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ment could be made to put this subject matter on some other bill. In other words, there is more than one way to skin a cat, and if the subject matter is something on which the House changed its mind, it certainly could be taken up again. Finally, of course, the rules can be changed by a majority vote, and we could go back on this particular rule if the majority should so decide."

The Acting Chief Clerk declared the question before the House to be the adoption of the amendment by Mr. King to the resolution by Mr. Gorton.

The motion was not carried, and the amendment was not adopted.

The Acting Chief Clerk declared the question before the House to be the adoption of the resolution by Mr. Gorton.

Mr. Chatalas demanded an oral roll call, and the demand was sustained.

Debate ensued, Representative Gorton speaking in favor of adoption of the resolution, and Representatives O'Brien and Bottiger speaking against its adoption.

The Clerk called the roll, and the resolution was adopted by the following vote: Yeas, 55; nays, 43; absent or not voting, 1.

Those voting yea were: Representatives Adams, Amen, Barden, Berentson, Bledsoe, Bluechel, Brazier, Chapin, Clark (Newman H.), Clarke (George W.), Clocksin, Copeland, Cunningham, Eldridge, Elicker, Farr, Flanagan, Gladder, Goldsworthy, Gorton, Harris, Hawley, Hill, Hoggins, Holman, Hubbard, Humiston, Jueling, Kirk, Kiskaddon, Kopet, Leckenby, Leland, Lewis, Lynch, Mahaffey, McCaffree, McDougall, McGavick, Morrison, Murray, Newhouse, Newschwander, O'Dell, Reese, Richardson, Saling, Smythe, Spanton, Swayze, Veroske, Wanamaker, Whetzel, Wolf, Zimmerman—55.

Those voting nay were: Representatives Anderson, Avey, Backstrom, Bag-nariol, Beck, Bottiger, Bozarth, Brouillet, Ceccarelli, Charette, Chatalas, Conner, Day, DeJarnatt, Gallagher, Garrett, Grant, Haussler, Heavey, Hurley, Jastad, Johnson, Jolly, Kalich, King, Kink, Lux, Marsh, Marzano, May, McCormick, Merrill, Moon, O'Brien, Perry, Rosellini, Sawyer, Sheridan, Smith, Sprague, Taylor, Thompson, Walgren—43.

Those absent or not voting were: Representative Litchman—1.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Chatalas on a point of personal privilege.

Mr. Chatalas:

"I would like to have the record show that the muzzle was placed on the Democrats by the Republicans at exactly 1:31."

The Acting Chief Clerk:

"The record will so indicate, Mr. Chatalas."

Nominations for Speaker of the House were declared to be in order.

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Bledsoe:

"Mr. Chief Clerk, Honorable Robert Finley, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen:

"In part because of the times in which we are living, in part because of the intensive interim study as to substantive matters to appear before this body, and in part because of the immediacy of the problems confronting this session, the days before us give promise of being some of the most exciting and challenging that any legislative body in this state has yet faced. We have considerations before us of impact and import. Labor and financial problems beset us. Hopefully, we will arrive at

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solutions beneficial to the state and its citizens of these challenges, which will require that we put forth the very finest possible from among our body for the positions of leadership. We are fortunate to have within our body and within our membership a man of substantial experience and wide knowledge, whose will is both strong and good, whose ability to lead us in the days to come is without peer. I would urge you all to join in support of the man whose name I now take pride in placing before you in nomination as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the fortieth session of the Washington state legislature, the Honorable Don Eldridge."

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Clark (Newman H.).

Mr. Clark:

"Mr. Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, ladies and gentlemen:

"While I have had the privilege of voting for the successful Speaker since fourteen years ago, it was only because I was nominated to oppose him. Fourteen years ago, we had the honor of having an outstanding Speaker. We have that same privilege now in Don Eldridge. He is a man who has served this body capably and forthrightly, and who will as Speaker be outstanding. It is my great privilege to second the nomination of Don Eldridge as Speaker."

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mrs. McCaffree.

Mrs. McCaffree:

"Mr. Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, ladies and gentlemen of the House of Representa-

tives:
"I also rise to second the nomination of the Honorable Don Eldridge for Speaker of the House of Representatives. It is indeed an honor for me to do this. Representative Eldridge has served the people of the state of Washington most capably and expertly for many years in this House of Representatives. He has been a dedicated legislator with integrity and honesty. He is a man with a keen sense of responsibility and obligation, with fairness to all. He is a man who will give his best for a successful session of this legislature and for the welfare of the people of the state of Washington. I believe that Representative Don Eldridge is the best qualified to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives for the fortieth session of the Legislature. I would urge that you would support him for this position."

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Sawyer.

Mr. Sawyer:

"Mr. Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, ladies and gentlemen of the House:

"It is an honor and privilege for me today to place in nomination for Speaker of the House of Representatives the name of Representative John L. O'Brien. I think we all know John. He has had a long and distinguished record of service in the House of Representatives and I might remind you that he is the senior member of this body, having served some twenty-six years in the state legislature. During this time he has had the honor of serving our House for four terms as Speaker of the House, two terms as majority leader, and two terms as minority leader. No other member of this House has such a record of distinguished service as John L. O'Brien. We need an experienced leader to guide us in the growing problems of an expanding and dynamic state. We need the experience and guidance of those who are true and tested. Representative O'Brien's outstanding ability has been recognized nationally by his having been elected as first vice president of the National Legislative Leaders Conference, and he will be elected president of this National Legislative Leaders Conference this coming year. If we in the House wish an experienced and capable leader, I am sure that the members of this House will join with me in supporting John L. O'Brien as Speaker of the House of Representatives."

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Chatalas.

Mr. Chatalas:

"Thank you, Mr. Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, ladies and gentlemen of the House:

"What I have to say here today is an expression of my own personal views, but at the same time I am sure I am expressing the views of everyone here in this assembly, and with all respect to the many fine legislators who have presided over this body. No one, in my opinion, has surpassed in dedication and ability my friend, my neighbor,

and above all my seat mate from the Thirty-third district, the Honorable John L. O'Brien. His long service in the House, his four terms as our presiding officer, his recognition in national legislative affairs make me real proud to second the nomination of John O'Brien for Speaker of the House for this, the fortieth legislative session."

The Acting Chief Clerk recognized Mr. Beck:

Mr. Beck:

"Mr. Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, Reverend Forbes, distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the House:

"The day of reckoning of the fortieth session of this legislature of the House of Representatives is at hand. The problems that are going to be facing this state in the next few weeks have never been equaled in magnitude. This is no time for apprenticeship to be served in the Speaker's chair of this House. We need a man with a humanitarian heart, one who understands the problems, one who is willing to face up to his responsibilities, one who will preside with justice and equality and fairness. It gives me great pride to second the nomination of the very distinguished gentleman from the Thirty-third district, Mr. O'Brien."

On motion of Mr. Gorton, the nominations for Speaker of the House were closed.

The Clerk called the roll for election of the Speaker of the House, and Mr. Eldridge was elected Speaker by the following vote: Mr. Eldridge, 55; Mr. O'Brien, 43; absent or not voting, 1.

Those voting for Mr. O'Brien were: Representatives Anderson, Avey, Backstrom, Bagnariol, Beck, Bottiger, Bozarth, Brouillet, Ceccarelli, Charette, Chatalas, Conner, Day, DeJarnatt, Eldridge, Gallagher, Garrett, Grant, Hausler, Heavey, Hurley, Jastad, Johnson, Jolly, Kalich, King, Kink, Lux, Marsh, Marzano, May, McCormick, Merrill, Moon, Perry, Rosellini, Sawyer, Sheridan, Smith, Sprague, Taylor, Thompson, Walgren—43.

Those voting for Mr. Eldridge were: Representatives Adams, Amen, Barden, Berentson, Bledsoe, Bluechel, Brazier, Chapin, Clark (Newman H.), Clarke (George W.), Clocksin, Copeland, Cunningham, Elicker, Farr, Flanagan, Gladder, Goldsworthy, Gorton, Harris, Hawley, Hill, Hoggins, Holman, Hubbard, Humiston, Jueling, Kirk, Kiskaddon, Kopet, Leckenby, Leland, Lewis, Lynch, Mahaffey, McCaffree, McDougall, McGavick, Morrison, Murray, Newhouse, Newschwander, O'Brien, O'Dell, Reese, Richardson, Saling, Smythe, Spanton, Swayze, Veroske, Wanamaker, Whetzel, Wolf, Zimmerman—55.

Those absent or not voting were: Representative Litchman—1.

The Acting Chief Clerk appointed Representatives Berentson, Goldsworthy, and Garrett to escort Mr. Eldridge to the rostrum, where the Honorable Matthew W. Hill, Justice of the State Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to him.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

The Speaker addressed the House with the following remarks:

"Mr. Acting Chief Clerk, Justice Hill, Canon Forbes, members of the House of Representatives:

"I may be Speaker of the House here in this body, but back home I am still considered by my family as chairman of the entertainment committee.

"This is the highest honor and also the greatest responsibility which has ever come to me. I deeply appreciate the honor and recognize the great responsibility that goes with it. At this time, I would like to extend my thanks to those of you who made this experience possible. I would also like to thank my family for the help and the understanding they have given to me, and may I take this opportunity to introduce my mother, Mrs. Ray Eldridge, my wife, Harriett, and our four children, Ray, Jean, Sally, and Jon. (Applause.)

"The fortieth legislature has a unique opportunity to meet the challenge of a growing state and we must keep pace with these ever changing problems. The fortieth

session will have a new look in a number of respects. We will enjoy the convenience of new office space, new equipment, and an improved communications system. The operation of the House will be facilitated by the advent of prefiling of bills, the early appointment of committee chairmen, and the assignment of members to the individual committees. This new organizational plan allows for members to serve only on three committees in most cases, thereby eliminating conflicts and providing the members a better opportunity to fully consider all legislation before this body. I wish to commend Representative Tom Copeland for his assistance in setting the procedural pattern for this session, and thank minority leader John O'Brien for his cooperation in getting this legislative session off to a head start. With your help, we can meet and solve the tremendous problems facing us during this fortieth session of the Washington state legislature. Thank you."

The Speaker called for nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

The Speaker recognized Mr. McDougall:

Mr. McDougall:

"Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House:

"I have the pleasure at this time of nominating a distinguished colleague, the Honorable Tom Copeland, for the office of Speaker Pro Tem. Heretofore this post has carried an honorary connotation, but it is the intent of the majority leadership to drastically change this procedure and to create a working position. Already this practice has been put into action. Since his election as Speaker Pro Tem Designate several months ago, Representative Copeland has spent countless hours away from his family and from his business capably handling the administrative functions of putting the House in order. On his shoulders fell the responsibility of working with the contractors and carpenters and carpetlayers, and yes, even arguing with certain Senators to provide sufficient office space for all of us seated here today. It hasn't been an easy task handling the variety of details, but Representative Copeland has done it well. In previous sessions, he has admirably served the Republican side as party whip and minority leader. He will continue to play a very important role in this, the fortieth session. I am indeed privileged to nominate the Honorable Tom Copeland of Walla Walla as Speaker Pro Tem."

The Speaker recognized Mr. Wolf.

Mr. Wolf:

"Mr. Speaker, Chief Justice Finley, Reverend Forbes, ladies and gentlemen of the House:

"It is a real pleasure on my part to be able to stand and second the nomination for the Honorable Tom Copeland of Walla Walla. I am sure you will agree with me that Tom, in the ten years he has spent in the House of Representatives, has given everything for us. The same has been true in the two months prior to this session. There were some problems, but this thing got off the ground today because of Tom Copeland. I urge you to support the Honorable Tom Copeland for Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Representatives. Thank you."

The Speaker recognized Mr. Goldsworthy:

"Mr. Speaker, Chief Justice Finley:

"It is a pleasure for me also to second the nomination of Tom Copeland for Speaker Pro Tem. A ten-year veteran of this House, Tom has served with distinction his party, his district, and the state of Washington. Tom has the rare ability to get along with everyone, whether they are on that side of the aisle or whether they are over on this side. That goes up to and including Mr. O'Brien, and this rare faculty of Tom's alone would recommend him to take over this position. This office, as it will be run by Tom, will be a very honest and hard working position. I am very happy to second the nomination of Tom Copeland for this position."

The Speaker recognized Mr. Haussler.

Mr. Haussler:

"Mr. Speaker, Chief Justice Finley, Reverend Forbes, ladies and gentlemen:

"It has been through some of the past sessions an esteemed honor for me to nominate the Honorable Avery Garrett for various positions of leadership in this House



Newly re-elected Speaker Don Eldridge is escorted to the Rostrum by Representatives Avery Garrett and Helmut Jueling in 1969. Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Hunter administered the oath of office.