

March 3, 1975

PRESIDENT: Stand for the morning prayer by the Chaplain.

CHAPLAIN: Gave prayer.

PRESIDENT: Roll call. Would you please record your presence?  
Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Frank Lewis asked to be excused today, Senator Kelly asked to be excused today.

PRESIDENT: I assume no objections, the Senators are excused.  
Is there a quorum Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, quorum present.

PRESIDENT: Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, on page 684, line 1, strike 6 and insert 5.

PRESIDENT: Are there further corrections from the floor? If not the Journal shall stand. The chair recognizes Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, as Chairman of the Executive Board, I thought this morning I should rise and if everyone would give me their attention, I feel now that we are in the month of March and have watched the last days of February in which there have been as many as two to five to seven bills that have come in by way of committee. We talked in the past of the abuse of the committee system. I am not pointing out that anyone in particular on the committee has been abusing anything, I know very definitely that there are bills that both judiciary and budget must bring in because they are committees that have particular situations that arise from time to time during the legislative ninety days. I do feel that the chairman's of the committee and the individual members ought to give a great deal of consideration to stopping the flow of bills that come by way of the committee or we are never going to get through in the ninety days. And particularly those bills that come up or arise because of a particular situation and are grafted quickly, I feel that this is the time to stop bills for this session. We have had two full months and now we're getting into the last month of our committee hearings and if we don't put a stop to the introduction of bills by way of the committee route, we truly have done the things that we talk about the abuse of committee bills. So, I rise this morning asking for your cooperation that bills you think are important, give second thought that they should come in next year under an individual Senators name or possibly as a bill the committee can consider. I hope that you will listen to that and unless it is an emergency case, we not have too many bill come in by way of the committee route.

PRESIDENT: And welcome back Senator Mahoney. The chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: Mr. President, I have a motion up there to that effect if you want to take it up, we can bring this to a screaming halt because I do think we went a little far in introduction of bills and I think we have all we can handle this session. We should carry on with what we have in mind and is some of us do have something to introduce, we should probably hold off until next session. Remember we meet every year. I have a motion up there that calls for immediate halt to introduction of bills.

PRESIDENT: We'll take that up on our agenda, Senator Skarda.  
Notice of committee hearings and reports.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is an Attorney Generals opinion, number 29 which is addressed to Senator Herbert Duis which will be inserted into the Journal relative to 276. Opinion read.