WITHDRAW ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 7 FROM COMMITTEE

Pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Rule 96, Assembly Member Oller gave notice that he would move to withdraw Assembly Bill No. 7 from the Committee on Appropriations.

REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PRINT IN JOURNAL

Assembly Member Wayne was granted unanimous consent that the following communication be printed in the Journal:

June 26, 1997

The Honorable Cruz Bustamante Speaker, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 219 Sacramento, California

Dear Speaker Bustamante: I would like to commemorate and thank the San Diego SuperComputer Center for their enormous contributions to the State during our recent flooding.

Winter storms during the first part of the new year have devastated large portions of California. States of emergency have been declared in more than 40 (out of 58) California counties. The California Resources Agency (CRA) is the agency responsible for providing electronic information on the floods; it is headquartered in Sacramento, in the middle of the flooding regions. When the storms put CRA at risk of flooding, the San Diego SuperComputer Center (SDSC) stepped in and assisted with a contingency plan.

The SDSC is one of four national facilities established by the National Science Foundation to advance basic science and engineering research and industrial competitiveness through the effective application of high-performance computational technologies.

The onset of storms requires the compilation of storm and flood conditions data by CRA. This information is disseminated to the public and is critical to public safety. CRA has developed a system called the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System (CERES) to provide electronic data describing California's environment from many contributors. With January's extreme conditions, there was concern for the systems viability in the event Sacramento went under water. SDSC expediently established a mirror to the CRA's CERES site to handle the emergency situation.

CERES data includes bulletins; emergency assistance, preparedness and recovery; emergency declarations from the governor's office; images, including some from NASA; hydrologic data; media coverage; road, snow and weather conditions; and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta atlas from the California Department of Water Resources.

While flooding caused by the storms was a primary concern, there was also a risk that the CERES site would become flooded with hits from interested Web users. Because this could be anticipated, CRA was working with SDSC for the purpose of warehousing CERES data on SDSC information archives. The onslaught of flooding required immediate action. SDSC responded and quickly undertook successful completion of the contingency plan.

Through the efforts of SDSC's John Helly, Jeff Makey, Chris Daharsh, Mike Vildibill, Don Doering, and others at SDSC, a Web server was made available as well as disk space to store more than four gigabytes of CERES data. The SDSC-based CERES Web server is on-line at http://ceres.sdsc.edu/ with links still pointing to the original CERES site.

Thank you to the professionals at SDSC for providing us with peace of mind had the worst-case scenario become reality. Fortunately, thus far, the floods have not invaded the CRA offices.

Sincerely,

HOWARD WAYNE DENNIS MORENO DUCHENY BRUCE THOMPSON HOWARD KALOOGIAN BILL MORROW SUSAN DAVIS JAN GOLDSMITH STEVE BALDWIN

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ASSEMBLY BILLS

The following bill was introduced and read the first time:

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 10—Machado. An act to amend Section 8690.6 of the Government Code, relating to disaster assistance.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 11—Poochigian. An act relating to water, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 10:26 a.m., Assembly Member House moved that the Assembly do now adjourn.

Assembly Member Washington seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:27 a.m., pursuant to the motion by Assembly Member House the Assembly adjourned to reconvene upon Call of the Speaker.

CRUZ M. BUSTAMANTE, Speaker

PAM CAVILEER, Minute Clerk