

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

**JOINT CONVENTION
PIONEER LAWMAKERS
FIFTY-FIRST BIENNIAL SESSION
(House Chamber — 1:30 p.m.)**

In accordance with House Concurrent Resolution 12 duly adopted, the joint convention was called to order, President Kibbie presiding.

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

Senator Hutchins of Audubon 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 Senators Doyle of Woodbury and Rittmer of Clinton, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Chapman of Linn and Kistler of Jefferson, on the part of the House.

The committee escorted the Pioneer Lawmakers into the House chamber.

President Kibbie presented Senator Jean Lloyd-Jones of Johnson, President pro tempore of the Senate, who welcomed the Pioneer Lawmakers on behalf of the Senate.

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

President Kibbie presented Representative Harbor of Mills who responded to the welcome.

Representative Harbor announced the 1971-1972 class of legislators who were eligible to become members of the Pioneer Lawmakers; and introduced James B. West, a thirty year veteran of the third House, who was awarded honorary membership in the Pioneer Lawmakers Association.

President Kibbie presented The Honorable Ralph McCartney, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial District, Charles City, Iowa, and former member of the Senate and House of Representatives, who addressed the joint convention as follows:

What do you say to a group that has heard it all before? Some things did occur to me that I'd like to mention.

First of all, these present and past legislators constitute, I think, a very select and honored group. I don't know the statistics but my guess is there aren't over fifteen hundred people in the state of Iowa at any one time, living people, who have had the honor and the privilege of representing the citizens of this grand state of ours. In other words, a great amount of faith and trust has been reposed in the hands of the legislators over the years. I think that it's about the highest honor that the public can bestow, to ask you to come here and serve.

The service is unique. I don't know of any job that's really comparable to being a lawmaker. It is unique, and as I used to tell Bill Gannon — I don't know if he's here today or not — "Bill, ours is a strange and unique relationship. You're strange and I'm unique." He didn't think it was very funny either at the time. Bill was the leader of the honorable opposition when I served here in this chamber.

There are some things though, that are comparable. I said it's unique, but there are some things that are comparable to service on the bench. I've been on the bench, now, going on thirteen years and I'm currently serving as Chief Judge of our judicial district, so I've seen a lot of it too, if not all of it.

You have to judge between various points of view and attitudes, you have to listen to arguments, and you have to decide. But, there are some dissimilarities, too, between what I'm doing now and what I used to do here in this chamber and in the Senate.

No one interrupts me anymore. In the courtroom, nobody rises to a point of order. Nobody makes a point of personal privilege in the courtroom, and frankly that's not all bad. I do have one caveat, please keep in mind that after you go home the citizens of the state have to deal with the legislation that you've enacted.

The other thing, and I think Bill alluded to it or possibly Jack Kibbie, the friendships that you make. I've created some deep and lasting friendships out of my service here. I see so many friends that I haven't had a chance to visit with. That's the real perk of this office. I don't know of any phase in my life where I've made more good, decent, friends than I did in my years here in the legislature and I'm most proud of that and I know you all share that same thought. As time goes by the disputes, the problems, the disagreements, fade. You don't think about them, they're transitory. What stays is the bedrock of the service and of the people that you've met and still know.

I talked to Bill Harbor, "What do I talk about, what's this all about? I don't recall, frankly, a joint session of the general assembly with the Pioneer Lawmakers. I do remember the Memorial Services. But then it may be just my memory, which a number of people have said plays mean tricks sometimes." I do have some things in mind, though, I'd like to share with you, but they all concern the Pioneer members who are still active.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Richard Drake as a freshman legislator here in this chamber, dozing quietly at his desk until somebody would mention migrant workers or tomato fields in Muscatine County. That would get Drake's attention. That, or any talk of a bridge, and guess where that was to be located?

George Kinley was a first-term member of the Senate when I was in there. George cut so many deals that he got lost. So help me, Art Neu called me in and said, "Would you sit down with George and help him get it straightened out?", and I did. You're going to find this hard to believe, but I saw Chuck Grassley rendered speechless in a debate with Joan Lipsky. I never saw such a putdown. He slammed his mike down so hard that we had to get a technician to come in and repair it. Bill Harbor in the chair for eleven hours in a reapportionment debate in 1970. When I went to the Senate Berl Priebe asked me how many cattle we had on feed in Floyd County. I think Berl thought that voting in the Senate was done on a proportional basis, based upon that fact. So far as I know, he probably still believes that.

Jack Nystrom and Bill Palmer were always most helpful in matters of pension legislation. If you had a question, they'd share their knowledge with you. It was true of Don Doyle in the judiciary committee. Wally Horn was quite knowledgeable in school problems at that time. I could go on and on but I'm trying to touch on the people that are still active here. Charles Poncey, another good friend, who was helpful.

I surely hope that Bill Rabedeaux is present because I'm going to tell the story whether he is or not. Many of you remember Lloyd Smith who was State Auditor. Lloyd was one of a kind. I was in the cafeteria one morning talking to several newsmen, including Jim Flansberg, and Lloyd came over as was his wont, a very cordial fellow and started to visit. Flansberg said, "Well, have you heard the latest rumor?" to Smith. "No, he hadn't," he said. "Well, Bill Rabedeaux is really upset with your office and he's thinking of running against you in the primary." If anything would set off Lloyd Smith, it would be the threat of some opposition. Flansberg turned to me and said, "Have you heard it?" Well I could honestly say yes because I had just heard it. So, I said "Yes, I've heard that rumor." Of course it wasn't true, it was made out of hole cloth, but I went up to the Senate chamber then and within fifteen minutes there was Lloyd and he had Bill Rabedeaux cornered. I watched Rabedeaux's face and there was perplexity, questioning, some confusion and finally anger. Of course, he headed right for me because he knew if something happened to Rabedeaux, McCartney was probably involved in it. Well, I denied it then, I deny it today. I simply told the truth, I had heard that rumor and told Lloyd Smith that I had heard it. But, I got the blame.

Some things never change. I noticed that David Yepsen and Flansberg still haven't found honest employment, they're still writing for the Des Moines Register. Some things do change, I ran for the Senate in 1972. I dug up some old papers, documents, and it still shocks me. I spent almost \$1,200 on that election campaign. I read the papers and know what it takes today and I'm sure we all agree it's tough duty. To be responsible to the public and to still get the necessary funds to be elected, which after all, President Roosevelt said, is the first duty of any politician, you've got to get elected.

Bob Rigler and I both left the legislature about the same time. I visited with Bob, of course we only live about eighteen miles apart. Bob's reaction to leaving the legislature was one of, I think, not a depression but he really missed it the first year or so and then he moved on. My reaction was totally the opposite. I didn't miss it at all, but after a year or so I started to wish I had stood for reelection. There are times I deeply miss not being in the legislature, this year simply doesn't happen to be one of those times. I don't envy the tasks that are set before you, but I have faith in the institution and in the people and I know the tasks are going to be solved and they're going to be solved in the total public interest. I know they're going to be solved fairly and without any permanent rancor. That's the history of our general assembly in the years past and I'm sure that will be extended into the future.

These are random thoughts. I hope that I've had something of merit to say. It's so good to see all of you. Again, thank you for allowing me to share with you this afternoon. I hope to see you after the conclusion.

Thank you.

Representative Peterson of Carroll sang "Promise Me You'll Remember" the theme from "Godfather III," accompanied by Jo Masters Hanson.

Muhlbauer of Crawford moved that the joint convention be now dissolved at 2:14 p.m., which motion prevailed.

The House reconvened at 2:15 p.m., Connors of Polk in the chair.

The House stood at ease at 2:16 p.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 2:30 p.m., Connors of Polk in the chair.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence was granted as follows:

Daggett of Adams, for the remainder of the day and April 11 and 12, on request of Van Maanen of Mahaska.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS Ways and Means Calendar

House File 684, a bill for an act relating to the administration of the individual income tax, by providing uniformity in the priority of the various income tax credits; specifying that the incomes covered in the government pension exclusion are considered for purposes of determining if taxpayers qualify for total exemption from tax; providing that qualification for the tuition and textbook deduction and the tuition and textbook credit is based on taxpayers' net incomes instead of their federal adjusted gross incomes; providing for revision in the computation of the child and dependent care credit and allocation of the credit between married taxpayers and nonresidents and part-year resident taxpayers; relating to the penalty for delinquent payment of fuel taxes resulting from a check given in payment but not honored because of insufficient funds; relating to access to confidential tax information by certain persons and the application of confidentiality laws of the state; relating to penalty provisions on the filing of certain tax returns and failure to submit payment of taxes as required by the rules of the director of revenue and finance; relating to the due date for income tax returns for nonprofit corporations subject to the unrelated business income tax; relating to use tax on vehicles subject to registration or only subject to the issuance of title; relating