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IN SENATE

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Monday, June 20, 2011

The Senate met at 12:10 p.m.
Hon. Curren Price, of the 26th 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, Berryhill, 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, Price, Rubio, Simitian, Steinberg, Strickland, Vargas, Walters, Wolk, Wright, Wyland, and Yee—38.

Quorum present.

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



PRAYER

Upon invitation of the President, the following prayer was offered by Rev. Dexter McNamara, Chaplain, Partners In Care:

Author Azar Nafisi writes about what he calls a certain kind of “careless people” those who see the world in black and white . . . *drunk on the righteousness of their own fictions.*”

Please join me in prayer.

God of The Ages,

God of All People . . .

You call each of us to live in the here and now . . . and to make the most responsible decisions we can based upon . . . the best information available to us . . . and based upon our own most cherished values and principles.

Help us to be faithful to those values and principles.

But also remind us that adamantly held values and principles may lead us to uncritically believe in fictions and illusions, regardless of the facts.

As the good men and women of this Senate go about the difficult job of giving leadership and direction to this great state, I pray that they would have the strength to stand firm in their convictions . . .

And I pray that they would have the humility and the decency to work honestly and openly with those whose convictions may be different than their own.

May they work for what is best for the people of this wonderful and complex state . . . not simply for their own constituency or their own political interests.

I pray that their most compelling principle will be to find realistic and compassionate solutions to the challenges confronting us.

May they have open minds and open hearts.

Help them to be faithful servants of the people of this state.

This I ask in your Loving Spirit.—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Senator Hancock 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 Pavley.

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

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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