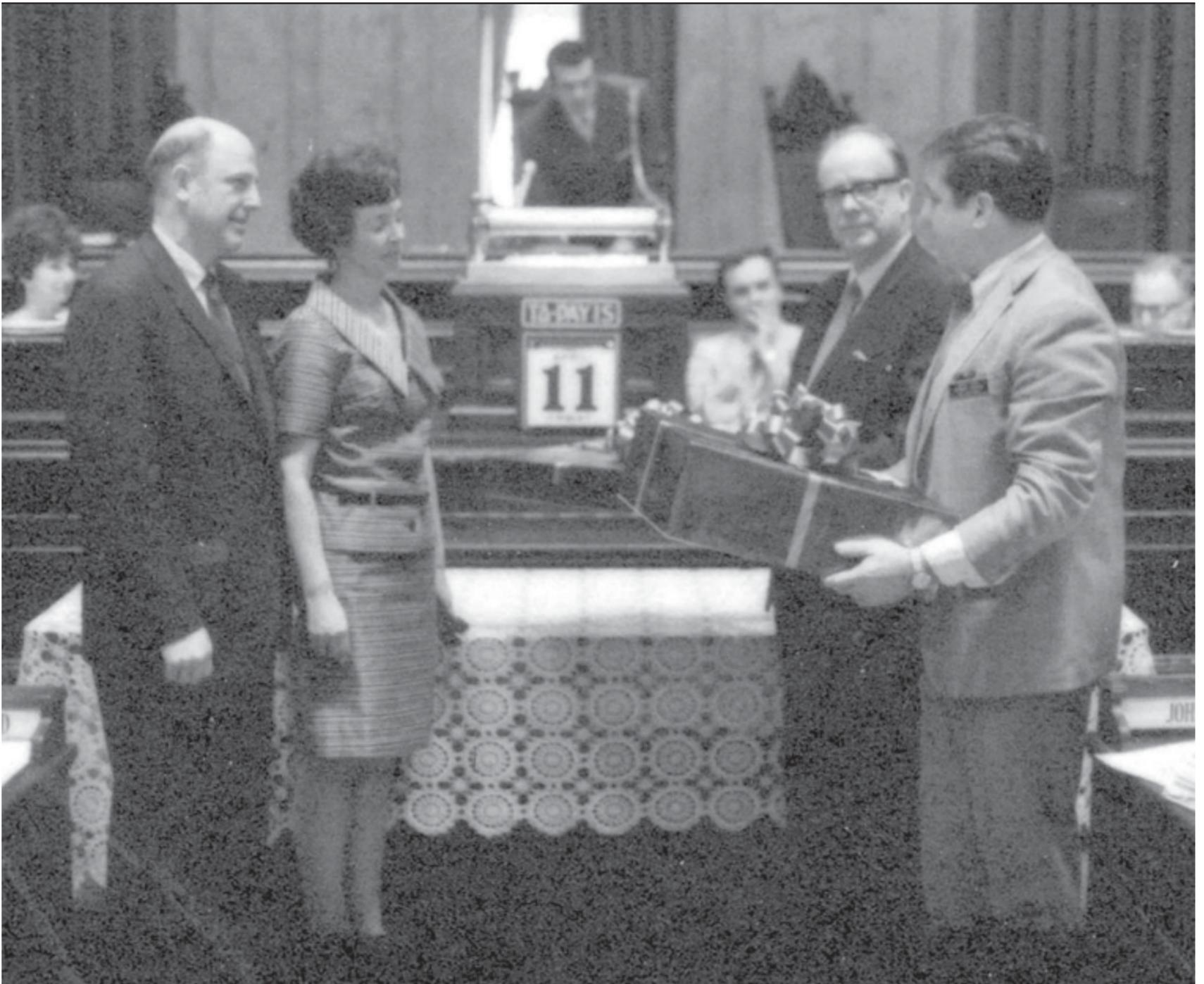


CLOSING CEREMONIES FOR SESSION



At the close of each session, gifts are presented to the Speaker and other officials in acknowledgment of their efforts to accomplish the business of the Legislature. Here Speaker Eldridge, accompanied by his wife, Harriett, is presented with a gift from Stewart Bledsoe and John O'Brien.

The simultaneous crashing of gavels in the House by the Speaker and in the Senate by the President signal 'Sine Die' or "without a date fixed for a future meeting."

SECOND AFTERNOON SESSION

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) called the House to order at 4:45 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll and all members were present except Representatives Haussler, Hubbard, Hurley, Perry, Reese, Sawyer, Smith, and Taylor. Representatives Haussler, Hubbard, Perry, and Taylor were excused.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) requested that Representatives Goldsworthy and Brouillet escort Representatives O'Brien and Gorton to a place on the rostrum.

The Speaker requested that Representatives Litchman, McDougall, Clocksin, and Lux repair to the office of the Speaker and conduct the Speaker and Mrs. Eldridge before the bar of the House.

The Speaker recognized Mr. Gorton.

Mr. Gorton:

Mr. Speaker, one of the pleasures of serving in the House of Representatives is in the ability of each of us to carry on the tradition of our predecessors, and one of the finest of those traditions is the recognition at the end of the session of the fact that the Speaker is an officer of the entire House and is respected by the membership of the entire House, and his experience, which is a difficult one at times and an exhausting one at almost all times, should be recognized by all the members of the House with some remembrance which he can keep as a memento of the occasion. You, as the Speaker of the fortieth session of the legislature, have helped all of us as members of the House deal with our business with dispatch and fairness, and with humor and with kindness as far as our mistakes are concerned. Therefore, representing the members of the House, at this particular time I would like to present you with this gift in token of our appreciation for your services as Speaker during the fortieth session of the legislature. I know Mr. O'Brien would like to join with me in this and say a few words to you also."

Mr. O'Brien:

"Mr. Speaker and Mrs. Eldridge and members of the House of Representatives, it is a real honor for me to have this opportunity to represent our side of the aisle in this presentation. I can say we have enjoyed very much serving under you. On many occasions, of course, we have disagreed with you, but we attempted not to be disagreeable. This is part of the two-party system, and I can join with Mr. Gorton in saying that you are a man with a heart and deep understanding, I am sure, of our problems that many of us have. But it has been a real pleasure to work with you, and I know the people on our side join with me in wishing you well in the future with this little remembrance. I hope you remember us in the future years as being a part, maybe, of your loyal and militant opposition, but it is all in the vein of the two-party system. I am sure after the special session is over that we will all be friends in the future, wherever we go. We join in wishing you well. In knowing you, we know a very fine gentleman. It has been a real pleasure for me to know both you and your wife these many years."

The Speaker:

"I am really glad this happened today, not two days ago when it might have been a little difficult for me to express myself. Harriet and I certainly appreciate this wonderful gesture from you, the members of the House. I have enjoyed my fourteen years here and this is certainly a culmination of my service to the House of Representatives. John, it has been really great knowing you. While we have had our little skirmishes, I count you as one of my closest friends; and Slade, I have enjoyed working with you, as I have enjoyed working with all of you people. We have had a

fine session and you are a fine bunch. I think the state can be proud of the kind of representation we have had at this session of the legislature during this term, and I thank you."

The members of the House presented to Speaker and Mrs. Eldridge a large silver punch bowl and cups.

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) requested that Representatives McCaffree and Kirk escort Mrs. Gorton before the bar of the House.

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) recognized Mr. McDougall.

Mr. McDougall:
 "Mr. Speaker pro tem and Mr. Speaker, Representative Gorton and Mrs. Gorton, members of the House, I think that today, to the best of my knowledge, we are establishing what I would hope would be a precedent in not only commemorating the services of a Speaker, but also recognizing the hard work and effort that are put in by the majority leader and the minority leader in the House of Representatives. Certainly for myself, and I am sure I speak for all the members of the House here, it has been an extreme pleasure for me to work with you during this session, Representative Gorton. I would say you are a taskmaster. We have worked long and hard hours, but I think that the state of Washington is certainly going to benefit from this extra time that we have put in during this regular session of the legislature. Your work, I am sure, has not only been noted by the people on our side of the aisle. I am confident it has also been appreciated by the members who sit on this side of the aisle, and indeed it is a real pleasure for me on behalf of all of the people here today to present to you and Mrs. Gorton this gift at this time."

Mr. Gorton:

"One thing I am sure will receive unanimous approval is that you have heard enough speeches from me. So, Bob and all of the members, thank you very much."

The members of the House presented to Representative and Mrs. Gorton a silver candelabra.

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) recognized Mr. Litchman.

Mr. Litchman:

"Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Eldridge, and distinguished legislators and guests, it is a pleasure on behalf of the members of the House of Representatives today to present a gift to our minority leader. As Mr. McDougall indicated, it is the first time this has been done, to the best of my knowledge. I hope that we will carry it on as a tradition that we may not only honor the Speaker, but also the hard working people behind the scene; namely, the majority leader and minority leader. I do wish to echo the remarks made by the others pertaining to the Speaker and majority leader for the excellent work they have done. I also wish to commend Mr. John O'Brien, the fighting Irishman from the thirty-third district, for all the work he has done, not only this session but for his efforts on behalf of the state of Washington for the past many sessions. As some of you do not know, John in some respects is the old man of the legislature. He resents that term, because he isn't that old in age. He has served here twenty-six years and served four terms, eight years, as Speaker of the House of Representatives, longer than any other Speaker. Perhaps the Speaker here today, Mr. Eldridge, may very well serve as long; I don't know. In addition to this, John is recognized nationally. Next year John O'Brien, our minority leader, will be the president of the National Legislative Leaders Conference; in effect, the leader of all legislative leaders throughout the United States, so this, too, is an honor, John, and it is certainly a pleasure for me today to commend you on behalf of the group here today, and, in addition, it is a pleasure to be your seatmate and to consider ourselves as good friends of you, John O'Brien."

Mr. O'Brien:

"Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker pro tem, and ladies and gentlemen, I think I can hold my remarks short, too, like Mr. Gorton did. You have probably heard too much from me already this session. I deeply appreciate this remembrance and I can also assure you it has been a real pleasure for me to work with all of you again. We establish a

sort of fraternalism here in the House of Representatives that you don't find in any other type of business. I think this develops over a period of years. It is just something different. I think we all appreciate deeply the honor the people in our respective districts give us. I have enjoyed working with all of you. I can say from the bottom of my heart that when I leave here I remember the many happy occasions that do occur here, and it is something that you just don't forget. Again I wish to thank each and every one of you. I enjoy being with you and I feel you are all my friends. Thank you very much."

The members of the House presented Representative O'Brien a silver tray.

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) recognized Mr. Goldsworthy.

Mr. Goldsworthy:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, members of the House, I must take this opportunity. You know caucus chairmen are something like chaplains. Everyone takes their problems to them—and they don't take it nicely on some occasions. I have to have this moment to say, Buster, Representative Brouillet, you are a pretty nice guy."

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) recognized Mr. Brouillet.

Mr. Brouillet:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and friends and fellows and gals, I would also like to say something about Representative Goldsworthy. I hope next session he can return to the House again—as minority caucus leader to replace me. Thank you."

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) requested that the special committee conduct the Speaker and Mrs. Eldridge back to the office of the Speaker.

The Speaker (Mr. Copeland presiding) requested the special committees to escort Representative and Mrs. Gorton and Representative O'Brien to the rear of the House chamber.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

Senate Chamber,
 Olympia, Wash., March 9, 1967.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 43 and has passed the bill as amended by the House.

Ward Bowden, Secretary.

Senate Chamber,
 Olympia, Wash., March 9, 1967.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 181 and has passed the bill as amended by the House.

Ward Bowden, Secretary.

Senate Chamber,
 Olympia, Wash., March 9, 1967.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has concurred in the House amendment to Senate Bill No. 119 and has passed the bill as amended by the House.

Ward Bowden, Secretary.

Senate Chamber,
 Olympia, Wash., March 9, 1967.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has concurred in the House amendment to Reengrossed Senate Bill No. 181 and has passed the bill as amended by the House.

Ward Bowden, Secretary.

Senate Chamber,
 Olympia, Wash., March 9, 1967.

Mr. Speaker:

The Senate has concurred in the House amendment to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 184 and has passed the bill as amended by the House.

Ward Bowden, Secretary.