

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

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JANUARY 27, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. Senator Close was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Close
Senator Foote
Senator Sheerin
Senator Dodge
Senator Hilbrecht
Senator Bryan
Senator Wilson

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Chief Justice A. E. Gunderson

SJR 30 of the 57th Session - The proposed resolution for expansion of the membership of the Supreme Court and authorizing the division of the Supreme Court into panels for hearing certain cases was under consideration.

Speaking on the Resolution at the Committee's request was Chief Justice A. E. Gunderson.

Justice Gunderson explained he had advised the other members of the Court of the proposed resolution, the Committee's request, and told them what he intends to say with regard to this proposal. Two have indicated they are in agreement with him, and although he has not heard from the remaining two members, he feels they are of similar mind.

They feel this Resolution would be of definite benefit and are recommending favorable action by the Committee. He explained the case load of the Supreme Court has been increasing yearly and, in some cases, increasing rather dramatically. This proposal would help the Court considerably.

He advised the Committee that the Assembly has had a bill drafted which would eliminate the need for the Supreme Court to have all of their opinions published, thereby streamlining some of their procedures. Under this proposal, each case would be reviewed, individually, and a determination made as to whether the opinion should be published or not.

In conclusion, it was the consensus of opinion that the Resolution should be adopted, based upon the testimony of Justice Gunderson, however no action was taken by the Committee.

A request will be made of the Counsel Bureau Research Division to provide additional information on the methods used in other states.

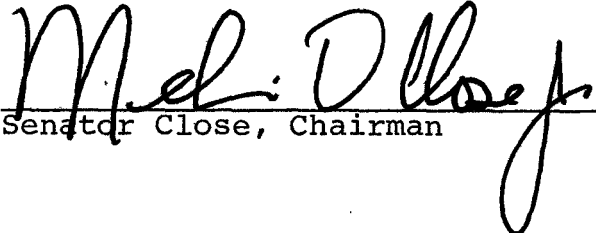
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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Nykki L. Kinsley, Secretary

APPROVED:


Senator Close, Chairman