

January 7, 1981

Robert L. Clark and Samuel K. Cullan. (Administered Oath of Office.)

PRESIDENT: The committee will escort the Chief Justice out of the chamber. The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I move the following officers elected by the Executive Board be approved for the 87th Legislature, First Session: Clerk of the Legislature, Patrick J. O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Richard Brown; Sergeant at Arms, Ray Wilson. I so move.

PRESIDENT: Motion has been made for the election of permanent officers, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Sergeant at Arms. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of the motion to elect these officers as your permanent officers of the Legislature vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 0 nays on election of permanent officers, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries and the permanent officers are elected. The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that we proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to proceed to the election of the Speaker. Is there any discussion? All those in favor of proceeding to the election of the Speaker signify by saying aye. Opposed nay. The motion is carried and we will now proceed to the election of the Speaker. First nominations are in order. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to nominate for re-election Senator Richard Marvel of Hastings to serve as Speaker for the following two years. In making this nomination I must comment because we are parting from a tradition that has only occurred once before in one hundred and twenty-five years, putting the territorial Legislature, once the Senate, the President pro tem of the Senate of the Bicameral. Never in the House and never in the Unicameral have we elected or selected someone to follow himself for a succeeding term in office. I do not usually or lightly treat traditions in this body. I have long ago learned that some of the things that we treat as tradition really are the policies that our