

NEGOTIATING SESSION NO. 10
December 15, 1978
10:30 A.M.

Searle chaired.

PRESENT:	Searle	Anderson
	Nelsen	Johnson
	Knickerbocker	Kostohryz
	B. Anderson	L. Carlson
		Casserly

Searle: Would take DFL working paper.

Irv: No ready to accept any kind of hard bargaining session. Would like the week-end to work on the proposals.

Searle: Will abide by Irv's request. Will not be able to meet on Monday. Will have to wait until Tues.

Irv: Explained reason not ready. Have not been able to put the proper words together as relates to election contests. Can't get the words right. We can talk about issues that have strong bearing on the out come of the negotiating session. Have paper for Rules Committee. Not ready for reaction to IR proposal. We can't accept or reject the proposal. Election contests to be part of the proposal. one avenue that we're not ready to react to. Wouldn't like hard bargaining session until next session. No objection to holding up until Tuesday. We can chat about Monday evening. Would be more fair to IR to let you know ahead of time. If you want to give us your position we would be happy to accept it.

Searle: Would have to go past the second deadline without definable progress. Will hold up. I think, however, that we shouldn't get bogged down on what would happen in one or two election contests. Should get back to the administration of a House equally divided. Start off in reacting to proposed subcommittees. Does not object with titled of subcommittees. Number of subcommittees on each committee would be up to the committee chairman as to numbers of members, etc. Take into consideration the number of committees and subcommittees and divide down the middle for equal responsibility.

Irv: Start discussion on method of how Rules Committee meetings will be held. (Read the DFL paper . Strike the word "next" in the last line of the proposal. If the House weren't meeting on a certain day you would have to give me opportunity to get to St. Paul.

Nelsen: Are you backing off your co-chairs.

Irv: It provides either way.

Searle: Still negotiable item.

Irv: Election contests. House ought to have the matter before it. House would receive all information and records and provide vehicle by which whole process would take place. Look at it as a hearing such as an impeachment.

Searle: You're going to act as judge and jury in a method that breaks precedent.

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Irv: Precedent has been broken before. You indicated that it should be sent to a standing or special committee.

Searle: I'm getting the impression from you that you have already made up your mind what the judge is going to say and what the findings are going to be and you want to use it as a political advantage.

Irv: Not at all.

B. Anderson: Witnesses can be called?

Irv: We did not provide a vehicle by which witnesses could be called.

B. Anderson: Presenters and exhibits?

Irv: Yes.

Casserly: They are not dramatic changes but little tiny ones.

Searle: Don't mean to upset your train of thought.

Casserly: No, you can't, when there isn't much there.

Knickerbocker: In the event the judge doesn't give a clear ruling we don't want to get carried away on the House floor. There isn't anything in the Rules as to how it should be done. Should be sure the rules are written so that it's done in an orderly fashion.

B. Anderson: Live bodies testify before one side or the other. That's the advantage of having it referred to a committee is having the bodies present to testify.

Irv: Helpful to talk.

Searle: Fair to assume that you are dragging your feet because of that court case.

Irv: That's not a fair statement. Why would we want to drag our feet?

Searle: It seems you put the political implications ahead of why we're supposed to be here.

Irv: Very interested in making certain that there has been free unbiased elections. I think it's unfair that there's any accusations of foot-dragging. We'd rather be open and honest with you people. We say we're not in a position for hard-bargaining today.

Searle: Set a time for a meeting early next week.

Irv: Do you agree with our paper on Rules Committee. (Indicated AGREEMENT -- badly worded)

Searle: Have felt there should be some time restraints. Would be willing to meet tomorrow.

Casserly: Maybe meet Monday night.

Searle: Can't meet on Monday -- LCMR.

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Irv: This is more important.

Searle: I'd have no objection to meeting Monday night. Can't be in on any sessions with our staff. Set it for 7:30 or 8:00 P.M.

Casserly: LCMR screening applicants for 3 positions on Monday at 4:30.

Irv: Meeting on Tuesday? Hiring people more important than these negotiations?

Searle: You'd better be there to safeguard your interests.

Irv: This is more important.

MEETING -- Monday, December 18, 1978 at 8:00 P.M.

Agenda: Election contests.

L. Carlson: Would your intention be to meet on Tuesday as well as Monday?

Tentative plans.

Searle: After certain date we won't meet until after Christmas. We should each come back with final time frame next week. Probably have to meet on Tuesday.

B. Anderson: We should settle day certain on day as to what we're going to do on January 3, 4 or 5. Set a day next for January 4 and a day to plan on what we're going to do on January 5. Should get down to Wednesday. Should start planning for January 3. After Wednesday, we should call the whole negotiating session off and then start planning for January 3.

Irv: Look at committee structure.

B. Anderson: We came prepared today.

Irv: Then put it on the table. We're not prepared.

Searle: It may be well for us to agree the hiatus you want to take for the Christmas Holidays.

Irv: All I'm asking is for the Holidays and the weekend off.

Searle: Work through Friday and come back on Tuesday?

Knickerbocker: Let's wait to see if we make any progress on Tuesday.

Irv: I'm not sitting at a table if someone sits here and says "if we don't reach agreement by Wednesday". If it were to come down so that the agreement were in jeopardy, then I would forgo my Holiday. If necessary we can work out the agreement on January 2. To forego negotiating now is premature in my mind.

Meeting ended at 11:20 A.M.