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Journal of the Senate for the Organization Session of the Thirteenth Legislature to be convened under the Constitution of Florida, as revised in 1968, begun and held at the Capitol in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Tuesday, November 17, 1992, being the day fixed by the Constitution for the purpose, and continuing through Thursday, November 19, 1992.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Joe Brown, Secretary of the Senate, at 10:00 a.m.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Bishop Frank C. Cummings, of the Eleventh Episcopal District, African Methodist Episcopal Church, Jacksonville:

We praise you and give you thanks for the opportunity of being a part of your beautiful world. We seek your blessings today as we come to the opening of this Senate. We ask thee, Almighty One, that you would bless this mission, this state, this Governor and for those who will take office today, we pray that they might understand there is a greater force we follow; that they might seek his divine guidance.

We pray that all of us might be sensitive to your world, especially to the people of this state. We will pull down the blinds which separate us, and come together for the people. I look for the opportunity to share the blessings of this world with all of the people; that the hungry may be fed, the poor may be cared for, that those who are sick may have an opportunity to be exposed to medical care. Be Thou with us now, in that what we do and say may be done for the uplifting and building of a better world for all people. In your name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Dyer led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

CERTIFICATE RECEIVED

The Secretary announced that The Honorable Jim Smith, Secretary of State, had certified to the election of 40 Senators as follows:

STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Jim Smith, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby certify that the following Members of the State Senate were elected at the General Election held on the Third day of November, A. D., 1992, as shown by the election returns on file in this office:

SENATE DISTRICT NUMBER

- 1 W. D. Childers, Pensacola
- 2 Betty S. Holzendorf, Jacksonville
- 3 Pat Thomas, Quincy
- 4 Charles Williams, Tallahassee
- 5 George Kirkpatrick, Gainesville
- 6 Ander Crenshaw, Jacksonville
- 7 Robert Harden, Fort Walton Beach
- 8 William G. (Bill) Bankhead, Ponte Vedra Beach
- 9 Toni Jennings, Orlando
- 10 Virginia (Ginny) Brown-Waite, Springhill
- 11 Karen Johnson, Inverness
- 12 Gary Siegel, Fern Park

- 13 John Grant, Tampa
- 14 Buddy Dyer, Orlando
- 15 Patsy Ann Kurth, Palm Bay
- 16 Locke Burt, Ormond Beach
- 17 Rick Dantzler, Winter Haven
- 18 Patricia Grogan, Merritt Island
- 19 Curt Kiser, Palm Harbor
- 20 Charlie Crist, St. Petersburg
- 21 James T. (Jim) Hargrett, Jr., Tampa
- 22 Don Sullivan, St. Petersburg
- 23 Malcolm E. Beard, Seffner
- 24 Jim Boczar, Sarasota
- 25 Fred R. Dudley, Cape Coral
- 26 John McKay, Bradenton
- 27 William G. (Doc) Myers, Hobe Sound
- 28 Robert Wexler, Boca Raton
- 29 Kenneth C. Jenne II, Fort Lauderdale
- 30 Matthew J. Meadows, Lauderhill
- 31 Jim Scott, Fort Lauderdale
- 32 Howard C. Forman, Pembroke Pines
- 33 Peter M. Weinstein, Coral Springs
- 34 Alberto (Al) Gutman, Miami
- 35 Mark Foley, Atlantis
- 36 William H. Turner, Hialeah
- 37 Mario Diaz-Balart, Miami
- 38 Ronald (Ron) A. Silver, North Miami Beach
- 39 Roberto Casas, Hialeah
- 40 Daryl L. Jones, Miami



GIVEN under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Florida at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 13th day of November, A. D., 1992.

Jim Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE

The oath of office was administered by The Honorable Major B. Harding, Justice, Florida Supreme Court, to the recently elected Senators.

The roll of the Senate, as then constituted by the 40 newly elected members was called by the Secretary in alphabetical order and the following members of the Senate were recorded present:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

A quorum present—40

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 16, 1992

Mr. Joe Brown, Secretary
The Florida Senate
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Brown:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 1.24, notice is hereby given that I contest the election of Patsy Kurth in Senate District 15.

The grounds for such contest are based on the following irregularities in tabulating the Brevard County general election returns:

- 1) Machine recounts gave two different totals in most all races.
- 2) Many uncounted ballots were found.
- 3) Ballot boxes were unsealed and ballots removed during the hours the polls were open.
- 4) Voter sign-in lists were removed from the main election office before any audit could be performed.
- 5) People were allowed to vote without showing voter ID or signing in.
- 6) The computer software used to tabulate the election returns is flawed and consistently produces different results of the same race.

Sincerely,
s/Gene Waddell
Candidate for Senate District 15

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER PRESIDENTS

Secretary Brown announced that in addition to former Senate President W. D. Childers, who still serves in the Senate, the Senate was honored by the presence of former Presidents Randolph Hodges and Philip D. Lewis.

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

Secretary Brown introduced former Senators Tom Slade, Tim Dera-tany, Judge John Rawls, and Congresspersons Carrie Meek and Karen Thurman.

ORGANIZATION

The Senate proceeded to the organization of the body.

NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

The Secretary announced that nominations would now be received for President of the Senate.

The Secretary recognized Senator Jennings who placed in nomination the name of Senator Crenshaw of the 6th Senatorial District.

Senator Jennings: Today is a special day for many reasons, Senators, families, friends, guests in the gallery, interested visitors and onlookers. Every two years the Organization Session marks a beginning—the joining of the experience of those who have served before with the enthusiasm and the ideas of the newly elected who have just entered our ranks.

Today is usually an event of pomp and circumstance, filled with ceremony and tradition. We have had a little bit of that already. I am a little sad that we won't have all that we normally have in our Organization Session. But, in its place we will participate in the making of history today, Senators.

Never in Florida's long history have the two political parties been so evenly matched in numbers. Because of that, all we do today and for the next few days will be written down in books for those who come after us to read and to study. Lest we forget, the Florida Senate is a political body. After the last couple of months, how could any of us not remember that. Today we stand here doing the business of politics—the designating of those who will lead us through the next two years.

As I look around this Senate and see many old friends and many that I hope will be new friends, I see many who are equipped to fill that job. Friends that have worked for many years to get to this point have done

fine jobs. So what we do today should never be a reflection on winners and losers since we are all here today because those who elected us believe that we can do the best job for them.

I have had the privilege of participating in six elections for President of the Senate. When I think back on that, I start to feel old. But, never once has there been a person of my party elected. I did a little study of history. Looking back I saw that in 1874 a Republican was President of the Florida Senate. His name was Marcellus Lovejoy Stearns. He was the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Florida. He was appointed by the Governor. At that point in time the Lieutenant Governor served as President of the Senate.

Now there has been much speculation that we might need something like that these days or in the days to come. Having a 40-member Senate we may have a 20-20 tie more often than we'd like. Ole' Marcellus served us well, I guess. None of us was here, because that was 118 years ago; 118 years ago, since a Republican served as President of this body.

Friends, 118 years might be long enough. Now if you have had over a century to think about the qualities that you seek in a Senate President, you've probably got them down pretty pat. So let me share a couple of them with you.

I believe a president should possess the preparedness born of experience, and we are going to have nominees that meet that criteria. I believe that a president should have a vision for Florida: a vision shaped by parents who each day meet the challenge that growing older brings; a vision shaped by children who come home from school every day and share their dreams and expectations; a vision shaped by a belief that the basic inside of each person is good, a belief that a person's word is his bond and that a handshake is worth a thousand legal documents.

Friends, I have found such a person. That person is Ander Crenshaw. Two years ago I had the privilege of speaking about Ander to my colleagues and I likened him to the image of an iron fist in a velvet glove. Don't confuse Ander's easygoing personality with lack of resolve. Don't mistake his constant inquiry and questioning for lack of direction.

Ander Crenshaw has united my Republican colleagues through two difficult years. He has led us through a tough campaign season and he has brought us here today, 20 members strong, united on this floor. What he has done for our party, he can do for the Florida Senate. Because you see, Ander Crenshaw is a man who believes that talent knows no party label. He is a man who is secure enough in himself to see the expertise that democrats and republicans bring and to utilize that expertise for the betterment of our state.

To solve the problems that we face, our state is going to need a leader who understands those differences and yet can bring us together. We have all just left a campaign when we talked about the differences. We ran on party labels. It is time to join together and talk about the similarities and talk about the problems that this state faces and to talk about solutions.

We need a leader who is prepared. We need a leader who is patient. We need a leader who is full of purpose. I believe Ander Crenshaw is that man. So it is with a great deal of respect and great friendship that I place the name of Alexander Mann Crenshaw in nomination for President of the Florida Senate. Thank you.

The Secretary recognized Senator Scott who seconded the nomination of Senator Crenshaw.

Senator Scott: Good morning and welcome to all of the new and returning Senators and their families. Also, a special welcome to some of the former presidents of the Senate who are here. The pictures of former presidents of the Senate hang above you, around the room, starting with the most recent ones on this side and going all the way around, and some have been retired.

In any event, I have been here for these last eight pictures. I came directly to the Senate, not having served in the House. So therefore I didn't have to be retrained when I came over here; as the standing joke used to be in those days. But one of the first things that I learned in the Senate is that each and every senator of the 40 is very important and has an equal opportunity. We're elected by an equal number of people and should be treated accordingly by our colleagues, and better be treated accordingly by the House and the Governor and everyone else because I think that's important. If anyone ever doubted that that was a reality, having 20 Republicans and 20 Democrats certainly emphasizes that point.

I'm delighted with the opportunity to second Ander Crenshaw's nomination, and in doing this, I would just say I'm reminded of John Kennedy. Shortly after he was elected, he addressed the Massachusetts Legislature. He set up four qualities for any public servant no matter what office they might hold. I think they are particularly applicable to the Senate. He said, "The question would be, 'Were we truly men and women of courage? Courage to stand up to one's enemies as well as, if necessary, one's associates or friends and the courage to resist pressure, whether public or private.' Second, 'Were we men and women of judgment of the future as well as the past, of our own mistakes as well as the mistakes of others, with the wisdom to know what we do not know and the candor to admit it?' Third, 'Were we men and women of integrity who never ran out on either the principles in which they believed or the people who believe in them, devoted only to the fulfillment of their sacred trust?' And fourth and finally, 'Were we men and women of dedication, our honor mortgaged to no single individual or group, devoted solely to serving the public good and the interests of our constituents?'"

Senators, I believe that Ander Crenshaw has these four qualities in good measure—courage, judgment, integrity and dedication. It is my pleasure to second his nomination for President of the Florida Senate.

The Secretary recognized Senator Kiser who further seconded the nomination of Senator Crenshaw.

Senator Kiser: Senator Ander Crenshaw, Senator Pat Thomas and myself were all elected in 1972, and were part of a very large class of freshman legislators. We all three started together. So you can see, Ander has had a long involved history of working in the political system in Florida, in addition to serving in the House before coming to the Senate. He ran for Secretary of State, U. S. Senate, Chairman of the Republican Party of Florida and in 1985 in a special election was elected to the Senate. So he has had a major part of what has happened in Florida. He has been involved, he has paid his dues in the political and governmental process in Florida. He has been well seasoned by all these activities and his experience.

I think a little bit of history is in order here because a lot of it started when Senator Crenshaw got elected to the Senate. Just in the previous year Senator Malcolm Beard had switched parties to cause the Republicans to go from eight members of the Senate to nine. Senator Crenshaw's addition in that special election took us to 10. The very next election in 1986 we elected five new Republicans. Each election thereafter several more Republicans were added to where we stand today with a 20-20 split in the Florida Senate. As Senator Jennings has told you it is a truly historic occasion for Florida.

It's also a new day in Florida political history, one that demands a new leader. One with quiet confidence, low-key demeanor, nonconfrontational, and understanding the problems of others. Senator Ander Crenshaw is such a man. He led the Republicans as the Republican Leader for the last two years, truly tumultuous times when you look back at the last two years with the battles over reapportionment, taxes, the budget and think back about his leadership during that time. This was a man that never lost his temper, never lost his cool, never lashed out, never played petty politics. During this entire time, when times were truly strained and tension was at a very high level in this body, he played the role of minority leader as well as it could be done. He led the Republicans, he agreed with the Governor, he agreed with the Speaker of the House, the press and the Senate when he could. And when he couldn't, he politely disagreed and disagreed very strongly in his own style. He is not one that rushes out to make enemies, quite the contrary, he searches for friends.

It is these qualities that will make Senator Ander Crenshaw a great Senate President for the Florida Senate in 1992. It is indeed a great honor and privilege for me to second the name of my good friend, Ander Crenshaw.

The Secretary recognized Senator Bankhead who further seconded the nomination of Senator Crenshaw.

Senator Bankhead: Mr. stand-in President and members of the Florida Senate. I can tell you I am especially honored to be here today to nominate my friend Ander Crenshaw, to second his nomination, for a number of reasons; we are close personal friends, but also because we share the same hometown. So, I bring you a special and significant perspective on Ander Crenshaw.

The truth is, if it were not for Ander Crenshaw I would not be a member of this august body. He was serving in the House of Representa-

tives down at the other end of the hall and he ran for Secretary of State in 1978 creating a vacancy. The local party, as you can tell, was bankrupt for anybody to serve so they came to me and asked if I would run, and I agreed and here I am.

So Ander, for whatever you've done for me I thank you very much publicly here today. But I think it is especially noteworthy that when I wanted to stress in that very first campaign, in that very first TV ad I did, the characteristics of honesty and integrity of a correct moral posture, I asked Ander Crenshaw to stand beside me in that ad and he did. He let me stand in the glow of his own reputation in Jacksonville as someone who could be trusted and depended upon. He stood in the glow of a very strong family and they are here today and I want to introduce them. His father and mother, McArthur and Virginia Crenshaw, please stand. His wife Kitty, and his daughters Sarah and Alex. And his sister Ginny.

We can see, coming from good stock like that, how he turned out as well as he did. I think it is also especially noteworthy that Ander Crenshaw is from Jacksonville, a city in this state, one that has consolidated government; a very efficient form of government, and that government came together, came to be, because a lot of local people put aside their own special interests in their local systems and came together to do what was best for our community. We consolidated and we are well recognized as a very good form of government that works strongly for the benefit of the people who live in that area. Florida is also a diverse community just like Jacksonville is a diverse community, each region having its own special twist, its own special perspectives, on the problems of transportation, growth management, education, social services and all the other problems that we face as a people living together. But part of the genius about the way we select our leadership, and it seems to be a natural flow, is that the leadership seems to move around the state. Last time it was from Miami, this time it will be from a different part of the state, hopefully northeast Florida.

This natural progression of the selection of the leadership from different areas provides an opportunity for the different perspectives that each area has on the problems that we all share to be brought into focus and to be highlighted if only for a short period of time. I think that is a wonderful thing that we do.

In the coming two years the Senate will need a leader with a historical perspective to chart the course through the shoals of divisiveness. He will need the patience to work with conflicting philosophies and different plans of action. He will need the courage to stand up for what is best for Florida's people and even when that may not be politically popular.

Northeast Florida has a history of great leaders, leaders who can bring together big city perspectives with rural common sense, leaders who can cross cultural and geographic boundaries and bring the state together as we enter a new era of progress. Ander will continue that tradition with common sense and the grace and skill to accomplish great things. Someone has said that statesmanship is more difficult than politics. Politics is the art of getting along with people. Statesmanship is the art of getting along with politicians. Ander Crenshaw has mastered that skill.

During the last presidential campaign a policeman in Ohio was quoted as saying, "I'm hoping that some day before I die we will have a candidate for President who I can really believe in, an Abraham Lincoln." I know that that policeman wasn't thinking about the presidency of the Florida Senate, but I can tell you that Ander Crenshaw is someone that I really believe in, is someone that the people of Jacksonville, in northeast Florida, really believe in and he's someone that you can believe in to provide the leadership that we need for the next two years and that is why I am proud, proud to second the nomination of our favorite son, Ander Crenshaw.

FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

The Secretary recognized Senator Jenne who placed in nomination the name of Senator Pat Thomas of the 3rd Senatorial District.

Senator Jenne: Mr. Secretary, Senators, and guests. This is truly a day of excitement. Every organizational session we come, we celebrate our own election and the election of the people. Some of us have known each other for a considerable period of time, 25 years or more. We've either been to school with one another or worked with one another in this Legislature. This day is the most exciting day in many of your lives, at least your political lives. It's that opportunity to acknowledge to your friends, your family, and your supporters, your thanks to them.

But today is, as the Republicans have stated, a different day. It's a 20-20 day. I wish we didn't have the two-headed coin. It makes it difficult for many of us here today to make a decision. And on this historic day, we've got to think of where we are going. I have the honor of nominating Pat Thomas to be President of the Senate, and that's a great honor because it's a great friendship that I'll speak about later. But I will say, to you Ander, who has always been my friend, always will be my friend, you are a great leader, and a good leader, and I welcome you in this Senate.

From now on, I will not speak of Democrats and Republicans because frankly, in a 20-20 Senate, it's a foolish thing to talk about who is a Democrat and who is a Republican. We ought to be talking about what is the future of this state and what is the future of this Senate. I will tell you what I was told on the campaign trail, albeit a short one since I was unopposed, but when I went around my community, what I was told was the following: "Why in the heck couldn't you make a decision on a 20-20 vote? Why were there all those 20-20 votes up there?"

It's ironic that so many of you ran for the Florida Senate to break the deadlock, and the very first vote that you are going to take is a potentially deadlocked vote. But that is the irony of the politics of the State of Florida.

When I was in the hall, a very distinguished journalist said to me, "Maybe, you ought to have only one legislative chamber in the State of Florida."

But what we see here today is a changed Florida, a modern Florida. It reflects the democracy of this state and it is 20-20. We're going to have to work out the problems and we are going to have to cure the problems. The reason I want to speak about Pat Thomas today is that 14 years ago I came to this Senate, and 12 of those past years I served in this Senate, and I remember as a new Senator going to the ECCA committee and Pat Thomas was the chairman of that particular committee.

That was a different day. It was a day of few women and no blacks, and few Republicans. It was a day when an old guard ran this Senate. Pat Thomas had no reason to be nice or show any kindness or thought to me. But in those days, when that thoughtfulness was not necessary, Pat Thomas was a person who took a freshman underneath his wing and explained how the system worked and allowed him to participate when participation was not always encouraged in this body.

I remember his fairness, his willingness to go out of his way to help people. As I served with him over the years, I learned him to be the type of person who would work with everybody in the Florida Senate. When I left this Senate for a short period of time, Pat had an illness. From time to time, I would call him at the hospital. And I remember every time I got off the phone with Pat Thomas, I felt better from talking with him even though he was the one who was ill. Because Pat Thomas is the type of person who will try to make you feel better and do better.

He has served both in the House and in the Senate and as has been stated before, he and Ander came here in 1972. I think what we need in this Senate now is someone who can reach out and bring this Senate together. Someone that has travelled the width and the breadth of this state, that understands the problems of rural Florida, and south Florida and north Florida. When I travelled through west Florida with him, I don't care if it was the humblest location, when he walked in, they knew who he was, and they each loved him. I don't care if it was the lowest person, the most common person in that room, or the person who owned it, they showed a devotion and a love and a concern for Pat Thomas because he showed it back to them. If Jim Scott can quote John Kennedy, I can quote George Bush; I think that we do need a "kinder and gentler" Senate. I think all of us in this room have recognized it.

As I went around in the last couple of days, the talk I heard from those of us who have returned is that we need to moderate some of our views and to start understanding the viewpoints of others. And I think that this kind and gentle man reflects that type of viewpoint, that he knows that every member will be reached out to.

I think one of the big assets of Pat Thomas is his family. And I'd like to take just a moment to introduce them to you. Mary Ann, his wife, is here. Anne Jolley Thomas, his daughter, is here. John Pat and his wife, Martha, are also here.

Let me end by just saying that we've had a spirited race, all of us, one against one another, one for one another, and that election is over. Now

we have to start a different mission and that is protecting this institution, governing the State of Florida. Our mission has got to be to make sure that we come together and not come apart. And no matter how we end this fight today, whether it be Pat Thomas or Ander Crenshaw, our mission will have to be to make sure that Florida is a better place and a place with a government which works.

Our constituents are not going to tolerate, nor should they tolerate, any self-serving actions today. We must be prepared once this election is over to come together. Once we make that selection, we have to be of whole cloth. While we have all enjoyed these races, we must put aside these hostilities. I truly believe that Pat Thomas is an individual among many, but an individual who can lead this Senate to make us appear of whole cloth.

Thank you very, very much for giving me this opportunity, Pat, to speak for you and to all of you in this Senate, I hope this day goes quickly and we can get back together. Thank you.

The Secretary recognized Senator Holzendorf who seconded the nomination of Senator Thomas.

Senator Holzendorf: Thank you. Mr. Secretary, my colleagues in the Senate. I stand here very emotionally to second the nomination of Pat Thomas. You've heard many speakers address politics and statesmanship, but that's not what it's about. It's about trust. It's about unity. It's about concern for the people of the State of Florida.

My mother is 82 years old, she's sitting over there. She once told me that she would rather have a compassionate child than a brilliant, smart child because the compassionate child would go much farther than the brilliant child in the hearts and minds of people. I have found Pat Thomas to be a compassionate man. I have only worked with him in this Senate for two years during reapportionment but I have observed him my entire time here in Tallahassee. He is the one person that appears to be able to move through the rank and file, through the party politics and speak well of everyone. I have never, since I've been here in Tallahassee, seen him do a dastardly deed to anyone. And that makes me proud.

I think we all know the reputation of the Senate right now. This Senate needs someone to lead it back to the respectability that it had for so many years, the honor and revered respect that the Senate of Florida had. I honestly feel in my heart that the person to do that is Pat Thomas. And I am proud to second your nomination, Pat. Thank you.

The Secretary recognized Senator Kirkpatrick who further seconded the nomination of Senator Thomas.

Senator Kirkpatrick: I want to speak for a moment to the freshmen Senators and to their families. I get goosebumps all over me with this opportunity to stand before you today and make a seconding speech for my friend Pat Thomas. But the main reason I have these goosebumps is because of the opportunity that I've had to come this far in this body, to spend this many years representing the people of the State of Florida. The opportunity that each and every one of us in this Senate has had is just beyond belief.

I think it's good that we get this kind of a confrontational debate and election on the first day. It gives us a chance to go home and think about it and roll up our sleeves and come back and get ready to do the business of the people of Florida. I'm proud to be a member of the Florida Senate. I'm humbled to be a member of the Florida Senate. And I think that we all share that feeling when we recognize the responsibility that lies before us. I think that there is probably no greater need in the State of Florida, in its government, than to build a consensus in this Florida Senate, to recognize that the people of the State of Florida are looking to this group for accountability and they're looking to this group for the solutions to the many problems that face this state.

I can tell you that the district that I represent, rural north Florida and a great university in Gainesville, is in great shape, as many problems as they have, compared to the kinds of things that I witnessed when I went down to south Dade County and looked at the destruction that exists there after Hurricane Andrew. It is not possible to describe the destruction and the sadness that's there to people that haven't been there. And yet it's going to be the job of this Senate to recognize that those are monumental problems that we have to solve.

I don't need to go through the litany of the children, and the education, and the criminal justice system, and all the other things that we face every day. But it is a tremendous responsibility. I'm happy that we have come to this point in the Florida Senate. It's like one of these things that

you've been thinking about and dreading and dreading and then it finally happens and then you face that challenge and you're better because you faced that challenge and moved on.

The people of Florida are lucky to have two outstanding candidates for President of the Florida Senate. I think Pat Thomas is one of those people who will bring to us the kind of consensus that we need, and in this body, a true sharing of the power. Because after all, if it weren't for the power and the imperial nature of the presidency, I'd just as soon have Joe Brown take care of the gavel everyday. Then he wouldn't have to whisper to whoever is up there handling the gavel what they were supposed to say next. He knows it best, inside and out, from the technical side.

But it's the power that resides in the Senate President's office that's really important to this body and to the people of Florida. I believe that Pat Thomas truly recognizes, and in his heart believes, that that power needs to be shared among all of the members of this Senate. And I look forward to that because partisan politics is not something that I've enjoyed over my career.

I believe that our job for the people of the State of Florida goes so much farther beyond partisan politics that we forget that sometimes. So I'm looking forward to this new Florida Senate. I'm looking forward to solutions and to the challenges that we face. And I'm looking forward to the leadership that I know my good friend, Pat Thomas, can provide for this body. And I'm proud to have a chance to second the nomination.

The Secretary recognized Senator Childers who further seconded the nomination of Senator Thomas.

Senator Childers: Senators, guests. I'm going into my 23rd year now in the Florida Senate. I've served with a lot of Senators. They've been chairmen of all the committees. If you look up on the gallery where we have hung the pictures of our past presidents, without identifying anyone, let me suggest to you that this body, that we as Senators, that the people of Florida, have been used time after time, after time, by people to seek a higher office. And let me tell you, Pat Thomas has announced privately and publicly that he is not now nor ever going to seek a higher office. So we don't have to worry about him lining up the lobbyists and bringing people in, in seeking a higher office and applying pressure.

Let me tell you what pressure is. I've seen it. I've had it applied and I've applied it. While Pat Thomas chaired various committees of the Appropriations subcommittee system, not one Senator failed to go to Pat Thomas and ask for accommodations for their district. And not once, not once, did Pat Thomas fail to accommodate those Senators regardless of where they came from in this state. And not once did a Senator try to raid the budgets that Pat Thomas was responsible for because he accommodated the Senators in their districts.

And tough, Pat Thomas is tough. Let me tell you. When we went through the rigors of reapportionment this calendar year and I made the motion that we adjourn sine die it failed by a very narrow margin. And I sat next to Pat Thomas and he opposed me on that motion because he had worked out a deal with a large number of Senators that committed to him. And how do I know that they committed? He didn't tell me. I sat in the chair where Pat Thomas is sitting and he was sitting in the chair where I was just sitting, and I heard them parade by and tell him that they would vote for the plan. And he stayed up here until 5 a.m. the next morning accommodating every Senator. And I heard with my own ears as those same people who had pleaded not to go home came back and said, "Pat, I'm sorry. I can't vote the way I told you I would."

We had 'em hanging out of the gallery, people giving orders and sending signals. Pat didn't get mad, Pat didn't try to change anything. He went ahead with the plan. The apportionment that was worked out the evening before was voted on and was passed.

Never has there been, in the Florida Senate, a more devoted family man; husband, parent, grandparent and son, than Pat Thomas.

And my friends, I submit to you, it's time that the Florida Senate, if there are ill feelings and if people do feel uncomfortable, one with the other, it's time that those wounds be healed. And there's no one, no one, anywhere in this state that can do it better than Pat Thomas. I submit to you that today is the day that this Senate needs to have 20-20 vision and vote for Pat Thomas.

On motion by Senator Dudley, nominations for President were closed.

VOTE ON ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

The Secretary declared the Senate in recess at 11:24 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 12:01 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Bankhead, the Senate recessed at 12:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 12:22 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Thomas, the Senate recessed at 12:27 p.m. to reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 1:38 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

COMMITTEE RECEIVED

A committee from the House of Representatives was received and notified the Senate that the House was convened for the purpose of organization. Secretary Brown thanked the committee and they were excused.

RECESS

On motion by Senator Jenne, the Senate recessed at 1:46 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 2:12 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Childers, the Senate recessed at 2:16 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 2:31 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Jenne, the Senate recessed at 2:40 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 3:11 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

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| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Dantzler, the Senate recessed at 3:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 4:19 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

| | | | |
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| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

RECESS

On motion by Senator Thomas, the Senate recessed at 4:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by Secretary Brown at 6:00 p.m. A quorum present—40:

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| Bankhead | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Beard | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Boczar | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Brown-Waite | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Burt | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Casas | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Childers | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Joe Brown, Presiding Officer

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 1-Org. and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

John B. Phelps, Clerk

By Representatives Wallace and Crady—

HCR 1-Org.—A concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the organization session of the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of Art. III, s. 3(e) of the Florida Constitution.

On motion by Senator Thomas, by unanimous consent **HCR 1-Org.** was introduced and read the first time in full. On motion by Senator Thomas, by two-thirds vote **HCR 1-Org.** was read the second time by title, adopted and certified to the House. The vote was:

Yeas—40

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| President | Diaz-Balart | Holzendorf | Myers |
| Bankhead | Dudley | Jenne | Scott |
| Beard | Dyer | Jennings | Siegel |
| Boczar | Foley | Johnson | Silver |
| Brown-Waite | Forman | Jones | Sullivan |
| Burt | Grant | Kirkpatrick | Thomas |
| Casas | Grogan | Kiser | Turner |
| Crenshaw | Gutman | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Crist | Harden | McKay | Wexler |
| Dantzler | Hargrett | Meadows | Williams |

Nays—None

VOTE ON ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

The roll was called on the election of the President and each Senator voted as follows:

For Senator Crenshaw—20:

| | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Bankhead | Crenshaw | Grant | McKay |
| Beard | Crist | Gutman | Myers |
| Brown-Waite | Diaz-Balart | Harden | Scott |
| Burt | Dudley | Jennings | Siegel |
| Casas | Foley | Kiser | Sullivan |

For Senator Thomas—20:

| | | | |
|----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| Boczar | Grogan | Jones | Thomas |
| Childers | Hargrett | Kirkpatrick | Turner |
| Dantzler | Holzendorf | Kurth | Weinstein |
| Dyer | Jenne | Meadows | Wexler |
| Forman | Johnson | Silver | Williams |

MOTION

Senator Jenne moved that an equal number of members from the Democratic and Republican Parties be appointed to a committee to work out possible compromises relating to the presidency and organization of the Senate, and that the committee meet Wednesday, November 18, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was adopted.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Senator Thomas appointed the following members to represent the Democratic Party: Senators Childers, Jones, Grogan, Wexler, Kirkpatrick, Jenne and Dantzler.

Senator Crenshaw appointed the following members to represent the Republican Party: Senators Jennings, Kiser, Scott, Casas, Bankhead, Harden and Siegel.

MOTIONS

Senator Kurth moved that a vote be taken to determine the Senate position on a shared presidency.

Senator Childers offered a substitute motion that the report of the committee previously appointed be presented to the full Senate. The motion was adopted.

RECESS

On motion by Senator Thomas, the Senate recessed at 7:23 p.m. to reconvene at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, November 18.