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IN SENATE

Senate Chamber, Sacramento
Monday, March 22, 2010

The Senate met at 2 p.m.
Hon. Gloria Romero, of the 24th 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, Alquist, Ashburn, Calderon, Cedillo, Cogdill, Corbett, Correa, Cox, DeSaulnier, Ducheny, Dutton, Florez, Hancock, Harman, Hollingsworth, Huff, Kehoe, Leno, Liu, Lowenthal, Maldonado, Negrete McLeod, Oropeza, Padilla, Pavley, Price, Romero, Runner, Simitian, Steinberg, Strickland, Walters, Wiggins, Wolk, Wright, Wyland, and Yee—38.

Quorum present.

(NOTE: Senator Denham will be excused this day on personal business.)



PRAYER

Upon invitation of the President, the following prayer was offered by Rabbi Mendy Cohen:

I stand before you today as the representative of the Lubavitcher Rebbe who is celebrating this Friday his 108 birthday and has over 4,000 centers of goodness and kindness around the globe, and close to 300 centers in the state of California. I remember, when I came here over 16 years ago in 1994 and sounded the Shofar to blow the recession out of California, and so it was. I come here before you again to blow this very difficult recession out of California. Our sages tell us that you are not voted into office by man, but by G-d. So, I'm sure if G-d gave you the burden of this state in these very trying times he gave you the strength to crawl out of it. The Kabbalah says the lower the low, the higher the high. So, we are going to expect some great times ahead of us. We will not only crawl out of it, we will swim out of it. As we are standing here a week before Passover and I am holding in my hand the unleavened bread, which is the symbol of humility and draws down the greatest blessing from G-d. So, too, in these trying times will lead us to unbelievable times with the coming of Moshiach when there will be bounty and blessing for all. G-d our Father in heaven bless this great body to turn California around and California leads the world. And through that we will turn the entire world around.—AMEN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Senator Steinberg 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 personal business: Senator Denham.

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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