

## Assembly

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
ROOM 222  
FEBRUARY 15, 1973

PRESENT: EILEEN BROOKMAN, CHAIRMAN  
REV. MARION BENNETT  
ROGER BREMNER  
LAWRENCE JACOBSEN  
ROY TORVINEN  
ROY YOUNG

ABSENT: DON MELLO, VICE CHAIRMAN

GUESTS: JEAN FORD, ASSEMBLYMAN  
STAN COLTON, PRESS

The meeting was called to order at 2:20.

Assembly Resolution No. 7 was the "business of the day."

41. Appointment of Committees:  
Except as provided in Assembly Standing Rule 101, all committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise directed by the Assembly. The Speaker shall designate the Chairman of each Committee. The Chairman shall appoint one member as Vice-Chairman.

There was a discussion in regard to amending "Standing Rule no 41." Speaker of The House, Keith Ashworth felt that it should stand as it is. He felt that the Speaker of the House should have the right to name the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, as stated. It was his opinion that "conflicting parties" present a problem. He felt that he should have control of the job, as "top man." He also mentioned that the strength, he felt, would be diluted with opposite parties as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. This was agreed on, with the stipulation that the appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman must be in accord with said appointment. Motion passed.

46. Committee Action on Reports.  
Committee reports shall be adopted at a committee session actually assembled and meeting as a committee with a quorum present. Every committee vote on a matter pertaining to a bill or resolution shall be recorded by individual vote. The vote may be taken by roll call at the discretion of the Chairman.

The discussion on the above was in regard to answering "aye" or "nay" when voting a question - whether only the affirmative vote of "aye" should be recorded and not the "nay" votes. Mr. Ashworth was in favor of this, but Reverend Bennett felt that both the "ayes" and the "nays" would be necessary for the voice vote. Mr. Ashworth replied that "even tho only the affirmative votes were recorded they would still know who voted the "nays." The motion was made and passed that only the "Ayes" be counted.

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48. Disposition of Committee Records- Public Inspection. All minutes, records and documents in the possession of committees and their chairmen shall be filed in the offices of the Legislative Counsel Bureau within one week of adjournment sine die, and shall be available for public inspection.

Discussion of the members to add "not official records," but Mr. Torvinen said that in adding that phrase, it would be "paraphrasing" and can change the meaning. Mr. Ashworth said that in only the last six years have records been kept. He continued that minutes can be taken "completely out of context". Further he added, that if the records are open and available to public inspection that any man, woman, or child has the right to look at them. Mr. Jacobsen made the suggestion that "all records be filed with the Legislative Counsel Bureau when the session leaves. Mr. Ashworth further suggested deleting the words "and shall be available for public inspection." A motion was made and passed. Prior to this Mrs. Brookman stated that she thought the minutes should be left in the library of the Counsel Bureau. All agreed.

Reverend Bennett made motion for adjournment, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobsen.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Pace, Secretary