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MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Westall
Vice Chairman Mello
Mr. Barengo
Mr. Harmon
Mr. Vergiels
Mr. Glover
Mr. Rusk
Mr. Tanner
Mr. Weise

Chairman Westall called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She announced that there would be no bills heard at this meeting.

The Chairman asked for a consensus of opinion on how the sound should be handled in the press room; whether it should be on part of the time or all of the time.

Mr. Harmon moved that the sound be on in the press room from gavel to gavel except during recesses and the noon break. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weise and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Glover said that with regard to A.J.R. 8, the bill drafter is having some difficulty with the judicial open meeting section, but is working on it. He will turn it in as soon as it is back from the bill drafter.

Mr. Barengo stated that A.B. 161 has been re-referred to the committee as there are some imperfections in Section 2 of the bill. The Chairman will check on the amendment.

Chairman Westall stated that the next order of business would be a discussion of how the committee tapes should be handled. The leadership would like a resolution on at least the Assembly side of the legislature even if the Senate handles it in a different manner. She referred to the suggestions of the Counsel Bureau which are in the minutes of the January 29, 1979 meeting of this committee and marked Exhibit D.

Mr. Vergiels said that he does not feel that the chairman of a committee should not have the right to screen everyone who wants to listen to the tapes. They should be open to everyone.

Mr. Barengo moved that the proposal of the Counsel Bureau be adopted as an Assembly Standing Rule. Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Mr. Barengo then moved that the proposed rules be made into a Joint Rule for the Senate and Assembly, Mr. Tanner seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50.