

Rules

Senator Bloomer, Chairman, *ex officio*
Crowley, Vice-Chairman
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Challenge to Election Referred

The President laid before the Senate a communication from Henry C. Hastings, a candidate for Lamoille District Senator, through his attorney, Gabor Rona, Esq., under date of December 30, 1980, challenging the election and seating of R. Henry Manchester, as the Senator from the Lamoille District, which was read by the Secretary and is as follows:

“December 30, 1980

Honorable Robert Gibson
Secretary of Senate
State of Vermont
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Attached please find a copy of Mr. Henry C. Hastings' challenge to the candidacy of G. Henry Manchester as Senator from Lamoille County.

Pursuant to 17 VSA § 2606(b) this matter should have been brought to your attention by the Attorney General ten days prior to the convening of the General Assembly. Apparently this was not done and therefore we wish to bring this matter to your attention ourselves. We request that you advise us, at your earliest convenience, of what procedure the Senate will take in determining who shall be seated as Senator from Lamoille County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gabor Rona
Gabor Rona

Enc.

GR: blb

cc: Henry Hastings”

Chairman, *ex officio*
Senate

referred

Communication from Henry C. Hastings, Senator, through his attorney, dated November 12, 1980, challenging the election of Henry C. Hastings as Senator from the Lamoille District is as follows:

December 30, 1980

Henry C. Hastings' challenge to the election of Gabor Rona from Lamoille County.

The challenge should have been brought to the Senate prior to the convening of the Senate in January and therefore we wish to refer the request that you advise us, at the next meeting of the Senate will take in determining the outcome of the challenge in Lamoille County.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gabor Rona

Gabor Rona

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1981

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Nov. 12, 1980

Stowe, Vt.

James A. Guest
Sec. of State
State of Vermont

Dear Sir:

Please accept this as notice that Henry C. Hastings of Stowe, Vt., a legal voter and Candidate for State Senator from Lamoille District, hereby requests a Hearing by the Vermont Senate upon its convening in January on the matter of — :

The ILLEGALITY of the candidacy of G. Henry Manchester, incumbent Senator from Lamoille, and recently there re-elected:

Manchester's candidacy was illegal from date July 21, Time 5:05 pm, in that he had not by that date and hour filed his consent form, required by Vermont Law to become a candidate on the primary ballot.

Secretary of State's office was apprised of this fact 10 minutes later. Superior Court was apprised of this fact on Aug. 12th; as was later Vermont Supreme Court and U.S. District Court in Burlington.

As final arbiters of 'Contested election matters', I ask the incoming Senate to address itself to this respectfully tendered grievance.

Respectfully,

/s/ Henry C. Hastings

Henry C. Hastings"

Thereupon, pursuant to the rules of the Senate, the Challenge was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Message from the House

A message was received from the House of Representatives by Mr. Seager their First Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Madam President:

I am directed to inform the Senate the House has considered a Joint Resolution originating in the Senate of the following title:

J.R.S. 4. Joint resolution relating to weekend adjournment.

And has adopted the same in concurrence.