

May 21, 1975

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move that when we adjourn, Wednesday, May 21st that we reconvene on May 27th at 9 o'clock. Signed, Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Who made the motion?

CLERK: Signed, Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I spoke to this amendment a few days ago. I still think it's proper. I look at Select File and I see there are certain bills there that have not. If I were a Senator who had one of those bills I would be, I think, quite upset, particularly if I felt it was of meritorious nature. As I look there I think we could stay there this afternoon. We could finish it up. We could give the bill drafter the time that he needs to properly put these bills in order for our consideration. We could come back next week and we could use our full allotment of time. I think we could justify this by any sense of the word. I, for one as I said the other day on this floor, do not believe that, just to be setting a record that, we necessarily have to get out of here in 89 days. I was elected to serve 90 days and to do it as effectively as I can. I'd be less than honest with people if I said I wanted to rush out of here in 89 days, and left some unfinished or some poor legislation due to the rush of the bill drafter. I'm speaking on behalf of those Senators who have bills on Select File, on behalf of myself, and I think many others. Others did not wish to make this amendment, but I place it before you because I think it's good legislative business and it's responsible government.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I indicated the other day of my disappointment in not being able to accomplish those things that I set out to do, that was to finish all those bills on Final Reading. Facts being the facts, and the actions of this body being actions of this body, I attempted to play this game as fair as was humanly possible. I gave this body a chance at 89 days and then I gave them a choice of 90 days. This body rejected them both. Another amendment was offered, an amendment to that amendment was finally acted upon by this body I think with 27 affirmative votes that we would adjourn sine die on the 89th day. I don't like the reflection that it's my responsibility that we're trying to get out of here before 90 days. I think this body has had ample time to review the problem at hand. I'd be hopeful as a Speaker and Senator I make the statement, that we do adjourn sine die after the backup that I had the other day.