

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
93rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

162nd Legislative Day

7/16/2004

Speaker Hannig: "The regular House Session will convene. Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Boland, Richard Bradley, Brosnahan, Burke, Collins, Colvin, Dunkin, Feigenholtz, Graham, Hamos, Howard, Jones, Joe Lyons, McCarthy, Molaro, Morrow, Osterman, Scully, Slone and Turner are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Currie. And Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Myers, Bassi, Coulson, Krause, Dunn, Black and Mathias are excused today for the regular Session."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Bost. And Mr. Clerk, would you take the record. And there are 89 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, on Supplemental Calendar #1... Oh, excuse me, Mr. Clerk, would you read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on July 15, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 1737. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary Criminal Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on July 16, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2188. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture &

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Conservation, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on July 16, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 979."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, on Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, is Senate Bill 2188. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2188, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, there's been a number of requests for notes on that Bill. And so, that will remain on the Order of Second Reading. And on the Or... on the Supplemental Calendar #1, on the Order of Resolutions, is House Resolution 979. Representative Grunloh."

Grunloh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 979 endorses the changing of the Federal Meat Inspection Act to allow state-inspected meat in poultry... poultry plants to ship their products across state lines, in this state and any other state where equal to state-inspection programs operate. Currently, the State of Illinois exceeds the... the federal standards for meat inspection, but they still are not allowed to ship their product across state lines. And this is just urging the Federal Government to allow us to do that in any other state that has equal to inspection."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 979. And on that question, the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Meyer: "Representative, does this Resolution have anything to do with the fish industry and the products that they put out on our shelves here?"

Grunloh: "Actually, this... this Resolution or this idea came from a local meat processing plant in my district. It's a small plant and they're near that state line of Indiana. There's people that would like to have their meat processed at this plant, but under... under current law they're not allowed to go across state lines. So..."

Meyer: "Well, the reason why I bring up the fishing industry, yesterday in the U.S. Today... the reason I bring up this... the issue of the fishing industry is yesterday in the U.S. Today newspaper there was a report that lar... lar... fairly substantial quantities of fish that are sold in a number of states, Illinois being one of them, may be mislabeled and we're actually paying premium price for not premium fish. Now, that, I think, is a concern to the consumers of this state. And would that in anyway be involved in your Resolution, so that some of that protection could be afforded?"

Grunloh: "No... No, it wouldn't. This... this... this Resolution strictly deals with... with meat or beef and... and pork and poultry production..."

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Meyer: "Okay."

Grunloh: "...or processing."

Meyer: "All right. Well, thank you for your comments. I don't have a problem with your Resolution, I just wanted to know if it..."

Grunloh: "Thank you."

Meyer: "...addressed the other issue, too. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then all in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Are there any announcements? The Gentleman from... the Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady is... is recognized for an announcement."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans will caucus immediately follow adjournment of Session in Room 118. Republican Caucus immediately after Session in Room 118. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. To reiterate my earlier announcement, the Governor will not call a Special Session tomorrow, Saturday or the next day, Sunday. He will call us back into Special Session Monday, July 19 at 4 p.m., 4 p.m. We'll see you all then."

Speaker Hannig: "And the Lady from Cook, Representative Bailey, for what reason do you rise?"

Bailey: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

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Bailey: "Mr. Speaker, could I have the privilege of asking that since we are being ordered back here for Special Sessions and we do... we are ordered to return here on Monday at 4:00, could he please extend those of us the privilege and the plum, please, and pleasure of coming back on Tuesday at 4, so that we could enjoy some of the beautiful sights and activities that have been very well planned for those Legislators who would like to stay here and enjoy Springfield? I appreciate it very much. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Are there any other announcements? The Gentleman from Menard, Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do appreciate the tourism dollars being spent here in Central Illinois. Representative Poe and myself, to show our appreciation want to put together a tour, a hard hat tour, of the new museum. We're gonna try and do that on Wednesday with the assumption that we will still be here on Wednesday. So, make plans and... and then come and see me and we'll go ahead and get this thing planned if we have interested people. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any other announcements? Then Representative Currie, the Majority Leader, moves that the House adjourn to the regular Perfunctory Session schedule that has already been distributed to the Members. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House of Representatives stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Seeing no business, the House Perfunctory Session

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stands adjourned until Monday, July 19 at the hour of 12  
p.m."