

March 4, 1977

PRESIDENT: All rise for the morning prayer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit asks to be excused, Senator Boughn and Maxey asked to be excused until they arrive.

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will please be in session. Record your presence. Roll Call. Record your presence please. An announcement concerning our visitors. Last year I think we had the JC's in the balcony and that didn't seem to work out very well. This year I think that some of the people have suggested that perhaps that they sit under the balcony and then they can go back and forth between the desks and their chairs under the balcony. Record.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Marvel. Could you advise the Chair as to any action taken by the Exec Board.

SENATOR MARVEL: It was my understanding that there would be a motion made this morning, Mr. President, members of the legislature similar to the one made about three years ago which puts the legislature in a rather bad condition, but we decided, and I know of no other way to do this. If we allow one group on the floor which includes under the balcony, then we are in no position but to suspend the rules for every group that visits us. Whether we are talking about the League of Women Voters the Women's Club, the Kiwanis Club or whatever it might be. This is no reflection on the group here this morning. As far as I am personally concerned, this is the way that I propose to handle it. I am assigned a JC. This JC is now in the process with the one research individual that I have down in the Bill Room getting copies of bills that will come up in a few moments for discussion. Then this young man will be up in the balcony where I will be in contact with him, or somebody connected with me, the rest of the morning. Similar to any other group that visits as far as I am concerned. They will be thoroughly orientated on what is going on. Be given whatever information that is available to determine what is going on. When I leave here after lunch to go out to Nebraska Wesleyan this individual will go with me. My understanding that the purpose of this entire activity is for each individual JC assigned to a legislator to follow this individual all day long to find out what the work load is. So, when I leave this capitol this JC will go with me, follow me all day long. When the hearings come up, if there are hearings this afternoon he will be in that hearing room and because he will not be able to sit up where the committee sits, and will be given any copies of legislation that is available. I know of no other way of doing this. This has no reflection on any group including the group here today. We had a discussion at the beginning of the legislative session. It is very difficult to work and that is the main function of this body to work when there are others that are on the floor of the legislature. That has been the custom of this body. I know of no other way to do it. Senator Luedtke is gone this morning. He is the Speaker. He asked me in his absence to take care of any problems that might come up. I guess that this is the first one for today. So, unless there is a motion to act upon, all I know to do is that each legislator responsible for a JC will do his or her best to see that the JC is

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