

14. Insurance—10 members.
 15. Law and ~~Order~~ JUSTICE—10 members.
~~16. Corporations—10 members.~~
 16. AGING AND YOUTH—10 MEMBERS.
 17. CONSUMER AFFAIRS—10 MEMBERS.
 18. URBAN AFFAIRS AND HOUSING—10 MEMBERS.

President Pro Tempore ex-officio

Will the Senate adopt the resolution?

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I desire to interrogate the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Nolan.

The PRESIDENT. Will the gentleman from Allegheny, Senator Nolan, permit himself to be interrogated?

Senator NOLAN. I will, Mr. President.

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I think it would be helpful to this Body if the Majority Leader would indicate whether or not the Committee on Business and Commerce, a newly created, or, at least, a newly designated committee, could be expected to assume the jurisdiction heretofore held by the Committee on Banking?

Senator NOLAN. Yes, Mr. President, that would be the intent of the committee.

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I think it would further be helpful to the Members of this Body if the Majority Leader would indicate whether or not, under the resolution he has just offered to the Senate, he contemplates any change in the jurisdiction of the committee heretofore known as the Committee on Law and Order, now proposed to be the Committee on Law and Justice.

Senator NOLAN. Mr. President, the jurisdiction of the Committee on Law and Justice would be the same as the Committee on Law and Order. We changed the name to the Committee on Law and Justice in order to conform with the title of the same committee in the House of Representatives.

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I think it would further be helpful if the Majority Leader would inform the Members of this Body as to the distinction he would contemplate between the proposed Committee on Local Government and the proposed Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing.

Senator NOLAN. Mr. President, the Committee on Local Government will continue to handle the type of legislation which was handled in the last Session of the Senate. The Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing would handle all legislation pertaining to housing and urban affairs.

Senator FRAME. Mr. President, I think it would further be helpful if the Majority Leader would indicate to the Members of this Body as to whether he contemplated, under the resolution now before the Senate, for the Committee on Law and Justice to have any jurisdiction over proposals to amend the various penal statutes and the Criminal Code.

Senator NOLAN. No, Mr. President. Those types of bills being introduced would go to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator FRAME. I thank the gentleman, Mr. President.

And the question recurring,
 Will the Senate adopt the resolution?
 The resolution was adopted.

PERMISSION TO ADDRESS SENATE

Senator KURY asked and obtained unanimous consent to address the Senate.

Senator KURY. Mr. President, last year, as you know,

the special committee on the reform of the Senate confirmation procedure made its report and we passed legislation, a constitutional amendment in the form of Senate Bill No. 1409, which passed both houses, to carry out that report. We also passed in the Senate, Senate Bill No. 1410 which was a statutory change to implement that report. That, of course, got tied up in a conference committee.

I am pleased to report today I am reintroducing with the co-sponsorship of the leadership of both sides of the aisle the constitutional amendment to carry out the report of that special committee as well as a statutory bill comparable to Senate Bill No. 1410 of last Session to further implement the committee report.

I am pleased to introduce these bills at this time and to say that if any Members on either side of the aisle would like to join in co-sponsoring them, they will be with the Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE NOTIFIES SENATE IT IS READY TO CONVENE IN JOINT SESSION

The PRESIDENT. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present a Committee on behalf of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT. Will you bring the Committee forward, please?

The SERGEANT-AT-ARMS. Mr. President, I have the honor to present the Chairman of the Committee, the Honorable James D. Barber.

Mr. BARBER. Mr. President, we are a Committee of the House of Representatives, appointed to inform the Senate that the House is ready to receive the Members of the Senate in Joint Session, and to escort them to the Hall of the House.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair thanks Chairman Barber and his Committee from the House.

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The PRESIDENT. The Members of the Senate will please form a line in the center aisle immediately behind the Sergeant-at-Arms and the House Committee, in order that we may proceed to the Joint Session.

The Chair now declares a recess of the Senate for one-half hour.

SENATE PROCEEDS TO HOUSE TO COUNT VOTE FOR STATE OFFICERS

The hour of 1:00 p.m., having arrived, a Committee on the part of the House of Representatives being introduced, informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was ready for the reception of the President and Members of the Senate for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and publishing of the official returns of the votes cast on the first Tuesday of November, A.D., 1974, for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

Whereupon,

The President and Members of the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

SENATE RETURNS FROM THE HOUSE

The President and Members of the Senate then returned to the Senate Chamber.