



Journal of the Senate

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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida.

In pursuance of the Proclamation of Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of the State of Florida, the Senate met in Special Session at 12:00 noon and was called to order by Senator Lew Brantley, President. A quorum present—34:

Mr. President	Hair	Plante	Tobiassen
Chamberlin	Henderson	Poston	Trask
Childers, Don	Holloway	Renick	Ware
Childers, W. D.	Johnston	Sayler	Williamson
Dunn	Lewis	Scarborough	Wilson
Firestone	MacKay	Scott	Winn
Gallen	McClain	Skinner	Zinkil
Glisson	Myers	Spicola	
Gorman	Peterson	Thomas, Pat	

Excused: Senators Barron, Castor, Gordon, Graham, Jon Thomas and Vogt

Prayer by Dr. Edwin R. Hartz, Chaplain-Professor, Florida State University, Tallahassee:

Eternal and infinite God, who governs the world in righteousness and whose judgments are just and true, grant that those who make our laws and legislate for our people may be of one mind to establish justice and promote the wellbeing of all our people.

Thou, who motivated our forefathers to seek out and build a new world in this broad land, so inspire and strengthen the members of the Senate who have returned for a Special Session, that each may so respond to the demands of this hour, that our generation and generations yet to come may be benefited and blessed.

We pray now for our beloved land; bless our country that it may be a blessing to the world. Wilt thou hear our prayers as we pray O Lord, for sound government, a sound economy, and just laws. Hear our prayers for our educational institutions and for a vital and clean press, for simplicity, courtesy and integrity in our relations with one another and above all, a spirit of brotherhood and service that will lessen pride of place and modify inequality of opportunity. Amen.

The Senate pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

By direction of the President, the Proclamation of the Governor convening the Legislature in special session was read:

PROCLAMATION
STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida convened in regular session for the year 1977 on the 5th day of April A.D. 1977, and is currently in Regular Session, and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that the Legislature does not intend to extend the Regular Session in the manner prescribed in the Constitution, and will adjourn sine die on the 3rd day of June A.D. 1977, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature, during the Regular Session of 1977 has failed to enact a General Appropriations Act or provide adequate financing for necessary programs and activities of State Government, and

WHEREAS, it is my duty as Governor under Section 1 of Article IV, Florida Constitution (1968) to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and

WHEREAS, the enactment of an adequate General Appropriations Act which is properly and adequately financed is essential in order to insure the benefits of the constitutional liberty, perfect our government, insure domestic tranquility, maintain public order and guarantee civil and political rights due all the citizens of the State of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, I REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, as Governor of the State of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of Florida (1968), do hereby convene the Legislature in Special Session at the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, for a period of approximately seven (7) days, commencing at 12 o'clock Noon, Wednesday, the 8th day of June A.D. 1977, and ending on the 14th day of June A.D. 1977.

1. The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering the enactment of the following:

- (a) A General Appropriations Bill,
- (b) Such legislation as is necessary to adequately and properly finance the General Appropriations Bill,
- (c) A Compensatory Education Act and such other legislation necessary to implement the General Appropriations Bill,
- (d) Legislation relating to tax relief.

2. The only legislative business which may be transacted during the said Special Session is that business which is within the purview of paragraph 1 of this Proclamation, or within the purview of a communication to the Florida Legislature from the Governor, or that which is introduced by consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of each house of the Florida Legislature.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 3rd day of June A.D. 1977.

Reubin O'D. Askew
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:
Bruce A. Smathers
SECRETARY OF STATE

On motion by Senator Lewis, the rules were waived and the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission to meet at 2:00 p.m. this day.

On motion by Senator Gallen, the Senate adjourned at 12:32 p.m. to convene at 9:00 a.m., June 9.