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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

MAY 7, 1974

12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

THE HONORABLE W. ROBERT BLAIR, SPEAKER

IN THE CHAIR



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HOn. W. Robert Blair: "The House will be in order, the invocation will be by Doctor Johnson."

Dr. Johnson: "We pray. Great, just and holy God, grant that we as individuals and legislators and citizens of our nation, recognize and make the words of the psalmist, our own when we say, and enter not into judgement with thy servants, oh Lord. For in thy sight no man living is righteous and just, but have mercy upon us according to your loving kindness and your mercies which are abold. Blessed is that Nation whose God is the Lord. Give us light, therefore, oh God, that we may perceive your will for us, and then give us that holy desire and earnest determination and walk in the ways of your will. Yours is the kingdom, yours is the power and yours is the glory. Continue to watch over us as you permit your countenance to shine upon us, oh Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Roll call for attendance.... All right, while we are getting the roll call, established... I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a distinguished guest, Major General Frank W. Elliot, Jr., who is Commander of Chanute Technical Training Center at Chanute Air Force Base at Rantoul, Illinois. He wants to say hello to us. General."

Major General Frank W. Elliot, Jr.: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words to you today. REcently, I purchased a book on speech-making.



On the dedication page, the author dedicated the book to his daughter, then went on to say: 'It is also written in memory of General George Armstrong Custer'. Let his last engagement serve as a reminder to you. Learn something about your audience. I hope I am before a friendly audience. I know you are very busy, so I will keep my remarks brief. First of all, I would like to say that I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to address you in this manner. I come to you today to speak on one of the larger, or say a few words on one of the larger educational institutions in the State of ILLINOIS. It is the Chanute Technical Training Center located at Rantoul. We feel that we do have a large number of students going back and forth to classes at various times of the day ought to be a little more orderly than a number of the educational institutions in the United States, because we certainly have not gotten away from marching completely. We do have a pretty lined street and shaded walk, for students who aren't laden with books and papers, stop to look, not at statues of long dead Generals or bygone General's alumni, but at aircraft. We have dormitories where, on a sunny day, you can hear, from open windows, not the strains of John Phillip Sousa, but the amplified guitar of a Three Dog Night. ON the same sunny day, you might see on the surrounding lawn, young men and women who, just a few short months ago, could hardly wait to get away from the pencils and the books and teachers dirty looks. Now, with their noses buried deep in their books, at such alien things as court



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value and... the emphasis of non-destructive... and the inner workings of equipment designed to measure the height of clouds above the earth. We do have a curriculum which will not cease in humanities, and fine arts but is equal to other classes, that which you would find in almost any vocational or educational institutions in the United States today. Not only are courses varied and our teaching methods modern, but we are accredited by the North Central Accreditation Association of Universities and High Schools. The same association which gave accreditation to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Our instructors are acknowledged experts in this field, and their teaching methods have been proven to the arena of actual experience. When a young man or woman graduates from Chanute Air Force Base, they take with them not only the skills to perform their jobs in today's modern airport, but also acknowledge that their training can be applicable to any civilian occupation. Most courses taught at Chanute result in from 3 to 20 some semester hours of college credit. The recently activated Community College of the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, maintains a transcript for each of our young men and women who might enter the Air Force. We do call Chanute, or you might call Chanute one of the campuses of this college. We're not a degree granting institution, nor are we in competition with other civilian colleges or universities. To the contrary. We are assisted a great deal by the faculty and administrators of the University of Illinois, Parkland College in achieving our creditation in November of



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1972. I might point out that not only we spend a lot of time teaching, but we also spend a lot of time learning. We have a large number of our instructor and other base personnel are enrolled in home base night classes taught by Parkland College, Southern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University. Our classrooms vary from the standard room with tables, chairs and chalkboards to missile silos, complete with elevators, simulators and control consoles. We have airplanes that have been taken apart and put together so many times, we've had to replace the bolts and screws due to wear and tear. New technical training center is a large operation. We have between five and six thousand students at any one time, enrolled in any one of two-hundred plus courses. We are capable of teaching any one of these two-hundred at any one time. At the present time we have approximately 500 young women. The students learn to be air craft mechanics, jet engine mechanics, and how to maintain the Minuteman Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. Each year we graduate over 25,000 student, sending them to all countries of the world in which we might have Air Force Communication. The annual operating budget at Chanute Air Force Base is in excess of \$100,000,000, and has been so for some two years. This is.. this is.. a good majority of this goes for personnel pay, both military and civilian. Conservative estimates figure that in excess of \$80,000,000 per year goes back into the surrounding communities. In addition to the construction, that is that we are presently engaged. We have approximately 10,000 military and 1800

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civil service. There are some 15,000 apprenticeships at Chanute Air Force Base. In addition to these, there are another 1,000 people working for non-appropriated fund activities, the construction of dormitories, and exchanges and the contract services for the dining facilities. Our people are closely integrated into surrounding communities in every way, and the PTA, the Boy Scouts, and the many other civic programs. One of our officers is president elect of the Rantoul Rotary Club. If I sound like I'm speaking as a member of the Chamber of Commerce for East Central Illinois, perhaps I am. Our friends, in fact, in Rantoul and the twin cities, Champaign-Urbana, have certainly made us feel at home. As a matter of fact, we have a base community council made up of the mayors, the Presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, and the executive secretaries of these communities. Chanute itself, is represented by a technical training center commander, the Air Way Strip Commander, and the Director of Information. In my thirty-one years of service, I've never seen such close friendship and cooperation. We work well whether the occasion is business or social. Recently, fifty of our young airmen participated and volunteered to participate to go to Homer Lake over a week-end, to assist in cleaning up the debris from a recent tornado. Two weeks ago, the Rantoul Garden Club presented to the Air Base, twenty-six young trees for base beautification. I could go on and on with any number of things that have occurred in the two years I've been at Chanute. When the military lead a transient



existence, the home is very often the trunk of our car, and our friendships are many but fleeting, which is not the case at Chanute. On behalf of the people of Chanute, I would like to say thank you , and reciprocate in some way for the fine hospitality we have received from the People of Illinois. I'd like to extend an invitation to you to come to Chanute and see our base for yourselves. Acting on behalf of the Chanute Base Community Council, each of you will receive a personal invitation to come to Chanute, see our facilities, observe our methods, meet our kids, and see how your tax dollars are being utilized. At some day later in July, we will.. we are designating State of Illinois day at Chanute Air Force Base, and we will have a review, a large review in the afternoon in your honor. I sincerely appreciate your permission in allowing me to speak to you in this Chamber"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Thank you very much, General. Messages from the Senate."

FRedric B. Selcke: "Messages from the Senate by Mr. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title, to which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House: Senate Bill 1270, Passed the Senate, May 6, 1974, Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title, passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the House. Senate Bill 1241, 1272, 1275, 1279, 1347, 1349, 1350, 1356,



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Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Committee reports? Just a minute. The Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, On behalf of Representative Williams, Representative Bluthardt, Representative Richard Walsh, I would like to introduce a class in attendance here today from East Lyden High School District 212, Franklin Park. This is the political science class and Mr. Al Popowicz is the teacher of that class. Would you please rise because these three distinguished Members of yours are great guys. Would the class please rise?"



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Committee reports."

Fredric B. Selcke: "Mr. Washburn, from the Committee on Appropriations, to which House Bill 2277, 2346, 2353, 2382, were referred, reported the same back with amendments thereto, with the recommendation that the amendments be adopted and the bill, as amended, do pass. Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Rules, to which House Bill 297, 2195, 2196, 2201, 2269, 2340, 2435, 2437, 2564 and 2710 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills be referred to the Committee on Assignment of Bills for assignment to committee. Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Rules, to which House Bills 512, 515 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that these bills be returned to the Committee on Counties and Townships, from which they were transferred. Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Rules, to which House Bills numbered 1114, 1115, and 1277 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills be returned to the Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources. Mr. Blair, from the Committee on Rules, to which Senate Bill number 876 was referred, reported the same back, with the recommendation that the bill be returned on the order of third reading for the consideration postponed from which it was transferred. "

HON. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook. Mr. William Walsh."

W. D. Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, other distinguished guests today, include our former colleague Ed Lehmann, who is with us today. We're glad to see Ed. Ah, Wayne Anderson, a former aid to the Speaker is here and the candidate for county treasurer, on the



Republican ticket in Cook County is with us.... Also we have the Washburn Junior High School Graduating Class in the Speaker's gallery. They're from New Trier Township represented by Representative Duff, Porter and Whats-his-name, or Katz, I should say...."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Introductions."

Fredric B. Selcke: "House Bill 2787, Shea, appropriates \$25,000 to the Vehicle Recycling Board's ordinary and contingent expenses. First reading of the bill."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, now announcements. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh."

W. D. Walsh: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I have been asked to announce the Gentlemen from the press are having their annual grid-iron dinner this evening beginning at 6:30 at the Elk's Club for cocktails, Dinner will follow and an excellent presentation by the members of the press and their impressions gathered here. The tickets are \$15.00 each. There are very few left, so any of you members who are interested in going... \$20.00, outrageous... \$20.00 each, and any one interested in going may contact the members of the press or there are some... Mr. Glauberman on our side has some tickets. So, contact them soon, because, seriously, they are going very quickly."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, any further announcements? All right, now rules committee will be meeting Mr. Walsh? All right, the rules committee will be meeting at 3:00 p.m. in room M-5 with respect to today's request that members have made concerning their bills that are in the rules committee today, 3 p.m. today."



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh, about a republican conference."

W. D. Walsh: "Now, Mr. Speaker, we're going to adjourn shortly, and I'd like, especially the Republican members to listen, immediately following adjournment, there will be a Republican conference in Room 212. That's immediately following adjournment, and I'd like to announce that the rules committee will meet at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon, so if there are no further announcements, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand adjourned until 11:00 o'clock tomorrow morning."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Would you give me the number of a room, Mr. Speaker?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "M-5, M-5."

Choate: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask the democratic members, the Democratic Members to come to room M-5 for the purpose of a conference, which I hope will not be too lengthy."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, the, when we adjourn, which will be momentarily, the Republicans will go to room 212 for conference, the Democrats to M-5 for a conference, and we will be adjourning back here tomorrow at 11:00. For what purpose does the gentleman from Cook, Mr. Duff arise?"

Duff: "Well, Mr. Speaker, a matter of procedure, I guess, an inquiry, The Judiciary II is scheduled, posted to meet in 212 at 2:00, but since the conference will be held in 212, ah, and I have no idea how long it will take, ah, I would like to suggest that the House Judiciary II meet twenty minutes after the conference adjourns in 212. Do you have any idea about how long that will take, Mr. Speaker?"



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, that seems to handle the situation. he is advising that the House Judiciary II Committee which has been scheduled to meet at 2:00 p.m. in 212 will now meet twenty minutes following the adjournment of the Republican conference in Room 212."

Duff: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right.. Gentleman from LaSalle, Mr. Soderstrom?"

Soderstrom: "Mr. Speaker, and ladies and gentlemen of the House. Just to make an announcement that the Education Committee, Elementary and Secondary Division, scheduled to meet today at 2:00 o'clock, and we will meet as soon as the Republican conference adjourns, over in C-1 in the State Office Building."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The gentleman from Grundy, Mr. Washburn."

Washburn: "Ah, Mr. Speaker, just to announce that the Appropriations Committee will have a short, but extremely important session at 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning at 212."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right the Education, elementary and secondary will be meeting twenty minutes after the adjournment of the Republican conference at Room C-1 in the State Office Building.. Appropriations committee will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in Room 212. For what purpose does the gentleman from Cook, Mr. Katz arise?"

Katz: "Mr. Speaker, I was inquiring as the co-spokesman of Judiciary II, as to whether I might attend the Republican Conference so that I will know twenty minutes after the caucus occurs, so that I can be there when the Committee



meets. Might I have that invitation, Mr. Speaker? If not, I would suggest that it would be left to a fixed hour. We have no idea when your conference is going to be over with."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, I wish, you gentlemen, ah, in District No. 1 would get together on your problems, and I suggest that you leave Mr. Duff half way between the Democratic side and the Republican side, and, ah, whatever you gentlemen decide is fine with the Chair. Gentleman from Kankakee, Mr. Beaupre."

Beaupre: "Mr. Speaker, just to announce that the sub-committee on Women's Athletics of the Higher Education Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. at the Mansion View. We'd like for everyone to be there."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, does that do it now, as far as announcements? Gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh, renews his motion that the House do now adjourn until the hour of 11:00 a.m. tomorrow. All those in favor say Aye... opposed No... the ayes have it. The House is adjourned."



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