

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

MAY 10, 1973

9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.

THE HONORABLE W. ROBERT BLAIR, SPEAKER

IN THE CHAIR



GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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A Roll Call for attendance was taken and indicated that all were present with the exception of the following:

Representative Ben C. Blades - deceased;

Representative Peter C. Granata - illness.



Speaker Miller: "The House will be in order. The invocation this morning will be by Dr. Johnson."

Dr. Johnson: "All Mighty God our heavenly Father, upon the death of Representative Ben Blade, we thank you first of all for all of the mercies which during his life, he received from Your hands. Especially for coming to know You as his Lord and Father and Savior, we thank You for the years he was able to devote to the service of his constituents and to all the people of this state by his faithful service in this House of Representatives. Not only did he put his own talents and time to the often demanding task of Legislation, he served as an example for all of us in both attitude and diligences which he brought to those tasks. We pray also now for the family who survives him and who remembers him as a devoted husband and father. We ask You to assuage their grief with assurances that You are a God who does not leave or forsake those who place their hopes in Your grace and fill their empty hearts we beseech You with the knowledge that has been, went through the valley of the shadow of death. You O Lord were with him, Your rod and Your Staff did comfort him. Let his death serve as a sign to all of us here that as we live, we are to live to You so that when we die, we may do so confidently in Your care. Teach us to remember our own days by reminding ourselves that our



lives and times are in Your hands. Finally O Lord, grant power to those who remain to do the work that must be done, that amid the tentions and pressures of office they may find peace and calm in Your strength. The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen."

Speaker Miller: Roll Call for attendance. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, will the records show that Representative Granata is absent because of illness."

Speaker Miller: "The Journal will so indicate. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, it is our intention to adjourn the House out of respect for the memory of our friend and colleague, Ben Blades. We did not convene because we were waiting for a Death Resolution to be sent upon which we could adjourn. One thing that has to be gotten out of the way, is the Adjournment Resolution and if the Clerk will read that, we will adopt it."

Clerk Selcke: "Senate Resolution 37, resolved by the Senate 78th General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House of Representative concurring herein, and when the Senate adjourns on Saturday, May 12, 1973, it stands adjourned until Monday, May 14, 1973, at 3:30 o'clock P.M. When the House of Representatives adjourns on Friday, May 11, 1973, it stands adjourn until Monday



May 14, 1973, at 12:00 o'clock noon Central Daylight Saving Time."

Walsh: "When we adjourn following the Death Resolution we will return here Monday, at 12:00 noon for Regular Session. It is our intension then to be in Session until 2:00 o'clock, at which time the Committees that were to have met today will convene and do their business. And now, Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution."

Speaker Miller: "All those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Let me announce that, motions with respect to extending deadlines will be taken care of next week, so don't anyone worry about that. Now, the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Will, Speaker Blair."

Blair: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker..... prior to the reading of the Death Resolution, I would like to appoint the Committee to attend the funeral of our colleague in Fairfield, on Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. The Committee will also be acting as pallbearers at the request of... Representative McCormick, Representative Blakes. The Committee will be Representative Washburn, McCormick, and our former colleague, Gale Williams and Harold Stedelin and Charlie Keller and Rolly Tipword and the funeral will be at 2 P.M. Now, Mr. Speaker, if



you would have the Clerk read the Resolution, please."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 301, Blair, et al. Whereas, this Body was deeply sadden to learn of the death of Honorable Ben C. Blades, on May 10, 1973. Whereas, he was one of our most prominent Members serving the people of the 58th District ably and energetically for five terms and whereas, he was born on a farm in Wayne County, Illinois on May 21, 1908 and was educated in the rural schools of Wayne County and was a graduate of Fairfield Community High School and whereas, he was active member in the Wabash Valley Association, Masconic Lodge, Ansar Shirin and whereas, he leds a proud heritage to mourn his passing in the persons of his wife, Aline, two children, Ben Jr. and Norma Jean, he will be sorely missed by all those who have had the honor and privilege of knowing and working with him therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 78th General Assembly of the State of Illinois that we express our deep repret upon the death of Ben C. Blades, a man who will be deeply missed by every Member of this Body that we express our sincere sympathy to the members of his bereaved family that a suitable copy of preamble and Resolution be forward; to his widow, Mrs. Aline Blades, Fairfield, Illinois and as a further mark of respect to the memory of beloved friend and colleague, that the House do now adjourn."



Blair: "Mr. Speaker, I don't think I have ever known a more dedicated public servant than our departed colleague, Ben Blades, his loss to this House is impossible to express. He was my close friend and I'm sure that he was a close friend of every member on this floor."

Walsh: "The Gentleman moves the adoption of the Death Resolution. All in favor indicate by say 'aye' and the House now stands adjourned."

Clerk Selcke: "... asks concurrence of the House, Senate Bill 480, 489, 497, 501, 502, 510, 511, 537, 543, 555, 92 and 623, passed the Senate May 9, 1973. Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary."

Speaker Miller: "Committee Reports."

Clerk Selcke: "Committee Reports. Mr. Bluthardt, from Elections which House Bill 915 was referred, reported the same back with Amendment there to with the recommendation to adopt and the Bill is amended as do pass. Mr. Bluthardt, from Elections which House Bill 6... 936 and 1038 were reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass. Mr. Bluthardt from Elections which House Bill 1019, 1027 were referred, reported the same back with Amendments there to with the recommendation that the Amendments be adopted and the Bills amended do not pass. Mr. Bluthardt from Elections which House Bill 1020 and 1028 were referred,



reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do not pass. Mr. Neff from Transportation which House Bill 626 and 1430 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation the Bills do pass. Mr. Neff from Transportation to which House Bill 1251 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Neff from transportation to which House Bills 1288, 1472 and 1534 were referred, reported the same back with Amendments there too with the recommendation Amendment be adopted and the Bills as amended do pass. Mr. Neff from Transportation which House Bill 1324 were referred, reported the same back with Amendments there too with the recommendation the Amendments be adopted and the Bill amended do pass and be rereferred to appropriations. Mr. Neff from Transportation to which House Bills 1578, 1608, 1609, 1621, 1676 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass and be rereferred to appropriations."

Speaker Miller: "The House will be in recess."

Speaker Miller: "The House will be in order. Committee Reports."

Clerk Selcke: "Mr. Soderstrom from Elementary and Secondary to which House Bill 835 is referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do not pass. Mr. Soderstrom from Elementary and Secondary





to which House Bills 859, 1616 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass. Mr. Soderstrom from Elementary and Secondary to which House Bills 905, 1059, 1370, 1373, 1593 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass. Mr. Soderstrom from Elementary and Secondary to which House Bill 1344 is referred, reported the same back with Amendments there to, the Amendments recommendation that the Amendments be adopted and the Bills amended to pass. Mr. Randolph from Revenue to which House Bills 991, 1102, 1118, 1119 and 1406 were referred, reported the same back with recommendations that the Bills do pass. Mr. Randolph from Revenue to which House Bill 1111 was referred, reported the same back with Amendments there too, that the recommendation that the Amendments be adopted and the Bill amended do pass. Mr. Randolph from Revenue to which Senate Bill 136 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Pappas from Motor Vehicles to which House Bills 689, 690, 691, 692 were referred, returned the same pursuant to Rule 23 (d), the Bills were ordered tabled. Mr. Wall from Regulation and Registration to which House Bill 932 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do not pass. Mr. Wall from Registration and Regulation to which House Bill 1004



was referred, reported the same back with Amendments be adopted and the Bills as amended do not pass. Mr. Wall from Registration and Regulation to which House Bill 1475 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Wall from Registration and Regulation to which House Bills 1493 and 1494 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass. Mr. Wall from Registration and Regulation which Senate Bill 216 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Epton from Insurance to which House Bill 1126 was referred, reported the same back with recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Epton from Insurance to which House Joint Resolution 35 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Resolution be adopted."

Speaker Miller: "Introduction and First Reading."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 1932, Choate. An Act making appropriation to cost of living increase and the compensation to certain state employees. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Londrigan, now moves that the House stand adjourned until 9:00 A.M. tomorrow morning."

