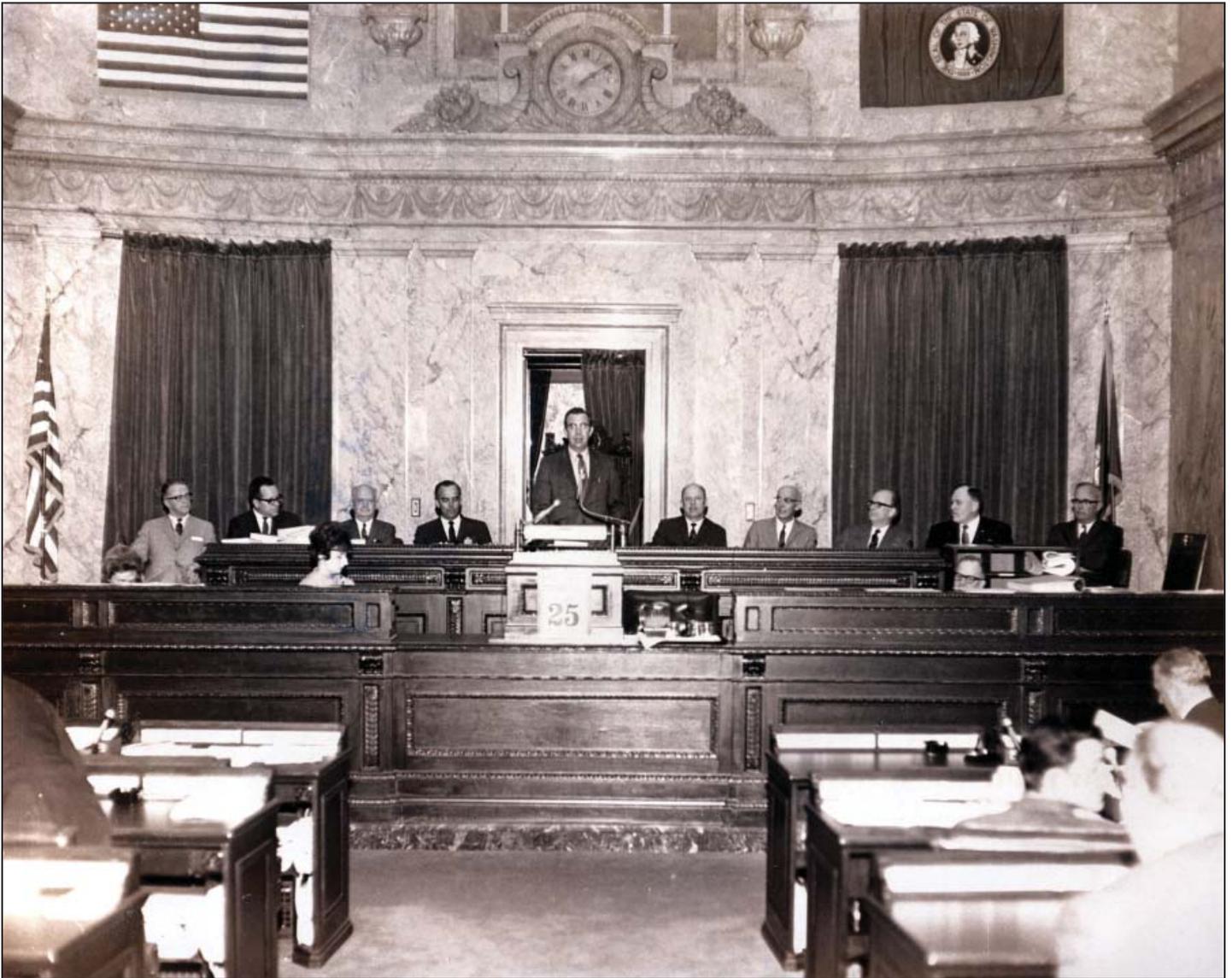


# PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE CHAIRS TO GOVERNOR DAN EVANS, SPEAKER AND FORMER SPEAKERS



*Tom Copeland presiding at the ceremonial presentation of legislative chairs March 25, 1969. Seated left to right: John Sylvester, (D) Seattle, 1939-41; Robert Schaefer, (D) Vancouver, 1965-67; Charles Hodde, (D) Colville, 1949-53; Governor Dan Evans; Don Eldridge, (R) Mt. Vernon, 1967-71; Herb Hamblen, (R) Spokane 1947-49; John O'Brien, (D) Seattle, 1955-63; William Day, (D) Spokane 1963-65; Mort Frayn, (R), Seattle, 1953-55.*

Following the earthquake of 1965, the legislative chambers were repaired and refurbished. New chairs replaced the historic chairs in the House of Representatives at this time.

Substitute House Bill No. 839, and the amendment was lost by the following vote: Yeas, 37; nays, 51; absent or not voting, 11.

Voting yea: Representatives Adams, Bagnariol, Bottiger, Brouillet, Brown, Ceccarelli, Chatalas, Clark (Newman H.), Cunningham, DeJarnatt, Farr, Fleming, Francis, Gallagher, Garrett, Grant, Heavey, Hurley, Jastad, Kalich, King, Kiskaddon, Leckenby, Mahaffey, Martinis, Marzano, McCaffree, Merrill, Murray, North, O'Brien, Randall, Rosellini, Scott, Sprague, Whetzel, Wojahn—37.

Voting nay: Representatives Amen, Anderson, Barden, Beck, Berentson, Bledsoe, Bluechel, Bozarth, Chapin, Charette, Clarke (George W.), Conner, Conway, Copeland, Evans, Gladder, Goldsworthy, Harris, Hatfield, Haussler, Hawley, Hoggins, Hubbard, Jolly, Jueling, Julin, Kirk, Kopet, Leland, Lynch, Marsh, May, Mentor, Moon, Morrison, Newhouse, O'Dell, Pardini, Perry, Richardson, Saling, Savage, Schumaker, Shera, Smythe, Spanton, Thompson, Wanamaker, Wolf, Zimmerman, Mr. Speaker—51.

Absent or not voting: Representatives Backstrom, Benitz, Curtis, Flanagan, Kink, Kuehnle, Litchman, McCormick, Sawyer, Swayze, Veroske—11.

Mr. Whetzel moved adoption of the following amendment by Representatives Whetzel and Clark (Newman H.):

On page 3, section 2, line 1, strike "FAI 5" and insert "the proposed R. H. Thomson Parkway"

Debate ensued, Representatives Whetzel and Clark (Newman H.) speaking in favor of adoption of the amendment, and Representatives Leland and Bledsoe speaking against it.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Conner moved adoption of the following amendment:

On page 3, section 2, line 2, after "facilities" and before the period insert "PROVIDED, FURTHER, That there shall be an interchange extension built at the Roanoke Interchange FAI 5, which will extend westerly to the Seattle Center"

Representative Conner spoke in favor of adoption of the amendment.

#### POINT OF ORDER

Mr. Bledsoe: "Mr. Speaker, is this amendment germane to the main application of this bill? I submit that it is in some question. Could you rule, sir?"

The Speaker: "I think all these amendments are somewhat questionable. I would think that they all involve the total transportation concept of the metropolitan area of Seattle, and while I feel inclined to disallow them all, I think we should permit them."

Mr. Bledsoe: "Mr. Speaker, would it then be in order to slide in a little project between Thorp and Kittitas that needs attention?"

The Speaker: "You can try, Mr. Bledsoe, but I can assure you it won't get very far."

#### MOTION

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, the House deferred further consideration of the entire second reading calendar, and the bills were ordered placed on the second reading calendar for tomorrow.

#### PRESENTATION TO SPEAKER AND FORMER SPEAKERS

The Speaker: "At this time we have a special ceremony that has been arranged by Mr. Copeland and the Chief Clerk, Mr. McBeath. Would our guests, the former Speakers, please take seats at the rear of the House Chamber?"

The Speaker called on the Speaker Pro Tem, Mr. Copeland, to preside.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Sprague and Fleming escort John N. Sylvester to the rostrum. Mr. Sylvester was the Speaker of the House in 1939.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Harris and Hurley escort Herbert M. Hamblen to the rostrum. Mr. Hamblen was the Speaker in 1947.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Schumaker and Haussler escort Charles W. Hodde to the rostrum. Mr. Hodde was the Speaker of the House in 1949 and 1951.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Hawley and Leland escort R. Mort Frayn to the rostrum. Mr. Frayn was the Speaker in 1953.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Chatalas and Charette escort John L. O'Brien to the rostrum. Mr. O'Brien was the Speaker of the House in 1955, 1957, 1959 and 1961. Speaker Pro Tem Copeland pointed out that the first time Mr. O'Brien served in the House of Representatives, Representatives Rosellini and Fleming were ages two and three respectively.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Kuehnle and Richardson escort Senator William S. Day to the rostrum. Senator Day was the Speaker of the House in 1963.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Smythe and Marsh escort Robert M. Schaefer to the rostrum. Mr. Schaefer was the Speaker of the House in 1965.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Berentson and McCormick escort Speaker Eldridge to the rostrum, who was Speaker in 1967 and in the present session.

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that Representatives Clark (Newman H.), Whetzel, Kirk and Wojahn escort the Honorable Daniel J. Evans, Governor of the State of Washington, to the rostrum.

Speaker Pro Tem Copeland: "The occasion today is one of pleasure for me, having the opportunity to see the complete refurbishing of the Chambers completed, and see the byproduct that remains. The old chairs that have been now replaced were used by the members since 1927, the first sitting of the legislature in this building, up until the present date. Former Speakers and Governor Evans, the members of the House of Representatives of the 41st session are happy to present to you as a memento of your service here a chair that we hope at one time you sat in during your terms here. On the back of the chair is a bronze plaque with your name and the years of your service engraved on it. We sincerely hope you will enjoy having this chair as a memento of your years in the legislature. Other members of the House will have the opportunity to obtain a similar chair in the very near future. We would like to have a few comments from each of you with respect to this occasion, and I would like, first, to call on the Governor of the State of Washington, his Excellency, Daniel J. Evans."

Governor Evans: "This is a nice occasion to come back to the House, not to give any formal remarks as Governor, but to come back as all my colleagues here, either as a former or present member of the House, to renew acquaintances once again. I'll say just one thing: It will be nice to have this chair as a remembrance of my service in the House. I hope that along with it goes the privilege of voting occasionally during the next few weeks of this session of the legislature. In fact, some of the former Speakers here might join me in that. We could help speed things along and get good legislation through, I'm sure. Let me just say that I am sure all of you in years to come will look back on service in the House of Representatives as a high point in your life. We are all members of the same fraternity, really, regardless of political party. I know I share with all of you, not only the remembrance of service, but the friendship with all the members we served with, those now here in the House and others we see from time to time who have retired, voluntarily or involuntarily, from the House of Representatives. It is an experience that no one will ever forget. It is an experience that is very important, not only to the individual but to the State of Washington as well. I am very proud to have been a member of the House. I know that the legislature provides the springboard for political leadership in a wide variety of fields, and I hope and believe it will continue to do so. Thank you very much."

The Speaker Pro Tem requested that the lady representatives escort former Representatives W. J. Beierlein, Chet King, Wally Charmichael, Ray Olsen, Arnold Wang, John Bigley, Robert Timm, Frances Swayze and Don Moos to the rostrum.

Speaker Pro Tem Copeland called on Mr. Sylvester for comments.

Mr. Sylvester: "Mr. Speaker Pro Tem, Governor Evans, someone said I was the oldest here. I want you to know it is not a matter of age but point of service. It is a pleasure to be here. Thank you."

Mr. Schaefer: "It is certainly a pleasure to be here today and receive the chair. I want to say, on behalf of all the people in my area and the people of the State of Washington, we really appreciate the fine job you are doing and the great service you give in this capacity. After serving here with you, now that I have returned home, as an individual citizen of this state, I certainly appreciate the fine work you are doing. Thank you."

Mr. Hodde: "During the time I served in the legislature there were many times when I had some fear I would some day be put in the chair. I was also hopeful that I would get the chair that I sat in during the time I served, but if I did somebody has been adjusting it, because when I sat down, my feet wouldn't hit the floor, and as I remember, they reached.

It might be because of the number of different places I've been, and the amount of road I have traveled, that I'm shorter than I was when I served. I do appreciate the fact that somebody went to some trouble to set this date when I could be here. I certainly appreciate having this chair as a memento of the many pleasant, and sometimes rather strenuous, days that were spent in this Chamber. Thank you."

Mr. Frayn: "It is a pleasure to be here. I will say I am happy to receive my chair, too. The one I have in the office is worn out. I'm also happy to sit here with my distinguished Governor. I can't help but put in a plug for the good old 43rd District."

Mr. Hamblen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members and Governor Evans: This is certainly a very happy, fine occasion, to come back to this beautiful legislative Chamber and to see the many improvements that have been made since I was Speaker of the House. Some of you were here with me at that time so I don't feel too terribly old. It's nice to have some people here on the rostrum who worked with me then. I'm doubly happy that Charlie Hodde could be here, because when I was Speaker, Charlie was what we then called 'Minority Floor Leader' and he was a sharp one. I have the satisfaction of knowing that today he probably won't be able to take exception and appeal from anything I might say. I say 'probably' because I don't know. It was certainly a very gracious and thoughtful thing to give these chairs to the ex-Speakers. I want to thank you also on behalf of Floyd Danskin who was Speaker in 1927 and couldn't be here today for various reasons. He asked me to thank you on his behalf and express his thoughts as well as mine that this is something that warms our hearts, flatters our egos, and certainly gives us something that will be a reminder of happy days spent here in the past. Thank you."

Senator Day: "Thank you, Speaker Copeland. The Governor says 'no lobbying' although he mentioned a few minutes ago that he might like to cast a vote here. Governor, and distinguished Speakers, I, too, am delighted to come back here and have an opportunity to walk down the gold carpet and enjoy this opportunity of speaking to you and telling you how much I appreciate receiving this memento of my service here in the House. I want to say that I think one of the results of being Speaker is to broaden your feeling for the legislative branch and your understanding of state government. It makes you more aware of the responsibilities that go with leadership, and gives you the dedication to fulfill your obligations in state government and to try to put the legislative branch of government (if you will pardon me, Governor) in a stronger position so it can really be the people's branch. I want to thank Tom Copeland and the Capitol Committee for the work they have done in providing offices and refurbishing these beautiful Chambers. They really are outstanding in the United States. I have had a number of opportunities to speak to legislatures throughout the country, and I want to say that the decorum and the facilities, as well as the caliber of people serving in the Washington state legislature, is of the finest. In fact, we really lead the way in the United States. Again, I want to thank you very much for this opportunity and for this memento of this occasion. Thank you, Tom."

Mr. O'Brien: "Mr. Speaker Pro Tem, Speaker Eldridge, Governor Evans, former Speakers and ladies and gentlemen: First, it is a grand experience to be Speaker. Sometimes you have experiences you don't particularly like to call to mind, but I do remember one evening when we had a minority leader giving the Speaker a very bad time. This minority leader later became Governor of our state. I remember the occasion well. He started talking back to me so I told the gentleman, 'You either sit down or I will have you ejected from the Chambers.' I think probably this experience is rather unique, but it demonstrates the two-party system and its operation. I know, Governor Evans, at that time you were a very militant leader. Now I am confronted with the same situation on occasions, and sometimes we like to appease our position, but I keep telling our people that the only way you get good government, actually, is because of the challenges between the two parties. I remember when Mort Frayn was Speaker and the time we had with him. When we brought out the little red book, he would call his parliamentarian and, on occasion, they would have to put the House at ease and look over the rules. I know we all have very pleasant memories of this great assembly, and I think more important than anything else are the fond friendships you generate and develop. Regardless of the fact that we do have differences, we never continue to be disagreeable. Because of the very fine, intimate relationship, we have developed great friendships over the years. I know that Mr. Frayn and I are really good friends and it came about because of our association here in the legislature, and this holds true for all of us. I think Governor Evans and everyone else who is involved in this legislative arena would agree with me. It is because of the differences of opinion that we make good government, and because of it we generate a friendship that is not attained in any other type of business. I'm very happy that I have served in this legislature because of the fact that we are able to make a contribution to good government. I think all of us down here are dedicated to that purpose, and that is why we are here. I certainly appreciate this memento and the fact that Tom Copeland thought of it. It is something we are always going to cherish, and it will be part of our heritage of this legislature. Thank you very much."

Speaker Pro Tem Copeland: "For those of you who have some doubt about the militant leader that Mr. O'Brien was alluding to, the Governor leaned over and told me, 'Remind them that I didn't get ejected from the Chambers. I sat down.'"

Speaker Eldridge: (Standing ovation) "Flattery will get you nowhere. Governor Evans, Speaker Pro Tem Copeland, my colleagues in the House, and former Speakers. I'd like to address my remarks to these gentlemen behind me:

"You know the rulings and points of order that you have made over the years have been of great assistance to me. I have found that I can rule any way, on any subject, and one of you will have agreed with me sometime in the past. For that I thank you. It makes the job immeasurably easier.

"Tom, on behalf of those of us gathered here, we want to thank you for putting this program together, with the help of Dutch McBeath, the Chief Clerk. We certainly appreciate this gesture. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues in the House for their assistance during this session. I hope that we continue to move ahead. If, on adjournment, the former speakers and Governor Evans would adjourn to my office—your office in the past—we have a little ceremony that will be held there."

The Speaker Pro Tem: "I would like to express my personal appreciation to these gentlemen for taking the time coming here, and I want to tell a little story that has been quite untold in the past. Many of you who have used the Speaker's chair may have noticed that the top scroll has been broken off. There's a story behind this. There were two little nine-year-old girls who were playing here one time. This was when the House was not in session. They were swinging around on the Speaker's chair. The velocity became so great that it fell over backwards, and when it did, it broke that little scroll off the top. Now, one of those two little girls was a redhead and the other was a blonde. The blonde was Governor Langlie's daughter, Carrie Ellen, and the redhead was a little girl by the name of Sally Chapman. She is now my secretary, Sally McDaniels."

#### PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Savage: "I wonder if I could salute the gentlemen who were Speakers under whom I have served. I served under all of them but Herb Hamblen. He and I served together as House members, and I served with the Governor, also. I have enjoyed serving while each and every one of them was Speaker, and I served with every man and lady standing up behind you. It's been a great pleasure to know all these people."

The lady representatives escorted the dignitaries to the rear of the House chamber.

#### MOTION

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 1969.

DON ELDRIDGE, Speaker.

MALCOLM McBEATH, Chief Clerk.



*Dan Evans at the rostrum during the ceremonial presentation of legislative chairs.*