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10:00 A.M.

The senate met.

The senate was called to order by the president of the senate.

By request of Senator Berger, with unanimous consent, the calling of the roll was dispensed with.

By request of Senator Lorge, with unanimous consent, the Senate adjourned in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the June 14th birthdate of Robert Marion LaFollette, Sr., and that there be spread upon the journal a resume of the life and public service of the late Robert M. LaFollete, Sr. as follows:

Whereas, Robert M. LaFollette, Sr. as governor of Wisconsin (1900-1905) inspired reforms that are known today as the Wisconsin Idea: the direct primary; the Corrupt Practices Act; the establishment of a comprehensive civil service; the registration of lobbyists act; the equalization of taxation between the individual citizen and the powerful corporate interest; an inheritance tax and a graduated income tax based on the ability to pay; the regulation of utilities to prevent indirect and unjust taxation from burdening the people; the right of the working men to join unions and bargain for their rights; the health and safety of the people through pure food and other laws; and the compensation of workers for industrial accidents through an industrial accident commission; the development of the University of Wisconsin and a sound system of general education; and

Whereas, United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Sr., in his 20 years of service was the outstanding champion of human rights and of legislation for the protection of the weak and the oppressed; he led the fight to abolish slavery on American merchant ships, to prevent child labor, to limit the hours of service of railway employees and of women in industry, and to safeguard the lives of the workers,

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by improving the conditions of labor of millions; initiated the policy of preserving the natural resources remaining in the public domain and in Indian lands under the leasing system and in protecting the rights of the Government in the naval oil reserves; by being the most comprehensive and practical advocate of conservation of his generation; in his never-ceasing battles against monopoly and for railroad rates allowing only a reasonable return upon actual investment he protected the economic interests of all the American people; by pressing forward the cause of womens' suffrage and in securing the popular election of United States Senators he advanced the cause of democracy.

Therefore, the Senate of the Great State of Wisconsin adjourned to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Robert M. LaFollette's birth on June 14th.

Upon motion of Senator Berger the senate adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Friday, June 13.

10:05 A.M.