

**Organizational and Orientation Session
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Bismarck, December 2, 1980

At the hour of nine o'clock A.M., on the second day of December, 1980, according to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of North Dakota, the holdover members and members elected to the Senate of the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, assembled in the North Dakota State Capitol Building at Bismarck, North Dakota, and were called to order by the Honorable Wayne G. Sanstead, Lieutenant Governor of the State of North Dakota.

COMMUNICATIONS

The list of the qualified members and hold-over members as certified by the Secretary of State was read by the 1979 Secretary of the Senate, Leo Leidholm, as follows:

Secretary of the Senate
Forty-Seventh Legislative Assembly
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505
Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the following is, according to the records of my office, a true and correct list of the names and addresses of those duly elected as members of the Senate of the Forty-Seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

Dist.	Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
2.	Williams, Burke, Divide	Bruce Bakewell	Colgan
4.	Burke, Mountrail	Stanley Wright	Stanley
6.	McHenry, Bottineau	Mark Adams	Lansford
8.	Ward, McLean	Shirley W. Lee	Turtle Lake
10.	Towner, Cavalier	Frank Shablow	Langdon
12.	Benson, Eddy	Joe B. Leibhan	Esmond
14.	Wells, Foster	Bryce Streibel	Fessenden
16.	Walsh	Harvey D. Tallackson	Grafton
18.	Grand Forks	Chuck Goodman	Grand Forks
20.	Grand Forks, Traill, Cass	Malcolm S. Tweten	Buxton
22.	Cass, Barnes	Gary J. Nelson	Casselton
24.	Barnes	Perry B. Grotberg	Valley City
26.	Sargent, Dickey	LeRoy Erickson	DeLamere
28.	LaMoure, Dickey, Logan	Don Moore	Forbes
30.	Emmons, McIntosh	L.L. (Pete) Naaden	Braddock
32.	Burleigh	Marie Tierney	Bismarck
34.	Morton	Jan Dykshoorn	Mandan
36.	McKenzie, Dunn, Mercer	Ralph M. Christensen	Watford City
38.	Stark, Adams, Hettinger	Ron Quail	Hettinger
40.	& 50. Ward	Chet Reiten	Minot
		Rolland W. Redlin	Minot
42.	Grand Forks	Wayne Stenhjem	Grand Forks

Dist. Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
44. Cass	Curtis Peterson	Fargo
46. Cass	Jens J. Tennesfos	Fargo
48. Stutsman, Barnes	David E. Nething	Jamestown
40. & 50. Combined		

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Dakota, this 21st day of November, 1980.

BEN MEIER
Secretary of State
State of North Dakota

Secretary of the Senate
Forty-Seventh Legislative Assembly
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that the following is, according to the records of my office a true and correct list of the names and addresses of the hold-over Senators, elected at the general election in 1978, and duly qualified by the Forty-Sixth Legislative Assembly.

Dist. Counties or parts thereof	Name	Address
1. Williams	Frank A. Wenstrom	Williston
3. Renville, Ward	Marvin E. Sorum	Kenmare
5. Ward	Hal Christensen	Minot
7. McHenry, Pierce	Vacant	
9. Rolette, Towner	Phillip Berube	Rolla
11. Pembina, Walsh	Kent Vosper	Neche
13. Cass	Clayton A. Lodoen	West Fargo
15. Ramsey	Vacant	
17. Grand Forks	Raymon E. Holmberg	Grand Forks
19. Grand Forks, Walsh, Nelson	Duane Mutch	Larimore
21. Cass	Herschel Lashkowitz	Fargo
23. Ramsey, Nelson, Griggs, Steele	James M. Cussons	Cooperstown
25. Richland	Russell Thane	Wahpeton
27. Ransom, Richland	James A. Dotzenrod	Wyndmere
29. Stutsman	Robert B. Melland	Jamestown
31. Sheridan, Kidder, Burleigh	Harry Iszler	Streeter
33. Mercer, Oliver, Morton	Robert Albers	Hazen
35. Morton, Grant, Sioux	Francis Barth	Solen
37. Stark	Jack Olin	Dickinson
39. Stark, Billings, Slope, Golden Valley, Bowman	Leland Roen	Bowman
41. Ward	Jerome Walsh	Minot
43. Grand Frks	Stella Fritzell	Grand Forks
45. Cass	Donald W. Hanson	Fargo
47. Burleigh	Evan E. Lips	Bismarck
49. Burleigh	I.E. "Esky" Solberg	Bismarck

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

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BEN MEIER
Secretary of State
State of North Dakota
GREAT SEAL

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all Senate members were present except for the two vacancies.

A quorum was declared by the President.

OATH OF OFFICE

Senator Nething moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort Chief Justice Ralph Erickstad of the Supreme Court of the State of North Dakota to the rostrum for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected Senators, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Hal Christensen and Berube. Chief Justice Erickstad was escorted to the rostrum and administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Senators.

PRAYER

Prayer was offered by Fr. Dennis Tippett, Pastor, St. George's Episcopal Church, Bismarck.

Most gracious God, we come before you this day to ask your blessing upon all the people of his State of North Dakota and especially for the members of our Senate as they begin work in this organizational session. Be pleased to be present here in this assembly, direct and prosper the thoughts of each one toward the advancement of good government for all, help us to continue to build on a firm foundation so that peace and happiness, truth and justice may be established among us for generations to come. Grant these and all other petitions placed before you by your people through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Mr. John Olsrud from the Legislative Council explained the legislative packets that were distributed to the Senate members.

Senator Nething moved that the Senate stand in recess until 1:30 P.M., which motion prevailed.

The Senate reconvened at 1:30 P.M., pursuant to recess taken, President Sanstead presiding.

MOTIONS

Senator Nething moved that the name of Leo Leidholm of McLean County be placed in nomination for the office of Secretary of the Senate. Senator Nething moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the selection of Leo Leidholm as Secretary of the Senate, the roll was called and there were ayes 48; nays 0; absent and not voting 0. 2 vacancies.

Those voting for Leo Leidholm were:

Adams	Goodman	Mutch	Sorum
Albers	Grotberg	Naaden	Stenehjem
Bakewell	Hanson	Nelson	Streibel
Barth	Holmberg	Nething	Tallackson
Berube	Iszler	Olin	Tennefos
Christensen, H.	Lashkowitz	Peterson	Thane
Christensen, R.	Lee	Quail	Tierney
Cussions	Leibhan	Redlin	Tweten

Dotzenrod	Lips	Reiten	Vosper
Dykshoorn	Lodoen	Roen	Walsh
Erickson	Melland	Shablow	Wenstrom
Fritzell	Moore	Solberg	Wright

Leo Leidholm was declared elected Secretary of the Senate. President Sanstead then administered the Oath of Office to the Secretary of the Senate.

Senator Nething moved that the name of Doris McMahon of Burleigh County be placed in nomination for the office of Desk Reporter of the Senate. Senator Solberg moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the selection of Doris McMahon as Desk Reporter of the Senate, the roll was called and there were ayes 48; nays 0; absent and not voting 0. 2 vacancies.

Those voting for Doris McMahon were:

Adams	Goodman	Mutch	Sorum
Albers	Grotberg	Naaden	Stenehjem
Bakewell	Hanson	Nelson	Streibel
Barth	Holmberg	Nething	Tallackson
Berube	Iszler	Olin	Tennefos
Christensen, H.	Lashkowitz	Peterson	Thane
Christensen, R.	Lee	Quail	Tierney
Cussons	Leibhan	Redlin	Tweten
Dotzenrod	Lips	Reiten	Vosper
Dykshoorn	Lodoen	Roen	Walsh
Erickson	Melland	Shablow	Wenstrom
Fritzell	Moore	Solberg	Wright

Doris McMahon was declared elected Desk Reporter of the Senate.

President Sanstead then administered the Oath of Office to the Desk Reporter.

Senator Nething moved that the name of Olger Sandven of Benson County be placed in nomination for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate. Senator Thane moved that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the selection of Olger Sandven as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, the roll as called and there were ayes 48; nays 0; absent and not voting 0, 2 vacancies.

Those voting for Olger Sandven were:

Adams	Goodman	Mutch	Sorum
Albers	Grotberg	Naaden	Stenehjem
Bakewell	Hanson	Nelson	Streibel
Barth	Holmberg	Nething	Tallackson
Berube	Iszler	Olin	Tennefos
Christensen, H.	Lashkowitz	Peterson	Thane
Christensen, R.	Lee	Quail	Tierney
Cussons	Leibhan	Redlin	Tweten
Dotzenrod	Lips	Reiten	Vosper
Dykshoorn	Lodoen	Roen	Walsh
Erickson	Melland	Shablow	Wenstrom
Fritzell	Moore	Solberg	Wright

Olger Sandven was declared elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate. President Sanstead then administered the Oath of Office to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Senator Wenstrom: Mr. President, members of the Senate, I rise as a special privilege today to place a name in nomination that of an old friend, I say that in terms of the time I have known him, not in regard to his age. A friend, who has become a friend of each of us and has served in the Senate since 1973. During his time in the Senate, he has been a champion on the Finance and Taxation Committee and has served in the capacity of Vice Chairman the past two sessions. He has also served on the Agriculture Committee and the Social Welfare and Veterans Affairs Committee. In his community activities, he has spent some time in the business world, formerly in the farm machinery business. Presently he is in the insurance business. During his community activities, he spent 22 years as Mayor in his home city of Stanley. I should comment on the fact that I believe, and I think most of you will have to agree with me, that anyone who has the ability to preside as Mayor in one of our cities for 22 years, has the ability to preside over the North Dakota Senate, even though on occasion the Senators act like "Peck's bad boys". I am very happy to place in nomination for the position of President Pro-Tem for the 47th Session of the North Dakota Legislature, Senator Stanley Wright from Stanley, North Dakota, representing the 4th Legislative District.

Senator Goodman: Mr. President, members of the Senate, I would like to second the nomination of Senator Wright. As the former speaker said, his background and experience in the Senate and in his community and his own work experience, make Senator Wright an excellent candidate for the position of President Pro-Tem.

Senator Dotzenrod: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, it is my pleasure and honor to place in nomination for President Pro-Tem of the North Dakota State Senate, a man who has served North Dakota well as a legislator for four terms in the House and most recently four sessions in the Senate. He was re-elected to the Senate this year to start his fifth session in the Senate. Those Senate members who have served here in previous sessions have come to know and respect this individual for his integrity, the strength of character, good judgment and common sense. I have every confidence that he would serve the Senate extremely well as President Pro-Tem even though every indication is at this time that he faces an up-hill battle. I think it is only appropriate to say at this time, as the pollster said before the 1980 election, that it is "too close to call". Again, it is my pleasure and honor to place in nomination for President Pro-Tem of the North Dakota State Senate, the name of Senator Frank Shablow of the 10th District.

Senator Redlin: Mr. President, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Shablow. I have had a great deal of experience working with this gentlemen and I find him to be a man of the finest of abilities, intelligence and common sense, and I know that he is one whale of a campaigner, so I think the opposition should watch out.

Senator Nething: I move that nominations cease, which motion prevailed.

ROLL CALL

The question being on the nomination of President Pro-Tem, the roll was called and there were 39 votes for Wright, 9 votes for Shablow, absent and not voting 0, and 2 vacancies.

Those voting for Wright were:

Adams	Hanson	Naaden	Sorum
Albers	Holmberg	Nelson	Stenehjem
Bakewell	Iszler	Nething	Streibel
Christensen H.	Lee	Olin	Tennefos
Christensen R.	Leibhan	Peterson	Thane
Cussons	Lips	Quail	Tierney
Dykshoorn	Lodoen	Reiten	Tweten
Erickson	Melland	Roen	Vosper
Fritzell	Moore	Shablow	Wenstrom
Goodman	Mutch	Solberg	

Those voting for Shablow were:

Barth	Grotberg	Redlin	Walsh
Berube	Lashkowitz	Tallackson	Wright
Dotzenrod			

Senator Wright was elected President Pro-Tem.

Senator Shablow: Ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to thank the Senator from the 27th District for his very complimentary remarks and for placing my name in nomination and I would also like to thank those who voted for me. I would like to compliment the Senator from the 4th District on his election to this very important position. I am sure he has the qualifications and ability to do an excellent job when he is called upon to serve as President of the Senate. I would move that a unanimous ballot be cast for the Senator from the 4th District as President Pro-Tem, which motion prevailed.

MOTION

Senator Nething: Mr. President, I move that a committee of two be appointed to escort the newly elected President Pro-Tem to the rostrum. The motion prevailed and the President appointed as such committee, Senators Wenstrom and Shablow.

Senator Wright: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, you may be seated. Thank you. Fellow Senators, this makes me feel very humble and proud to be able to be a part of this great organization and having this post. Thank you very much for your support and to Senator Wenstrom for his very find job of explaining my history, to which I hadn't paid that much attention. Thank you very much.

MOTION

Senator Nething: Mr. President, I move that the Senate and Joint Legislative rules of the 46th Legislative Assembly, be adopted as the temporary rules of the Senate for the 47th Legislative Assembly with the following amendment:

"In Senate Rule 39, subsection 13, the word "eight" to be stricken and the word "five" be inserted in lieu thereof."

The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SELECTION OF SENATE SEATS

President Sanstead announced that Senate seats will be selected, and preference would be given to those with the greatest seniority as follows:

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MEMBERS OF THE SENATE
(1981 Session not included)

Name	Sessions Served	Total Senate Sessions	Total Legislative Sessions
Berube, Phillip	1953-55-57-59-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	14	
Roen, Leland	(House 1951-53-55)-57-59-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-79	10	13
Lips, Evan	1961-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	10	
Mutch, Duane	1959-61-63-65-67-69-71-73-75-79	10	
Wenstrom, Frank	1957-59-67-69-71-73-75-77-79	9	
Melland, Robert	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7	
Nething, David	1967-69-71-73-75-77-79	7	
Redlin, Rolland	1959-61-63-73-75-77-79	7	
Barth, Francis	1971-73-75-77-79	5	
Thane, Russell	1971-73-75-77-79	5	
Shablow, Frank	(House 1961-63-65-71)-73-75-77-79	4	8
Fritzell, Stella	1973-75-77-79	4	
Goodman, Charles	1973-75-77-79	4	
Iszler, Harry	1973-75-77-79	4	
Lashkowitz, Herschel	1965-75-77-79	4	
Lee, Shirley	1973-75-77-79	4	
Naaden, Lawrence	1973-75-77-79	4	
Reiten, Chester	1973-75-77-79	4	
Solberg, I. E.	1973-75-77-79	4	
Wright, Stanley	1973-75-77-79	4	
Christensen, Harold	(House 1973)-75-77-79	3	4
Walsh, Jerome	(House 1971)-75-77-79	3	4
Peterson, Curtis	1973-77-79	3	
Vosper, Kent	1975-77-79	3	
Lodoen, Clayton	(House 1973)-77-79	2	3
Tennefos, Jens	(House 1975)-77-79	2	3
Albers, Robert	1977-79	2	
Hanson, Donald	1977-79	2	
Holmberg, Raymon	1977-79	2	
Nelson, Gary	1977-79	2	
Tallackson, Harvey	1977-79	2	
Olin, Jack	(House 1973-75)-79	1	3
Cussons, James	1979	1	
Dotzenrod, James	1979	1	
Sorum, Marvin	1979	1	
Streibel, Bryce	(House 1957-59-63-65-67-69-71-73)	0	8
Erickson, LeRoy	(House 1967-73-75-77-79)	0	5
Leibhan, Joe	(House 1967-69-73-75-79)	0	5
Christensen, Ralph	(House 1973-75-77-79)	0	4
Tweten, Malcolm	(House 1973-75-77-79)	0	4
Stenehjem, Wayne	(House 1977-79)	0	2
Moore, Donald	(House 1971)	0	1
Adams, Mark		0	
Bakewell, Bruce		0	
Dykshoorn, Jan		0	
Grotberg, Perry		0	
Quail, Ron		0	
Tierney, Marie		0	

PROCEDURAL COMMITTEES

Senator Nething moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Governor and the House that the Senate is organized and ready to transact business, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Solberg, R. Christensen and Shablow.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of seven be appointed to form, with the Majority Leader, the Committee on Committees, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Nething, Thane, Lee, Naaden, Olin, Wright, Redlin and Berube.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Delayed Bills, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Cussons, Nelson, Mutch, Albers and Tallackson.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as a Committee on Arrangements for Senate Committee rooms, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Hanson, Melland and Shablow.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Employment, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Thane, Solberg, Iszler, Wright and Barth.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as a Committee on Correction and Revision of the Journal, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Tennefos, Sorum and Walsh.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of five be appointed to act as a Committee on Enrolling and Engrossing, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Fritzell, Dykshoorn, Moore, Bakewell and Dotzenrod.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of nine be appointed to act as a Committee on Senate and Joint Rules, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee, Senators Melland, Nething, Thane, Lee, Olin, Naaden, Wright, Lashkowitz and Redlin.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as a Committee on Photography, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee Senators Vosper, Quail and Grotberg.

Senator Nething moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a like committee from the House, as an Inaugural Planning Committee, which motion prevailed. The President appointed as such committee Senators Streibel, Adams and Berube.

The Committee from the House were received and informed the Senate that the House is organized and ready to transact business.

Senator Nething announced that there will be a joint session in the House to hear the remarks of the Governor of the State of North Dakota immediately after adjournment.

Senator Nething moved that the Senate adjourn until 9:00 A.M., Wednesday, December 3, 1980, which motion prevailed.

LEO LEIDHOLM, Secretary