

January 6, 1977

PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer offered.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dr. Palmer. The Legislature will please be in order. Roll call. Record your presence, please. Have you all recorded your presence? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: A quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Has the Journal been circulated. Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: We have none, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections from the floor? Seeing none, the Journal shall stand.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have for insertion in the daily Journal the official oath of office signed by the Honorable William Brennan, Member of the State Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any notices of committee hearings or reports? Our action of yesterday adopted rules for yesterday only.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move to adopt the rules as now in our possession. The motion is unsigned but I think Senator DeCamp was going to offer it.

PRESIDENT: Is that your motion, Senator DeCamp?

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, I move to amend the rules as follows, which amendment I do not have.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, remember yesterday we adopted the rules for one day and stated at that time that the majority of the members had decided that they would like to resolve the rules we are going to be operating under at the beginning of the session before we got bogged down with other legislative bills. The Pages are making copies of the various proposals that you members of the Legislature have come up with, and as soon as they come up here, I will pass them out. It would be my recommendation that we, first of all, adopt the rules according to the first motion and then we will take up the various amendments the members have offered under the other motion. We will pass the amendments out, deal with them individually and then go from there when they get here. Maybe we should, what, sit at ease for five minutes unless you have something else.