Negotiations
Meeting No. 16
January 2, 1979
11:00 A.M., Rm. 15, Capitol

## Members Present:

Patton Sieben Anderson, I. Casserly Johnson Carlson, D.
Knickerbocker
Searle
Anderson, B.
Nelsen, B.

Rep. Searle chaired the meeting.

Searle: Last week we agreed to meet this morning to agree on an agenda for the opening day and the state-of-the-state message on Thursday. The IR caucus met with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General and have gone over some of the things that would come up on Wednesday and Thursday. I'll turn this over to the DFL.

Anderson, I: Announcement of Dick Kostohryz's heart attack. As of last evening, his condition was serious but stable. No report yet this morning. We expect to receive further report from the doctors office on his condition. We would urge and hope that the IR caucus would consider delaying the election of a Speaker until next Monday. We also request, as in the past we have indicated that we get down to negotiating to resolve our differences (maybe even this afternoon) and would like a response. I notified Mr. Searle last evening of Mr. Kostohryz heart attack.

Searle: I appreciate the fact that you did call me. This changes the complexion of what we have been debating for the last month. We certainly are not going to jump on this opportunity. We would not jump on this occasion with hob nail boots. When we would postpone the election of the speaker to, I think I would want to wait and have an updating on the medical condition. We can't go too long without organizing the House. It might be a month. Presumptous to be basing it on something we don't know at this point. Perhaps we should at least look and see how far we go tomorrow; what we will do tomorrow and Thursday. Can't meet this afternoon. Having a meeting this afternoon. Could meet on Thursday evening or on Friday at the soonest. As quickly as we can do it. We understand the situation you are in. Will try to work out the accommodation.

Discussion of first day of session. Faricy -- Clerk Pro Temp. Larry Bothwell -- Sergeant at Arms Pro Temp. Wally Strand -- Sergeant at ARms Pro Temp. Secretary of State turns over gavel to the President of the Senate (Gearty). Discussion on first day of session followed.

Searle: Want to wait on medical report of Kostohryz (thinking about a meeting on Friday).

Anderson, I: In the past, the precedence has been to adjourn on Thursday until the following Monday.

Meeting Adjourned.