

November 3, 1975

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please come to order.
All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Please record your presence.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Skarda asked to be excused
November 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

PRESIDENT: Have you all recorded your presence? Mr. Clerk,
record please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch asked to be excused
till he arrives. Quorum present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Call for corrections to the Journal. Are
there corrections? Seeing none, the Journal shall stand.

Are there notices of committee hearings and reports?

CLERK: None, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Burbach. Could we
have some order in the Chamber please. Our agenda calls
for a discussion of the time table. It may be of general
and particular interest, so the Chair would like to sug-
gest a great deal more order on the floor than we now have.
Please come to order for purposes of listening to the Speaker.
Senator Burbach.

SPEAKER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The
reason that I have, under item 5, 'discussion of time schedule',
I think it's very important that we do ... and I appreciate
your comments Mr. Lieutenant Governor for discussion at this
time of what we plan to do, how we plan to conduct ourselves
and our time schedule. If we will stay in session till
Friday evening we have accomplished six days of session.
That is not sufficient to satisfy the requirements of our
Constitution. Knowing full well of the football schedules
and all, I am not going to attempt to ask this body to be
in session on Saturday. On Monday it would be the seventh
day. Due to the uncertainty of the time necessary to de-
voted to these bills that we have before us, and Tuesday
November 11th is a state holiday, if we're attempting to
do anything at all about the money crunch, the crisis, we
keep a skeleton around the other state offices. As I inter-
pret a skeleton staff is about half of the employees in the
state offices. Now then, be this good or be this bad but,
under those kinds of conditions time and a half is required
for the payment of these individuals who must stay here for
our convenience. Therefore, I think possibly we should
consider coming back Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of
next week, conclude our business and hope we conclude it
early Friday morning or, hopefully, Thursday so that the
Board of Equalization will have its opportunity to set the
rates as they see fit on the 15th, which is on Saturday.
I think that the Statute says "on or before the 15th". So
that would give them the afternoon of the 14th. I'm sure
we can be concluded by noon on Friday. Then on or before
the 15th would be either Friday afternoon or on Saturday.

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