

PRESIDENT: Do we have any bills for introduction?

CLERK: Yes, read.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Seantor Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I move for the unanimous consent to introduce this bill.

PRESIDENT: Can't do it by unanimous consent.

SENATOR BARNETT: Then I make a motion, in the form of a motion. The bill actually is the bill that we talked about that Lancaster County did not get until approximately two weeks ago it is for their Civil Service System that that they would like to adopt the Lancaster County employee. As you know, it was signed by the Government and Military Affairs Committee and therefore I ask at this time, I'd move that we honor this request and introduce this bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the motion? Question is shall the bill be introduced. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed will vote no. It takes 30 votes to introduce the bill. Motion is to introduce the bill that Senator Barnett's motion is to introduce the bill. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the title.

CLERK: Well I have a series more.

PRESIDENT: Oh, go ahead, I am sorry.

CLERK: Read

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have discussed this bill with the Attorney General who presently is in office and he would take a position neither way not for nor against. Perhaps because he is retiring from politics. The only thing...or the only point that he did make is that if an individual ran not attached to a party it might cost that individual a bit more money. But all of you who are engaged in politics, especially party politics know, there are certain major offices and there are certain offices that are considered minor. The major offices would be that of the Governor, Congressman, Senator, and so forth. The Attorney General's office which I feel has tremendous or majesty or ought to have is considered a minor office by the parties. I think along with trying to raise the over-all level of competency and professionalism of the legal profession of the state, a symbolic gesture could be made with reference to the Attorney General's office. That is to remove it from partisan politics. There are a number of bills before the Judiciary committee related to the legal profession, privately and in terms of governmental sub-divisions. Some of these bills place more and more authority and power and responsibility in the office of the Attorney General. If this person is selected without being tied to any party, he will have more freedom to make the decisions and judgment, which would be required of him. This bill was signed