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## IN SENATE

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Senate Chamber, Sacramento  
Tuesday, May 31, 2011

The Senate met at 12 p.m.  
Hon. S. Joseph Simitian, of the 11th District, presiding.  
Secretary Greg Schmidt at the Desk.  
Assistant Secretary Zachary L. Twilla reading.

### ROLL CALL

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

Alquist, Anderson, Blakeslee, Calderon, Cannella, Corbett, Correa,  
De León, DeSaulnier, Dutton, Emmerson, Evans, Fuller, Gaines,  
Hancock, Harman, Hernandez, Huff, Kehoe, La Malfa, Leno, Lieu, Liu,  
Lowenthal, Negrete McLeod, Padilla, Pavley, Price, Rubio, Runner,  
Simitian, Steinberg, Strickland, Vargas, Walters, Wolk, Wright, Wyland,  
and Yee—39.

Quorum present.

*(NOTE: Senator Berryhill will be excused this day due to illness.)*



**PRAYER**

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Mona Alfi:

An ancient Greek philosopher taught that, “A good man or woman does nothing for the sake of appearances, but for the sake of doing right.” (Epicetetus)

At the end of our lives, when we meet with our Creator, we will not be measured by the newspaper articles or the sound bites, or what we appeared to do. No, what we will be held accountable for will be our choices in life, our actions, as well as the motivations behind them.

The true measure of character comes not in blithely dismissing the importance of appearances, but it is in the very act of knowing how important appearances are and *still* taking a stand simply for the sake of knowing that it is the right thing to do.

May the Holy One of Blessing, our Creator and Judge, grant us the ability to always discern the right path, and give us the fortitude to walk down it. May this be God’s will.—AMEN.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Senator Hernandez 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 illness: Senator Berryhill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6 p.m., the President declared the Senate adjourned on call of the President pro Tempore.

PAULA K. ROSSETTO, Minute Clerk

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