

Also: That the Senate has on April 19, 1983, amended the House amendment, concurred in the House amendment as amended, and passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the Senate was asked:

Senate File 493, a bill for an act relating to the motor vehicle code by providing a rebuttable presumption of residency and making other changes in the motor vehicle code.

K. MARIE THAYER, Secretary

COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Gronstal of Pottawattamie moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee Gronstal of Pottawattamie, chair; Hughes of Union and Torrence of Muscatine.

Gronstal of Pottawattamie, chair of the committee appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in joint convention, reported the committee had performed its duty. The report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Parliamentarian of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The President was escorted to the Speaker's station, the Parliamentarian of the Senate to the Chief Clerk's desk and the members of the Senate were seated in the House chamber.

JOINT CONVENTION PIONEER LAWMAKERS (House Chamber — 1:30 p.m.)

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 15, duly adopted, the joint convention was called to order, President Anderson presiding.

President Anderson announced a quorum present and the joint convention duly organized.

Senator Junkins of Lee moved that a committee of four be appointed to escort the Pioneer Lawmakers into the House chamber.

The motion prevailed and the President appointed as such committee Senator Deluhery of Scott, Senator Nystrom of Boone, Representative Bennett of Ida and Representative Poncey of Wapello.

The committee escorted the Pioneer Lawmakers to the well of the House chamber.

President Anderson presented Senator Charles P. Miller of Des Moines, President pro tempore of the Senate, who welcomed the Pioneer Lawmakers on behalf of the Senate.

President Anderson presented Representative John Connors, Speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, who welcomed the Pioneer Lawmakers on behalf of the House.

President Anderson presented the Honorable Eugene Hill who responded to the welcome. Senator Hill announced the legislators who were eligible to become members of the Pioneer Lawmakers and that William J. Petersen "Steamboat Bill," Iowa City, and the Honorable Robert L. Larson, Iowa City, were awarded honorary membership today in the Pioneer Lawmakers Association.

President Anderson then presented the Honorable Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, who addressed the joint convention as follows preceding his remarks with reminiscences of previous sessions:

Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Senate and House, former Legislators, distinguished guests and ladies and gentlemen:

I last stood before you almost three months to this very day. At that time, I delivered my first budget message to this General Assembly and life hasn't been the same since. I'll assure you right now that I don't plan to mention sales tax in this address.

It is, indeed, an honor to appear before this joint assembly of past and present members of the Iowa General Assembly.

And, I am particularly pleased, that Harold Fischer invited me to address this Forty-Seventh Biennial Session of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association of Iowa. Actually, I was secretly hoping that you might induct me as a member of your association. But I understand the current legislative leaders wanted to wait until the end of the session before judging just how much I really have learned about the legislative process.

I deeply respect this institution, this legislative branch of government. I cut my teeth, so to speak, learning from personal experience about our state government as a member of the House of Representatives for six years. For four years I had the privilege as Lieutenant Governor to preside over the Senate.

I understand the frustrations of the legislative process, but I also understand its genius — the genius of a representative government which in this state has for the most part been deliberative and open. The results have generally been a public policy that is responsible to the people.

I firmly believe that having served in the General Assembly will make me a better Governor. There is no place like the Iowa legislature to become familiar with the issues important to Iowans and the operations of our state government.

Thus, as a former member of the General Assembly, I join you in honoring our Pioneer Lawmakers today. Reading your names is like perusing the honor roll of decades of Iowa history. You were the molders of the Iowa we know today — a state well known for open, honest and clean government. You were the public servants who left home and family to come to Des Moines to wrestle and resolve the problems facing our state. You were the solons who built this General Assembly's generally recognized reputation as one of the best legislatures in this country. And for all of that, we thank you.

Your service is not yet complete. You still have a valuable role in Iowa government. For you can reassure current legislators that the problems we face today are not altogether new nor are they insurmountable. You coped with demands for tax relief and pleas for public assistance. You kept the Iowa budget in the black despite variable economic conditions.

You help us to realize that the most complex issues can be understood, the most difficult of compromises can be reached, and the thorniest of problems can be solved.

Most of all you give us perspective to know that we are not the first, nor will we be the last to be in this pressure-cooker of Iowa politics. We are but a part of a continuum of Iowa government, charged with making our state a little bit better by the time we leave. And for that perspective, most of all, we thank you.

There is one honorary member of your association who provided that perspective better than anyone I ever knew. For five decades he roamed these legislative halls, searching for the facts which he reported accurately and fairly to his faithful readers. He loved the process and encouraged Iowans to become involved in it. I am referring, of course, to the late Frank Nye, who passed away just a month ago. We should not leave here without pausing a few moments in honor of this man we all knew, respected and admired. (The joint convention paused for a moment in silence.)

Thank you very much. I look forward to seeing you in 1985.

Norland of Worth moved that the joint convention be now dissolved.

The motion prevailed.