

February 15, 1974

PRESIDENT: Will the Legislature please come to order.
We are ready for prayer by Chaplain Palmer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer given.

PRESIDENT: Roll call.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fellman asked to be excused
until 9:30. Senator Stull asked to be excused for the day.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections? Hearing none. So ordered.
Once again the Chair would like to inquire if you have all
registered your presence. In other words, punch in.
What the total isn't showing?

CLERK: Senator Lewis asked to be excused on Monday, Mr.
President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, which Lewis.

CLERK: R.

PRESIDENT: Richard Lewis wants to be absent, Monday? There
surely must be some, there surely must be an objection to
that. Hearing none. So ordered. Once again, have you all
registered in. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter. Stand by for just a minute.
Go ahead, Sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Presuming we are going to go to General
File as soon as possible. I would like to suggest to the
presiding officer that he have the pages again do what they
did the other day. Number one, to alert the Chairman of
the committee, if the Chairman is not here, the vice-chairman.
And then to the Senator who introduced the bills, so then
when the bill comes up he will not be caught without some
previous notice. Does the Chair understand.

PRESIDENT: Yes. I don't know what we did the other day. I'
sorry, I don't remember this.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, some of the pages went around to
the Senators at the suggestion of the body. Because as the
bills come up, because sometime they move pretty rapidly.

PRESIDENT: That's correct.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And if a Senator's bill comes up, we may
skip over this morning two or three bills for any reason. And
he's waiting for ten or fifteen minutes for his bill comes up.
And that's particularly true of the Chairman of a committee. All
I'm saying that if someone would instruct the pages he keep
track of the bills and take them in two or three or four ahead
of time and call to the attention either the Chairman of the
committee or the Vice-chairman of the committee, and then the
introducer of the bill itself, so we will not be delayed by
Senators not being alerted and in position to do what they
are expected to do.