

GOP Senators Hit Back At King, Delay Toledo Medical College Vote

Tables Turned As Republicans Refuse To Suspend Rules—Same Stalling Tactics Used Earlier By Democrats

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 16—Senate Republicans yesterday turned the tables on Sen. Frank W. King (D., Toledo) by delaying for two days the vote on a bill in which he is interested—one that would establish a medical school in Toledo.

Republicans employed the same tactics used by the Toledo Democrat Monday to frustrate their effort to bring about an early vote on two GOP policy measures.

In retaliation, GOP senators yesterday refused to suspend Senate rules to allow the medical school bill and two others of major interest to Democrats to come back on the floor for a vote after being returned from a committee where they underwent minor changes.

On Monday, Democrats, led by Senator King, blocked a rules suspension which would have permitted a vote today, instead of tomorrow, on the GOP policy measures.

Three Votes Delayed

Now the Senate has postponed until tomorrow a vote on the medical college bill, another that would create a state university at Cleveland, and the third to allow the privately-owned Youngstown University to receive state aid.

Referral of the three school bills back to the Senate State Government Committee for a few minutes yesterday, ostensibly for amendments, apparently was contrived.

Corrections made in committee were minor. Committee members acknowledged that they could have been handled on the floor. This would have permitted a vote yesterday.

Alterations in the medical school and the Cleveland university bills were technical. Provisions that the terms of trustees of each school begin on May 1 also were inserted.

Failed To Get Word

To prevent church-operated colleges from becoming eligible for state aid, the committee changed the Youngstown University bill to exclude from state help those universities "not affiliated with or controlled by an organization primarily educational in nature."

There was evidence that many GOP senators were not aware of plans to delay a vote on the three school measures. Even the floor manager for the medical school bill, Sen. Tennyson Guyer (R., Findlay), had said he expected passage yesterday.

There was a hurried caucus of the Republicans just before the Senate went back into session.

Consistency Praised

When the session resumed, Sen. Joseph W. Bartunek (D., Cleveland) stood up to propose that the rules be waived to allow the Senate to consider the Cleveland university proposal and the Toledo medical school bill.

Sen. C. Stanley Mechem (R., Nelsonville), majority leader, objected to the rules suspension "since this has more or less been the rule during the session."

Then Sen. William H. Deddens (R., Cincinnati) opposed the Bartunek motion.

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Referring to the opposition of Democrats to request of Republicans for a rules suspension, the GOP lawmaker declared:

"Consistency thou art a gem. The minority party is now in the position after consistently opposing for several weeks any rules suspension of suddenly switching position. Now, I oppose their efforts to suspend the rules because this session has been delayed and dragged out for several weeks by the refusal of the minority party to waive the rules.

"When the Democrats last held majority in this Senate, in 1959, Senator King, as majority leader, on 65 occasions asked Senator Mechem, the minority leader, for help in suspending the rules and he always cooperated. But with the situation reversed, Senator King has opposed the suspension of rules until today, that is.

"Why, he even declined to waive rules yesterday when it was only a little, picayune matter of permitting committee reports to be received out of order. Never in my 30 years in the Legislature can I remember anyone refusing to concur in taking up subjects out of order."

Accuses King

Leveling his finger at Senator King, the Cincinnati legislator shouted, "You, as minority leader, have taken the position of trying to dictate to the majority. I strenuously object to this. You have persistently been inconsistent. I am at a loss to know what happened on your side of the aisle. How do you account for your position of asking today of us what you so violently objected to giving us yesterday?"

Senator Bartunek accused the GOP of "parliamentary rigamarole" in delaying the schools.

"You're playing politics with the education of our kids," he said. "Play politics with political matters, not with education."

Senator Mechem said, "I assure you that if we had received cooperation from the minority party this session would have been over several days ago. In 22 years here I never heard of anyone objecting to committee reports out of order. All Frank King did was to delay us so that we will be in session for two, three, four—or more—days. We will stay until the job is done."

Senator King spoke only briefly. He agreed that to object as he did to the submission of committee reports was unusual, but he charged that things have been moving too fast in the Senate.

King Says Democrats To Withhold Votes

After talking with Rep. A. G. Lancione (D., Bellaire), House minority leader, Senator King said yesterday that House Republicans will not get the Democratic votes they need when two GOP policy measures come up for a vote. Senator King seeks defeat of a bill to permit the lieutenant governor to vote in the senate to break a tie vote. He also opposes a resolution calling for Congress to summon a federal constitutional convention to draft an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to permit states to apportion their legislatures as they see fit.

As a result of conversations with Mr. Lancione, Senator King said, "I'm sure that the Republicans will not have enough Democratic votes to suspend the rules and this means they cannot vote on these measures until Saturday or Monday.

Roger Cloud (R., DeGraff), House speaker, was not so sure.

"I'll be surprised if A. G. (Lancione) will go along with

delaying just for delay's sake. It would be unusual for him to insist on waiting another day just to waste another day."

Republicans have 85 votes, with 103 required to waive the rules to permit an immediate vote. If the rules cannot be suspended, then the final day of the session will be Saturday or Monday. There will be no Sunday session, Mr. Cloud said.

Senators Call For Start On OSU Branch In Lima

Senators yesterday adopted a resolution urging a start on construction in Lima of a branch campus of Ohio State University.

The resolution introduced by Sen. Ross Pepple (R., Lima) declares, "It is the sense of the Legislature that buildings be authorized to be built at the earliest possible date and that all classes, including day classes and third and four-year classes, be instituted quickly as possible."

Senator Pepple noted that \$3.3 million was appropriated for the school by the Legislature last December and that the two-year school will be expanded into a four-year branch.

"The Lima community has raised \$300,000 and has under way a drive another \$400,000 to buy a 600-acre site," Senator Pepple said, "but unfortunately a (local) newspaper, which opposes everytime we have an issue for schools or a library is giving us a bad time. Therefore, we would like to see this resolution adopted to help us in our drive to raise money."