

March 5, 1974

PRESIDENT: The Legislature please come to order.
We will have prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer given.

PRESIDENT: Roll Call. Please indicate your presence again.
We had another malfunction again. Once again have you all
indicated your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Skarda requests to be excused
today. Senator Fellman requests to be excused until he arrives.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to their absences. If not.
So ordered. Clerk will record.

CLERK: Quroum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do we have corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Excellent. Are there petitions or memorials?

CLERK: Messages from the Governor, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the messages.

CLERK: Read messages. (Page 921 Journal)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Mr. President, I have announcement. I don't
want to shock everybody here. I wouldn't do that but, I have
decided that we are going to follow the rules. Now, I believe
that we put our presiding officer on the spot more or less
continuously, because we ourselves are the greatest violator of
our own rules. Now we've got an agenda set up in the rules.
Where we start and where we finish, and although the Speaker
has very little power to the rules, and about the only power
he has is when twenty five of you agree with me. Well, I'm
going to insist that that agenda be followed to the letter,
and any time that we deviate from it, there be a suspension of
the rules and the usual 30 votes. Now we are either going to
follow our own rules or we're not. We have, I don't know how
many bills up there on General File, but 135 or such, 150 maybe.
I doubt that we are going to get through them this session. If
we don't, we don't. At the end of sixty days as far as I'm
concerned we go home. And if this high lights the inadequacy
of a sixty day session, that is what happens. But every time
somebody gets up here, and I've been guilty of it too. I don't
excuse myself from it. Everytime somebody gets up here and moves
to bracket a bill for a day certain on General File, that means
that all bills are mov ed up on one notch. So the game around
here is get away with what ever you can. And that's fine, if
you can get away with it. But I'm going to try to see that you
don't get away with it without regard to who makes the these
motions. So I'm giving advance warning that I will be entirely
not undiscriminatory on this. If we're going to change the rules
then we are going to do it as the rules abide. And that's about
it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.