

"Cracker Politics"

ALLEN MORRIS
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

29 January, 1963

Legislator - Rules

Dear Farris:

Here are the revised Rules, an original and two copies. Another copy has gone to Tom Cobb - but to no one else.

As a result of your committee's work, you will find in most instances the material pertaining to a single subject has been drawn together either in a Rule or in consecutive Rules.

Most of the duplications and triplications of the 1961 Rules have been processed out and those which necessarily remain (because the committee did not attempt a major overhauling) have been brought into uniformity so neither harm nor confusion will result.

There has been incorporated to a considerable extent the substance of the material relating to clerical form which Charles Tom Henderson discussed with you and Tom.

The committee owes its appreciation to Lamar Bledsoe for the typing and verifying which lifted this burden from either your secretary or Tom's.

All in all, I have given some 90 hours to this - more than perhaps you wanted me to do but I felt, as I am sure Tom and the other members of your committee also felt, that you deserved Rules which would enable you to devote your energies to expediting important public business rather than to wasting yourself in untangling Rule ambiguities.

These Rules impress me as giving the Speaker and his Rules committee the strength and the machinery to deal with all parliamentary and House management situations while at the same time preserving the right of the majority to legislate.

2 - The Honorable C. Farris Bryant

I am sure you have not forgotten that you agreed some months ago that the Parliamentary Precedents in the Florida House are to be included when the '55 Rule Book is assembled. I have brought these up to date from the '47 and '49 books. I believe these may be useful to you and Tom as they were to Tom Deasley and Perry Murray during their turns on the rostrum.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely and cordially yours,

The Honorable C. Farris Bryant



Cc:1a

c-The Honorable Thomas T. Cobb