

Legislature Opens With Prayer, Pledge

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Each day that the California State Legislature is in session, at the beginning of the day's business, a chaplain offers a prayer, both in the Assembly and in the Senate. Chaplains are rotated among the major religions so that Protestant clergymen, Catholic priests, and Jewish rabbis all have an equal opportunity. Their prayers are solemn supplications for Divine Guidance and remind the legislators that no great undertaking should be started without invoking spiritual guidance.

Following the prayer is the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America in which all join, standing at attention. The prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance set a tone of reverence, patriotism, and devotion to the duty which undoubtedly inspire all of us to remember that humility is the beginning of wisdom and that we, ourselves, cannot accomplish anything worth while without keeping in mind duty of God and duty to the United States and the State of California.

EVERYONE who has visited the Legislature has commented favorably on this procedure and many have said that it is one which should be followed in the schools, and at all public gatherings, especially meetings to promote the public welfare.

In the Assembly of the California State Legislature, which is called "the House of Representatives" in many states, voting is conducted by means of a small switch at each member's desk. When a member votes "aye," he turns the switch to a green light and when he votes "no," he turns the switch to a red light.

ON THE FRONT wall of the Assembly Chamber are two large panels, one on each side of the rostrum where the Speaker of the Assembly presides. Each panel displays the names of the members of the Assembly in alphabetical order. Opposite each name are two small light bulbs. When voting is under way, these bulbs light up, showing how a member has voted, green for "aye" and red for "no."

When voting on a motion, resolution, or bill has been completed, a machine automatically totals the result which appears over each panel, showing the number of aye and no votes. In addition, a machine punches holes in a printed form so that there is a double check on the voting.

IN THE SENATE, the electrical voting machinery is not used. Instead, the clerk calls the roll and each senator announces his vote orally. This takes longer but the Senate prefers to conduct the roll call in this manner. One argument in favor of the roll call instead of the electrical system is that the senators whose names are called first do not necessarily know how those whose names will be called later will vote.

However, in both the Assembly and the Senate, legislators can change their votes from aye to no, or from no to aye, before the final count is announced. Therefore, the net

result is the same in both houses.

THE ASSEMBLY and the Senate each print three daily publications during a session. These are the Journal, the History, and the File. The Journal is the official record and contains in chronological order the account of the proceedings of the previous day, including roll calls upon all actions which require a recorded vote. (Some actions are by voice vote.)

It does not contain the roll calls on bills arranged in the order of the bill numbers because bills do not come before either house of the Legislature in numerical order except by accident. However, if you know the day that a roll call was taken, you can write to the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, Calif., and obtain a free copy of the Journal for the day you want.

ALSO, YOU can obtain two free copies of any bill from the same source, whether or not it ever passed out of a committee, and whether or not it became a law. In order to do this, you should know the bill number and the name of the principal author. If you do not have this information, you simply write to the Legislative Bill Room and briefly explain what bill you want, the best you can. Usually, you will get the one you want.

The History contains the authors and titles of all measures introduced the previous day, arranged in numerical order, and shows each day's action, if any, on every measure considered.

The File shows the order in which bills are to be taken up on the day the File is distributed, and also a schedule of committee meetings with the dates that various bills are set to be heard in committee.

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