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IN SENATE

Senate Chamber, Sacramento
Monday, August 25, 2008

The Senate met at 4 p.m.
Hon. Don Perata, of the 9th District, presiding.
Secretary Greg Schmidt at the Desk.
Assistant Secretary Kipchoge Randall reading.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Aanestad, Ackerman, Alquist, Ashburn, Battin, Calderon, Cedillo, Cogdill, Corbett, Correa, Cox, Denham, Ducheny, Dutton, Florez, Harman, Hollingsworth, Kehoe, Kuehl, Lowenthal, Machado, Maldonado, Margett, McClintock, Migden, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Padilla, Perata, Ridley-Thomas, Romero, Runner, Simitian, Steinberg, Torlakson, Wiggins, Wyland, and Yee—38.

Quorum present.

(NOTE: Senator Scott will be excused this day on legislative business and Senator Vincent will be excused this day due to illness.)



PRAYER

Upon invitation of the President, the following prayer was offered by Pastor David Thompson, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Our Loving God, The problems we face in California today call for very difficult choices. We give thanks for Benjamin Franklin who in a similar set of circumstances of impasse, at the Constitutional convention, called for the assistance of Heaven.

We do that today.

His concern for governance was that we need Your help so that we should not be divided by little partial local interests; or that our projects should be confounded. "And what is worse . . . [we should] despair of establishing governments by human wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest." We stand together with him, this Senate and the people of California of all faiths and philosophies, pledged to govern this Golden State, by wisdom. For this we ask Your help.

We express our gratitude to You that Benjamin Franklin was heard and through the efforts of many, one of the great constitutions of the world came into being.

Our prayer today is that You would hear us when we ask for Your assistance in the affairs of our contemporary State, that all of us might understand from You, who we are here for, and what, all things considered, is the most loving thing to do. And then with the deepest integrity, give us the courage to get it done!

Hear our prayer.—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Senator Florez led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

The following Senator was granted leave of absence for the day due to legislative business: Senator Scott.

The following Senator was granted leave of absence for the day due to illness: Senator Vincent.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:30 p.m., the President declared the Senate adjourned on call of the President pro Tempore.

PAULA K. ROSSETTO, Minute Clerk

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