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IN SENATE

Senate Chamber, Sacramento Monday, January 4, 2010

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The Senate met at 2:30 p.m. Hon. Dean Florez, of the 16th 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: Aanestad, Calderon, Cedillo, Cogdill, Corbett, Correa, Cox, Denham, DeSaulnier, Ducheny, Dutton, Florez, Hancock, Harman, Hollingsworth, Huff, Kehoe, Leno, Liu, Lowenthal, Maldonado, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Padilla, Pavley, Romero, Runner, Simitian, Steinberg, Strickland, Walters, Wiggins, Wolk, Wright, and Yee—35.

Quorum present.

(NOTE: Senators Ashburn and Price will be excused this day on personal business and Senators Alquist and Wyland will be excused this day due to illness.)

PRAYER

Upon invitation of the President, the following prayer was offered by Rev. Dexter McNamara, Interfaith Service Bureau:

Karen Armstrong wrote:

"All the world religions insist that no spirituality is valid unless it results in practical compassion."

As we move into this new year and this new decade, my prayer for all of us is this:

- —May we be open to the mystery & the wonder & the awe that surrounds us;
- —And may we be attentive to the need & the pain & the hurt of people throughout our state.
- —May we take time to listen to deep calling in our own lives, of the yearning of our own spirits for grounding & meaning & hope;
- —And may we be guided by compassion to bring about practical and significant actions that will have positive impacts on this state and all the people we work for.
 - —May we seek the good & the right;
 - —And may we be open to God's Spirit calling us to life.
 - —AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR THE DAY

The following Senators were granted leaves of absence for the day due to personal business: Senators Ashburn and Price.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

PAULA K. ROSSETTO, Minute Clerk