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DEATH OF HON. ISIDOR RAYNER

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE

MONDAY, *December 2, 1912.*

The first Monday in December being the day prescribed by the Constitution of the United States for the annual meeting of Congress, the third session of the Sixty-second Congress commenced on this day.

The Senate assembled in its Chamber at the Capitol.

Augustus O. Bacon, a Senator from the State of Georgia, took the chair as President pro tempore under the order of the Senate of August 17, 1912.

The President pro tempore called the Senate to order at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose presence we now stand, we are come together in Thy name and to do Thy will. At the opening of this session of Congress we invoke Thy blessing. Without Thee we can do nothing. Until Thou dost bless us, our highest wisdom is but folly and our utmost strength but utter weakness. Bestow upon us, therefore, we humbly pray Thee, wisdom and strength from above, that so we may glorify Thee, accomplishing that which Thou givest us to do.

We come before Thee, our Father, with a deepened sense of our dependence upon Thee. Thou hast made us to know how frail we are. Thou hast showed us that the way of man is not in himself alone, and that it is not in us who walk to direct our steps. Thou hast called from

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his earthly labors Thy servant, the Vice President of our Nation. While we thought it was still day Thou didst cause the sun of his life to go down, bringing the night, when no man can work. We murmur not nor repine, our Father, knowing that alike the day and the night are Thine. Thou hast taken from our side fellow laborers and companions, leaving in this Senate empty seats and in our hearts loneliness and sorrow. We can not forget them, our Father, though in the flesh we behold their faces no more. Thou hast removed from his post of duty an officer of this body and hast made us to know that in the midst of life we are in death. Comfort our hearts, we beseech Thee, for all our sorrows, and keep us evermore in Thy love; and though Thou feed us with the bread of adversity and give us to drink of the water of affliction, yet take not from us Thy holy spirit.

We pray Thee to bless the President of the United States. Uphold him by Thy power, watch over him by Thy providence, guide him by Thy wisdom, and strengthen him with Thy heavenly grace. Bless him who shall preside over this Senate, bestowing upon him all things as shall seem good unto Thee. For all who are in authority we pray that they may serve Thee with singleness of purpose, for the good of this people and for Thy glory.

So, our Father, may this session of Congress, begun in Thy name, be continued in Thy fear and ended in Thine honor. Grant us so to labor that by our deliberations we may hasten the time when Thy kingdom shall come and Thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

In the name which is above every name, hear our prayer. Amen.

Mr. SMITH of Maryland. Mr. President, it is my melancholy duty to announce to my colleagues in the Senate that since our last adjournment death has claimed our

loved associate, ISIDOR RAYNER. His death occurred at his home in Washington on the 25th of last November. His end followed an acute illness lasting several weeks. Watching with him during the period of progressing physical weakness and intense suffering were those he loved best—his wife, his son, and his grandchildren.

He was in a large sense a martyr to his sympathies, his conscience, and his talents. The ambition to do his fullest duty as a Member of this body spurred him to undertake tasks far beyond his physical capacity to stand, for his mental energy and power always outran his physical capacity. A quick, sensitive, and all-compelling sympathy for all who suffer, for all who bear burdens, however imposed, pained and wore upon him to his very soul, and deeper than I ever knew in any other case. He finally succumbed under the rack and strain. His tensely nervous temperament could not withstand the weight of others' woes added to his habit of overwork, accentuated toward the latter part of his life by obligations assumed at great risk, as he knew, to himself, and assumed in spite of the warnings and entreaties of his intimate friends.

I shall make no effort to-day to speak of Senator RAYNER's character or life nor of the qualities of mind and heart which elevated him to so many places of trust and fixed him in so many places of affectionate esteem. I shall only make the bare announcement of his decease.

I shall in due season ask the Senate to devote some future day to ceremonies befitting his memory. Then when time has somewhat cleared our finite sight we may review his life and character, not altogether in the darkness of our own present sense of personal calamity in his loss, but rather in the light of his everlasting gain.

Mr. President, I offer the resolutions which I send to the desk, and ask for their adoption.

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The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Secretary will read the resolutions presented by the Senator from Maryland.

The resolutions (S. Res. 392) were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. ISIDOR RAYNER, late a Senator from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I desire as a further mark of respect to offer the following resolution, and I ask for its present consideration.

The resolution (S. Res. 393) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Vice President James Schoolcraft Sherman and the late Senators Weldon Brinton Heyburn and ISIDOR RAYNER, whose deaths have just been announced, the Senate do now adjourn.

Thereupon the Senate (at 12 o'clock and 22 minutes p. m.) adjourned until to-morrow, Tuesday, December 3, 1912, at 11 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1912.

A message from the House of Representatives, by J. C. South, its Chief Clerk, transmitted to the Senate resolutions of the House on the death of Hon. ISIDOR RAYNER, late a Senator from the State of Maryland.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1913.

Mr. SMITH of Maryland. I desire to give notice that on Saturday, February 22, 1913, I will ask that the business

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of the Senate may be suspended in order that fitting tribute may be paid to the memory of my late colleague, **HON. ISIDOR RAYNER.**

The **PRESIDENT** pro tempore. In the absence of objection, that order will be made.

SATURDAY, February 22, 1913.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock a. m.

The Chaplain, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the Providence which brings us to this day of holy and patriotic memory. In the light of the great example of him whom Thou wast pleased to make the Father of our Country, we here, with grateful and adoring hearts, consecrate ourselves anew to the service of this Thy people. Receive our offering, we pray Thee, and grant that by Thy grace this may be that happy Nation whose God is the Lord.

O God, who dost commit unto us the swift and solemn charge of life, we thank Thee for the life, the character, and the public service of him whom our lips shall this day name. We can not forget him who labored by our side, who shared our counsels, and who broke with us the bread of life. We honor ourselves, our Father, in honoring him who honored Thee. Despite our loneliness, we are the richer because such have lived. Though his body is buried in peace, his name liveth, and his memory is henceforth safely enshrined in our hearts.

We pray Thee, our heavenly Father, to comfort those to whom this sorrow is most bitter and to whom this loss is most sore. Grant, we humbly pray Thee, that their hearts may evermore be in unbroken communion with his emancipated spirit. Quiet their restless and yearning