



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

June 17, 1980

MEMO

SUBJECT:

TO: Hon. K. Leroy Irvis
Hon. James J. Manderino

FROM: Rep. Robert W. O'Donnell

I believe that the Democratic Party in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the democratic political process are in disrepute.

I am willing to argue this point at length but I think you probably agree.

The impact is to lower the self-esteem and productivity of the individuals and institutions involved.

There are many other indirect effects which hardly need elaboration. Two examples: 1) the plight of Democratic candidates in swing districts - is the Democratic label an asset or a liability? 2) is service in the House a highly regarded political asset for ambitious members who seek higher office?

Tony May using Jim Barnes et al should design and operate or contract for a detailed poll on this subject for purposes of a planned public relations campaign.

The present services rendered by Tony's office to individual members is extremely useful but the whole is different from the sum of the parts and I think we should direct efforts to the idea of "Democrat" and "House of Representatives."

Incidentally, some change in our behavior or structure may be required, e.g., how we deal with "corruption" or allegations thereof.

We have the capacity to turn this around and I think we should start now.

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Honorable Robert W. O'Donnell
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 183
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Dear Representative ^{Bob}O'Donnell:

You are cordially invited to be with us at the 1st Annual **"What A Majority Leader That Bob Is Night"** on the **"SS Wilma"**, docked at the Harrisburg Seaplane Base. After numerous requests from individuals to honor you, it was unfortunately learned many of the same had conflicting schedules. However, it was recently determined that your "top aide", Ken Adami can be with us that evening in order to retain his high powered job! What a guy!!!

In keeping with the spirit of this solemn occasion, you are asked to dress casual and bring the stromboli, pizza, beer and wine. The benefactors of this event will bring the ice and bottle opener.

Concerning the date, it was felt that since you have been quite busy in resolving the State Budget, please provide me with several dates you would be able to attend.

I know you are ecstatic as I am regarding this evening and only ask that you have your personal secretary, Ricki Turri, contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Rocco V. Pugliese
Chairman of the "What A Majority Leader That Bob Is Night"
Committee

QUOTATIONS FROM THE HOUSE FLOOR

February 13, 1985

David P. Richardson, Jr., "We ought to become holier than sanctified."

Mario J. Civera, Jr., "I think this bill should go back to the Committee and the Chairman exhilarate his rights."

Paul Wass, "Mr. Speaker, may I interrogate Mr. Saloon, the Chairman of the Liquor Committee?"

May 8, 1985

Fred A. Trello, "Do the people want gambling or do they don't want it."

June 4, 1985

Robert L. Freeman, "We would create a system in which only the rich can purchase justice in the courtroom."

June 5, 1985

Gerard A. Kosinski, "Many of those people didn't have to die unless they were diagnosed early."

October 28, 1985

James J. Gallen, "What are the juries of a duty commissioner in Allegheny County?"

February 19, 1986

James D. Barber, "Mr. Speaker, I would like to reconsiderate the Resolution 238."

April 14, 1986

Russell P. Letterman, "It is made in conjuncture with the cost . . ."

April 15, 1986

Peter J. Daley, II, "We are witnessing today, human suffrage."

October 1, 1986

Russell P. Letterman, "Mr. Speaker, if they're going to tell us what their amendment does, let them do so. We already know all the rest of this mollycock."

March 11, 1987

Ron Gamble, "We cannot go back to the future."

A. Carville Foster, Jr., "We came into this world as an infinite."

May 12, 1987

Ivan Itkin, Speaker Pro Tempore, "Those in favor will vote AYE, those opposed will vote NYE."

May 27, 1987

Robert J. Flick, "We need to give the Secretary of Education another quill in his quiver."

June 23, 1987

Allen Kukovich, "We have a dearth of information showing South African free portfolios doing well." (arguing for divestiture)

June 29, 1987

Correale F. Stevens, "Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Senate is engaged in some last minute blackball of this House."

July 1, 1987

Matthew J. Ryan, "This bill mandates mediocracy." (twice) (coached by Attorney Ed Hussie)

September 30, 1987

Speaker K. Leroy Irvis, "Moved by the Gentleman Mr. Berks . . ."

November 18, 1987

James J. Manderino, "Mr. Speaker, the previous speaker was elegant, but wrong." (as Majority Leader)

February 2, 1988

Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., "For us to say that today would be bolarny."

July 12, 1988

James J. Manderino, "There are only a handfew of Counties held harmless in this bill."

November 22, 1988

K. Leroy Irvis, "Will the Members behind the rail remove theirselves in either direction."

November 29, 1988

Harold F. Mowery, "Why are we trying to do this on the next day of the last Session?"

Camille "Bud" George, "Those in favor will vote aye. Those opposed will vote nye." (as Speaker Pro Tem)

November 30, 1988

Amos Hutchinson, "The next person that is going to the Senate is Chakwa Fattah."

William R. Lloyd, Jr., "We will have a lance to boil."

January 17, 1989

James J. Manderino, "House stands adjourned to Wednesday, January 18, 1988, at 11:00 AM, unless sooner recalled . . ." (first full day as Speaker)

January 31, 1989

Ted Stuban, "I'm going to deliver this Citation to the coach of the Berwick football team who has a record unbecoming of a football coach in the East."

February 15, 1989

Kevin Blaum, "Thank you Mr. Amendment . . ."

May 2, 1989

Russell P. Letterman, "This is something that we don't understand -- where he's coming off from."

October 24, 1989

Richard D. Olasz, " . . . to think someone has to die prematurely to cure this lifegiving method." "Think about it."

January 30, 1990

Ruth B. Harper, "It's about time we stopped cuddling these people that are convicted of serious crimes."

February 6, 1990

Speaker Robert W. O'Donnell, "On Constitutionality, if you vote no you are voting for the unconstitutionality of the amendment."

February 7, 1990

Michael R. Veon, "Mr. Speaker, I think the gentleman's answers to the questions I rise here, point out . . ."

February 14, 1990

Stephen F. Freind, "This bill came out of Committee unanimous except for one."

March 20, 1990

Russ Fairchild, " . . . with no undue respect to our Governor . . ."

April 3, 1990

H. William DeWeese, "We are sitting on a powder keg of nitroglycerine."

May 23, 1990

Eugene G. Saloom, "I wish the gentleman would refrain his remarks to concurrence or nonconcurrence."

June 19, 1990

Ivan Itkin, ". . . Committee meeting in the back of the rear of the Chamber." (Speaker Pro Tem)

June 27, 1990

Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., "This will is not the end of all means."