

Third Day of  
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The House convened at 9:00 a.m., with Speaker Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and 100 members were present and 6 members were absent.

**PRESENT:** Anderson, C.; Anderson, R.; Aubol; Backes; Black; Boyle; Brokaw; Conmy; DeMers; DuBord; Eagles; Erdman; Gates; Gerl; Goetz; Gorder; Gullickson; Gunsch; Halmrast; Hamerlik; Hanson, L.; Hanson, O.; Haugland; Hausauer; Hill; Hjelle; Hoffner, S.F.; Hoffner, Serenus; Horgan; Hughes; Jacobson; Keller; Kelly; Kent; Kingsbury; Kloubec; Knudson; Koehn; Koski; Kuchera; Lang; Lardy; Larson, B.; Larson, R.; Laughlin; Lautenschlager; Linderman; Lipsiea; Lloyd; Martin, C.; Martin, G.; Martinson; Meier, A.; Meiers, R.; Melby; Mertens; Meyer, W.; Moore; Murphy; Mushik; Nalewaja; Nicholas; Nowatzki; O'Connell; Olafson; Olsen, D.; Olson, A.; Opedahl; O'Shea; Peltier; Peterson; Pomeroy, E.; Pomeroy, G.; Rayl; Rice; Richard; Riehl; Riley; Sanstead; Schindler; Schneider; Schoenwald; Shide; Shockman; Sinner; Solberg; Stofferahn; Strinden; Swiontek; Thompson; Timm; Unhjem; Vig; Watne; Wentz; Whalen; Williams, A.; Williams, C.; Williams, W.; Wold

**ABSENT:** Dotzenrod; Kretschmar; Meyer, R.; Retzer; Rued; Vander Vorst

A quorum was declared by the Speaker.

**REP. STRINDEN REQUESTED** that the record show that Reps. Vander Vorst and Kretschmar are absent today attending the funeral of former House member J. L. (Jake) Raile.

**REP. BACKES REQUESTED** that the Journal show that Rep. Dotzenrod will not be here today due to illness.

MOTIONS

**REP. BACKES MOVED** that the House stand at ease to receive the Senate, which motion prevailed.

## CALL TO ORDER FOR JOINT SESSION

SPEAKER KELLY called the Joint Session to order.

REP. BACKES MOVED that a committee of two be appointed to escort Lt. Governor Ernest Sands to the rostrum, which motion prevailed.

SPEAKER KELLY APPOINTED Reps. Lang and Boyle, and Lt. Governor Sands was escorted to the rostrum.

## JOINT SESSION

LT. GOVERNOR SANDS presided over the Joint Session.

Deputy Executive Budget Analyst Larry Isaak addressed the Session on "Where Our Money Comes From and Where It Goes".

## MOTIONS

REP. BACKES MOVED that the Joint Session of the North Dakota House and Senate be dissolved, which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened for announcements.

REP. BACKES MOVED that the House stand at recess until 2:30 p.m., which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened at 2:30 p.m., with Speaker Kelly presiding.

## REPORTS OF PROCEDURAL COMMITTEES

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Procedural Committee on Arrangements for House Committee Rooms has examined potential meeting rooms and makes the following recommendations:

## HOUSE COMMITTEE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

1983 Session

Committee	Meeting	Room
	Days	
Appropriations .....	M,T,W,Th,F	Rough Rider
Finance and Taxation .....	M,T,W	Fort Totten
Judiciary .....	M,T,W	Prairie
Industry, Business, and Labor ...	M,T,W	Peace Garden
Education .....	M,T,W	Sakakawea
State and Federal Government ....	M,T,W	Fort Union
Political Subdivisions .....	Th,F	Prairie
Social Services and Veterans ....	Th,F	Peace Garden
Affairs		
Transportation .....	Th,F	Fort Totten
Agriculture .....	Th,F	Fort Union
Natural Resources .....	Th,F	Sakakawea
Constitutional Revision .....	TBA	Senate Conference

REP. O'SHEA MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

MADAM SPEAKER: Your Committee on Rules, appointed to recommend legislative rules, has had the same under consideration and

recommends that the House and Joint Rules of the Forty-seventh Legislative Assembly, with the following amendments and exceptions be adopted as the permanent rules of the House which shall govern those procedures in the House to which they relate:

SECTION 1. House Rule 408 is hereby created and adopted to read as follows:

408. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - STATEMENT OF INTENT.

Every resolution proposing a change in the Constitution of North Dakota shall contain a statement setting forth clear and precise language the legislative purpose and intent of the proposed change; the statement shall clearly represent the substance and effect of the proposed change.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. House Rules 102, 206, 301, 306, 311, 314, 316, 324, 330, 341, 350, 351, 402, 404, 501, and 601 are hereby amended to read as follows:

102. ABSENTEES

No member or officer of the House, unless he or she is unable to attend due to illness or other cause, shall be absent from a session of the House, during an entire day, without first having obtained leave from the ~~Speaker~~ House, and no one shall be entitled to draw pay while absent more than one day without leave.

206. OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEE POSITIONS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following offices and employee positions shall be established and the number, title, and manner of selection for each position shall be as hereinafter indicated or stated:

Title of Position	Number of Positions
Group A	
Chief Clerk . . . . .	1
Desk Reporter . . . . .	1
Sergeant-at-Arms . . . . .	1
Persons holding Group A positions shall be elected by a majority of the members-elect and the vote shall be recorded in the journal.	
Group B	
Assistant Chief Clerk . . . . .	1
Bill Clerk . . . . .	1
Chief Stenographer and	
Payroll Clerk . . . . .	1
Chief Committee Clerk . . . . .	1
Appropriations Committee	
Clerk . . . . .	1

## Assistant Appropriations

Committee Clerk . . . . .	1
Committee Clerks . . . . .	9 <u>10</u>
Assistant Committee Clerks . . . . .	2 <u>1</u>
Chief Page . . . . .	1
Desk Pages . . . . .	3

Persons holding Group B positions shall be appointed by the party having a majority of the members-elect acting by and through the Committee on Employment.

## Group C

Secretary to the Speaker . . . . .	1
Secretary to Majority Leader . . . . .	1
Secretary to Minority Leader . . . . .	1

The Speaker and the Majority and Minority Leaders shall appoint their respective secretaries to such position, acting by and through the Committee on Employment.

Other employees shall be appointed as deemed necessary by the Committee on Employment and shall be allocated to the majority and minority parties in proportion to each party's percentage of the total number of the members-elect and each party shall appoint the persons to the positions allocated to them, acting by and through the Committee on Employment except, however, that in allocating the positions of stenographers and typists the minority party shall be allocated not less than one each of these positions. The majority party shall have the first right to select those positions of this group until their allocation is filled.

The powers, duties, and qualifications for each officer or employee shall be as provided by law, these rules, and the Legislative Handbook for North Dakota Legislators and Employees.

## 301. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Prayer by the Chaplain.
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Reference to the Journal.
4. Presentation of Petitions and Communications.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Consideration of Amendments.
7. Reports of Select Committees, Procedural Committees, and Certain Divided Committee Reports.
8. Motions and Resolutions.

9. First Reading of House Bills and Resolutions.
10. Consideration of Bills and Resolutions on Consent Calendar.
11. Second Reading of House Bills and Resolutions.
12. Consideration of Messages from the Senate.
13. First Reading of Senate Bills and Resolutions.
14. Second Reading of Same.
15. ~~Consideration of General Orders-~~
- ~~16-~~ 16. Unfinished Business.
- ~~17-~~ 16. Signing of Bills and Resolutions.
- ~~18-~~ 17. Announcements.

### 306. RULES OF DEBATE

No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the House, nor more than once until every member choosing to speak on the subject pending shall have spoken. No member shall speak for more than ten minutes the first time, nor more than five minutes the second time. This rule shall not apply to Majority and Minority Leaders and the chairman of the committee in charge of the bill, or a spokesman designated by that chairman.

### 311. ORDER OF MOTION

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to fix the time to which to adjourn; to adjourn; to lay on the table; to move the previous question (which four motions shall be decided without debate); to move to postpone to a day certain; to refer, or amend, ~~or place in general orders~~; or to postpone indefinitely - which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. No motion to postpone to a day certain, or to refer ~~or place in general orders~~, having been decided, shall be entertained again on the same day.

### 314. NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS

The following motions are not debatable:

1. Adjournment.
2. Clincher.
3. Fix the time of adjournment.

4. Order of the day.
5. ~~Objections to considering questions-~~
- 6- Reading of papers.
- 7- 6. Withdrawal of motion.
- 8- 7. Suspension of the rules.
- 9- 8. To lay on the table.
- 10- 9. Previous question.

### 316. DIVISION OF QUESTION

If a question before the House contains more than one proposition, any member may have the same divided, except there shall be no division of the question on the adoption of a conference committee report or on the second reading and final passage of a bill or resolution resulting from the adoption of a conference committee report.

### 324. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

Upon the first reading of a bill or concurrent resolution, the Speaker shall refer it to an appropriate standing committee, unless the House, by motion, decides to refer it to a select or other standing committee, or to the Committee of the Whole. If the bill or resolution is referred to the Committee of the Whole, it shall come up for consideration ~~under the general order of the~~ next day, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

### 330. ENGROSSMENT

All House bills amended in committee ~~or in general orders~~ shall be properly engrossed before their second reading and final passage. Any Senate bill amended in the House may, prior to second reading, be engrossed on motion of the House or ~~upon~~ on request of a leader. The Committee on Engrossment shall examine all bills after they are engrossed and report the same to the House correctly engrossed, which report must be approved before their second reading. The committee may report at any time.

### 341. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Any member who votes on the prevailing side of a question, ("prevailing side of a question" shall be that side which voted "aye" on a question that passed, and "nay" on a question that failed), or who did not vote on the question, or who voted on a question on which the ayes and nays were not recorded, may move a reconsideration of the question, which motion shall be decided by a majority vote of the members-elect. In case of a bill, resolution, or amendment to the Constitution, the motion to

reconsider, if made after the end of the next legislative day, shall require a two-thirds vote of the members-elect. ~~No question shall~~ The vote by which any measure passed or failed to pass may not be reconsidered more than once in any natural day. No motion to reconsider may be made unless the matter is in possession of the House.

### 350. DETERMINATION OF SENIORITY SEATING IN HOUSE CHAMBERS

1. Seniority shall be measured by the total number of years a member has served in the Legislative Assembly, regardless of continuity of terms of office, and shall include service in the Senate.
2. Seating of members shall be in the following order by ~~district~~ delegation:
  - a. ~~Past Speakers in the order of seniority.~~
  - b. ~~The Speaker.~~
  - c. The Majority Leader.
  - d. ~~b.~~ The Minority Leader.
  - e. ~~c.~~ The Assistant Majority Leader.
  - f. ~~d.~~ The Assistant Minority Leader.
  - g. Past Speakers in the order of seniority.
  - h. The Speaker.
  - i. The remaining ~~delegations being seated members in~~ the order of seniority of each delegation's most senior member.
3. Seat numbers 40 and 64 shall be reserved for the Majority Leader and Minority Leader.
4. The Speaker may also permit extra seats on the floor of the House chambers to be utilized by members of the press, and may reserve certain seats for that purpose.
5. When two or more members have exactly the same seniority as determined pursuant to the first sentence of this rule subsection 1, seating among those delegations members shall be in chronological ascending numerical order based on the number of the district represented by each delegation. When two or more members from the same district or multidistrict have equal seniority, their names shall be listed in alphabetical order for seating purposes.

## 351. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS LIMITED - COURTESY OF THE HOUSE

1. Introduction of guests in the House of Representatives shall be limited to those persons called on to address that body and former members of the Legislative Assembly.
2. No person shall be admitted to the floor of the House except state officers; judges of the Supreme Court and district courts; present and former members of Congress; present and former members of the Legislative Assembly; present officers and officials; all employees of both houses of the Legislative Assembly; reporters for newspapers; and any other person granted admission by the Speaker.
3. No member shall have more than one guest seated with the member on the floor at any one time.
4. For the purposes of this rule, the floor of the House is hereby defined as all of the first floor of the House chamber in front of the railing.

## 402. WHEN INTRODUCED

1. No bill shall be introduced after the fifteenth legislative day and no member shall introduce more than three bills as prime sponsor after the tenth legislative day, nor shall any resolution, except those resolutions hereinafter provided for, be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, except upon approval of a majority of the Committee on Delayed Bills or upon two-thirds vote of the House.
2. No bill introduced at the request of an executive agency or the Supreme Court shall be introduced after December fifteenth prior to the ensuing regular session, except upon approval of a majority of the Committee on Delayed Bills.
3. Resolutions which propose amendments to the United States Constitution ~~or the Constitution of North Dakota~~, and resolutions directing the Legislative Council to carry out a study, shall not be introduced after the thirty-third legislative day, and shall be reported back from the standing committee, if referred, no later than the forty-fourth legislative day in the case of resolutions proposing constitutional amendments, and no later than the thirty-seventh legislative day in the case of resolutions directing a Legislative Council study.



4. Resolutions which propose amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota shall not be introduced after the eighteenth legislative day, and shall be reported back from the Joint Constitutional Revision Committee no later than the forty-fourth legislative day.
5. A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment or directing a Legislative Council study which is not reported back as provided in this rule shall automatically be placed on the calendar without recommendation.

#### 404. FORM OF BILLS, NUMBER OF COPIES

1. Every bill and resolution shall be in typewritten form and eleven copies thereof shall be filed with the Chief Clerk of the House.
2. Each bill and resolution shall have typed on it the name of the member, or members, but no more than five from the House, nor more than three from each house on jointly sponsored bills, or committee introducing the same.
3. The enacting clause of a bill shall be as follows: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA".
4. No bill shall embrace more than one subject, which shall be expressed in its title.
5. If a bill amends a present statute, the portion thereof constituting the amendment or amendments shall be underscored. In all bills which contain both sections amending existing statutes and sections which will be new law, the portion containing the amendment to the existing statute and all of each section containing new law shall be underscored. Any matter contained in the present statute but deleted in the proposed amended statute shall be contained in the typewritten bill, but shall be set off from the remainder of the text by typing a line through the deleted matter. Where bills sponsored by the Legislative Council do not use the above devices, such bills must be accompanied by appropriate explanatory notations outlining the changes to be effected. All bills and resolutions to be introduced in the House shall be in such form and style as the Legislative Council shall prescribe.
6. The Chief Clerk of the House, upon receiving ~~eleven~~ the copies of a bill or resolution as provided by this rule, shall proceed as follows: (1) If the original copy of the bill or resolution has attached to it a

notation that the bill or resolution was drafted, retyped, or approved as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff, the Chief Clerk shall number the bill or resolution as provided in House Rule 401 and, after first reading and referral, shall distribute the copies as provided in this rule; or (2) If the original copy of the bill does not have a notation of drafting, retyping, or approval as to form and style by the Legislative Council staff attached, the Chief Clerk shall proceed as provided in House Rule 405.

7. The Chief Clerk shall, after compliance with this rule and after first reading, distribute the ~~eleven~~ copies of a bill or resolution received as follows: The original shall be delivered to the chairman of the committee to which the measure is referred; one copy shall be delivered to the Speaker; ~~one copy~~ three copies shall be delivered to the Legislative Council; one copy shall remain in the custody of the Chief Clerk until otherwise directed by the House; one copy shall, except in the case of bills or resolutions printed on order of the Legislative Council pursuant to House Rule 406, be delivered to the printer having the contract for printing of bills; ~~one copy shall be delivered to the printer having the contract for printing the House journal for use in setting of the bill title, and~~ three copies shall be available for representatives of news media; one copy shall be available to the Greater North Dakota Association; and one copy shall be given to the prime sponsor. Any statewide organization or association may be provided a copy of each introduced bill or resolution for the payment of a subscription fee established by the director of the Legislative Council for the 1983 session and by the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee for subsequent legislative sessions. Orders and payments for such bills or resolutions must be placed with the Council prior to January third for the 1983 session and prior to December fifteenth for subsequent sessions.
8. The original of each bill or resolution filed with the Chief Clerk shall be prepared in the form prescribed by the Legislative Council.

#### 501. STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing committees concerned with matters in the fields as indicated, shall be appointed as follows:

1. Appropriations: (19 21 members)

All bills calling for appropriations in excess of five thousand dollars.

- Group A-1
2. Education: (~~16~~ 17 members)  
Public Schools; Libraries; and Institutions of Higher Learning.
  3. Finance and Taxation: (~~16~~ 17 members)  
Public Debt; Taxes and Tax Laws.
  4. Judiciary: (~~15~~ 16 members)  
Elections and Election Privileges; Judiciary.
  5. Industry, Business, and Labor: (16 members)  
Banks and Banking; Corporations; Insurance; Matters pertaining to Private Business and Industry; Workmen's Compensation; Unemployment Compensation; Labor Laws and kindred subjects.
  6. State and Federal Government: (~~15~~ 16 members)  
State and Federal Affairs; Director of Institutions and Industrial Commission and institutions under their supervision; State Historical Society and State Parks; Immigration and Statistics.
- Group A-2
7. Agriculture: (~~15~~ 17 members)  
Agriculture; Livestock; Drainage and Irrigation; Warehouse and Grain Grading.
  8. Natural Resources: (~~16~~ 17 members)  
Game and Fish; Public Lands; Mines and Mining; Gas and Oil; Forestry.
  9. Political Subdivisions: (16 members)  
Cities; Counties; Townships; Park Districts; Apportionment.
  10. Social Services and Veterans Affairs: (~~15~~ 16 members)  
Social Services; Public Health; Public Safety; Temperance; Matters affecting the Military and Veterans.
  11. Transportation: (16 members)  
Highways and Bridges; Railroads; Motor Vehicles; Airlines and Airports.

## PROCEDURAL COMMITTEES

12. Delayed Bills, to consist of five members.
13. Employment, to consist of five members.
14. Enrolled and Engrossed Bills, to consist of five members.
15. Revision and Correction of Journal, to consist of five members.
16. Rules, to consist of nine members.

In the event of a change in membership, notwithstanding committee provisions provided in Rule 501, the Speaker may assign the new member to a committee or committees.

## 601. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. The report of a committee shall be that the bill or resolution: do pass; do not pass; be amended and then do pass; be amended and then do not pass; or be placed on the calendar without recommendation. However, when a committee fails to adopt any of the above recommendations due to the lack of a majority, the chairman shall report the bill to the floor with whatever minority reports individual committee members may request.
2. If the committee report is for passage with amendment or for amendment and do not pass, the proposed amendment shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the sixth order of business. No action shall be taken on an amendment until a verbatim copy of the amendment has been distributed to each member; provided, that on a two-thirds vote of the members-elect, this may be suspended, and the amendment acted on immediately after the report of the committee. If the amendment is adopted by a majority vote of the members present, the amended measure shall then be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage. If the amendment is rejected, the measure without amendment shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage. If the committee report recommends that the measure pass, do not pass, or makes no recommendation, the measure shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day under the applicable order of business for second reading and final passage.

3. If the committee report is divided as provided in Rule 602, and one report is for amendment with the other that the bill do not pass, the reports shall be placed on the calendar for the next legislative day on the seventh order of business. The Speaker shall receive and announce a motion that the report of the minority be substituted for the majority committee report. If a "do not pass" report is adopted under this subsection, it shall cause the measure to be placed on the calendar on the eleventh or fourteenth order of business.
4. During the fifth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall announce that committee reports have been received, if such is the case, and shall list the bill or resolution number, or other identifier, and state the accompanying committee recommendation.
5. When a measure is on the calendar on the tenth, eleventh, or fourteenth order of business, the Chief Clerk shall again announce the committee recommendation concerning that measure.
6. If the committee report is divided pursuant to Rule 602, the Chief Clerk shall announce the majority report and the minority report, or reports, as well.
7. The Chief Clerk shall ensure that the daily calendar contains appropriate notation of committee reports.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Joint Rule 302 is hereby amended to read as follows:

### 302. JOINT COMMITTEES

For the convenience of the public and the information of members, so far as practicable, like committees of both houses may meet in joint session. The chairman shall be the chairman of the committee of the house before which the bill or resolution under consideration is then pending. The report to the house before which the bill is pending shall be made by the members of the committee of such house. If the measure passes the house of introduction after a joint hearing, the members of the joint committee from the second house may report the measure to that house and another hearing is not necessary unless the measure was amended in the first house.

SECTION 4. Joint Rule 502 is hereby created to read as follows:

### 502. FISCAL NOTES FOR BILLS IMPACTING COUNTIES AND CITIES.

1. All bills and resolutions introduced into either house of the Legislative Assembly which mandate changes in

the revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of counties or cities shall have a fiscal note attached reflecting the statewide impact of the bill or resolution on counties or cities.

2. If no state agency has primary responsibility for compiling and maintaining the information necessary for the proper preparation of a fiscal note otherwise required by this rule, a statement to that effect must be attached to the bill or resolution by the party responsible for requesting the fiscal note pursuant to subsection 2 of Joint Rule 501, and a statement attached pursuant to this subsection meets the fiscal note requirement.
3. The same requirements and procedures provided in Joint Rule 501 for state fiscal notes, including but not limited to preparation, deadlines, forms, and reading of fiscal notes on second reading and final passage, shall apply to fiscal notes for counties and cities except as provided in this rule.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. House Rule 512 and Joint Rules 303, 305, and 901 are hereby repealed.

REP. BACKES MOVED that the report be adopted, which motion prevailed.

SPEAKER KELLY ANNOUNCED the appointment of standing committees.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

##### Appropriations

Mertens, Chairman	Eagles
Opedahl, Vice Chairman	Gunsch
Boyle	Hanson, O.
Erdman	Hausauer
Horgan	Kingsbury
Lardy	Kuchera
Martin, G.	Lipsiea
Mushik	Peterson
Rayl	Thompson
Sanstead	Unhjem
Solberg	

##### Finance and Taxation

Sinner, Chairman	Anderson, R.
Riehl, Vice Chairman	Goetz
Aubol	Hughes
Koski	Martin, C.
Larson, B.	Moore
Laughlin	Nicholas
Pomeroy, G.	Olson, A.

Richard  
Schneider

Timm

#### Judiciary

Pomeroy, E., Chairman  
Nowatzki, Vice Chairman  
Keller  
Linderman  
Meiers, R.  
Shockman  
Vig  
Williams, A.

Anderson, C.  
Conmy  
Gates  
Kent  
Kretschmar  
Murphy  
Riley  
Wentz

#### Industry, Business, and Labor

Hoffner, S. F., Chairman  
Gerl, Vice Chairman  
Dotzenrod  
DuBord  
Gullickson  
Hjelle  
Lloyd  
Schoenwald

Haugland  
Lang  
Larson, R.  
Peltier  
Retzer  
Rued  
Vander Vorst  
Whalen

#### Education

Jacobson, Chairman  
Hoffner, Serenus, Vice Chairman  
O'Connell  
Halmrast  
Hill  
Lautenschlager  
Meyer, W.  
Stofferahn  
Williams, C.

Black  
Gorder  
Hamerlik  
Knudson  
Olsen, D.  
Rice  
Schindler  
Swiontek

#### State and Federal Government

Hanson, L., Chairman  
O'Shea, Vice Chairman  
Brokaw  
DeMers  
Meier, A.  
Meyer, R.  
Watne  
Williams, W.

Kloubec  
Koehn  
Martinson  
Melby  
Nalewaja  
Olafson  
Shide  
Wold

#### Political Subdivisions

Dotzenrod, Chairman  
Koski, Vice Chairman  
Gerl  
Jacobson  
Laughlin  
Lloyd  
O'Connell  
Sinner

Black  
Conmy  
Hughes  
Knudson  
Lang  
Moore  
Nalewaja  
Wentz

**Social Services and Veterans Affairs**

Meiers, R., Chairman  
 Halmrast, Vice Chairman  
 DeMers  
 DuBord  
 Hill  
 Hoffner, Serenus  
 Pomeroy, E.  
 Stofferahn

Gates  
 Haugland  
 Olsen, D.  
 Olson, A.  
 Peltier  
 Retzer  
 Swiontek  
 Wold

**Transportation**

Hjelle, Chairman  
 Richard, Vice Chairman  
 Aubol  
 Hoffner, S. F.  
 Riehl  
 Schneider  
 Schoenwald  
 Williams, C.

Anderson, C.  
 Anderson, R.  
 Goetz  
 Kent  
 Melby  
 Nicholas  
 Olafson  
 Rued

**Agriculture**

Meyer, W., Chairman  
 Larson, B., Vice Chairman  
 Keller  
 Linderman  
 Nowatzki  
 Schockman  
 Vig  
 Watne  
 Williams, A.

Gorder  
 Hamerlik  
 Koehn  
 Larson, R.  
 Rice  
 Shide  
 Vander Vorst  
 Whalen

**Natural Resources**

Brokaw, Chairman  
 Pomeroy, G., Vice Chairman  
 Hanson, L.  
 Gullickson  
 Lautenschlager  
 Meier, A.  
 Meyer, R.  
 O'Shea  
 Williams, W.

Kloubec  
 Kretschmar  
 Martin, C.  
 Martinson  
 Murphy  
 Riley  
 Schindler  
 Timm

**Joint Constitutional Revision**

Sanstead, Chairman  
 Pomeroy, G.  
 Schneider

Kretschmar  
 Swiontek

REP. BACKES REQUESTED that his remarks be printed in the Journal.



REMARKS FOR THE JOURNAL  
Representative Richard Backes  
House Majority Leader

In the past, the unwritten rule of this Assembly on placing committee members has carried three points.

First and most rigidly adhered to was the rule of no two members from any one district could serve on a committee. That rule also recognized the right of the Majority Party to place its members when such a conflict existed.

Rule Number 2 was that no two members of this Assembly from any one city, not district, could serve on the Appropriations Committee. That rule also recognized the right of the Majority to place their members first.

Rule Number 3 was simply that the Majority Party could do as they pleased over and above the first two unwritten rules and sometimes did. My remarks as printed in the Journal of the House of the Forty-seventh Legislative Session, illustrates the arbitrary right of the Majority.

I believe Speaker Kelly is to be commended for her fairness in the placement of committee members.

Only Rule Number 1 relating to no two members from any one district shall serve on any committee was invoked. That has created some noted dislocations for the minority as it has for the Democrats in past sessions and also in this session's committee assignments.

Speaker Kelly's decision in this matter also reflected the Majority Party's members right to pick a committee member over the minority member's request. It also recognizes the sound reasoning that a district should be represented as broadly as possible by the district's representation on as many committees as possible for better dissemination of information to the public by its legislators.

Unwritten Rule Number 2 referring to no two members from any one city shall not serve on Appropriations was not invoked. As you can realize by reviewing the committee lists, the dislocations of minority members on this important committee would have been severe.

Rule Number 3 was not invoked since there were no arbitrary decisions of any kind outside of Rule Number 1.

REP. BACKES MOVED that the absent members be excused which motion prevailed.

REP. BACKES MOVED that the Forty-eighth Organizational Legislative Session be adjourned, which motion prevailed.

CHARLES FLEMING, Chief Clerk