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1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senate will come to order. We do not have a Chaplain. I'll
3. ask all the members to stand for a moment in silent prayer. Read-
4. ing of the Journal. Moved by Senator Gilbert that the reading of
5. the Journal be dispensed with. All in favor signify by saying aye.
6. Contrary minded. Motion prevails. Committee reports. Resolutions.

7. SECRETARY:

8. (Reads Senate Resolution No. 419, introduced by Senator
9. Clarke)

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Just a moment. Do you want this read and considered at this
12. time, Senator? All right. Continue.

13. SECRETARY:

14. (continues reading Senate Resolution No. 419)

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Clarke.

17. SENATOR CLARKE:

18. Mr. President and members of the Senate, we are shortly
19. losing two of our most esteemed legal minds in this Body.
20. And I think that it is going to be very difficult to replace
21. this caliber of men. I think that today is a very momentous
22. occasion insofar as both of these gentlemen, Senator Laughlin,
23. Senator Coulson, have sons down here for the ceremony before the
24. Supreme Court being admitted to the Bar. And I think that we
25. should well take note of this occasion and of the fact that
26. we hope that these sons will prosper and possibly will follow
27. in their father's footsteps. And I move for the suspension
28. of the Rules and the immediate consideration of this Resolu-
29. tion.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Leave is granted. All in favor of the adoption of the Reso-
32. lution indicate by saying aye. Contrary minded. Resolution is
33. adopted. Congratulations, gentlemen. While we're out of...the
...we have another Resolution, but we have two gentlemen here,

1. who wish to ...the Chair's going to take the prerogative of recogniz-
2. ing them, who wish to make a presentation to one of our colleagues
3. who is retiring. And I'm going to ask Senator Collins to come
4. up on the rostrum here, if he will. Mr. Howard Mullens, President
5. of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and Jerry Smith, President of the
6. DeKalb, Chamber of Commerce. I don't know which one of the two
7. is the spokesman, here.

8. SPOKESMAN: (Howard Mullens)

9. Thank you, sir, and we're sorry that we take this time in your
10. busy schedule, but we feel that in DeKalb County that this is so
11. important to recognize a Senator that has done so much for our total

12. community. And so at this time I would like to present Jerry Smith
13. and he will give a little bit of the background and why we're here.

14. JERRY SMITH:

15. Mr. President, members of the Senate, as President of the
16. DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, along with my fellow members, who are
17. in the balcony in the red coats, it is my pleasure to pay tribute
18. to Senator Dennis Collins for his forty-two years of loyal service
19. to the state of Illinois and in particular to the area of DeKalb
20. in which he resides. Senator Collins graduated from DeKalb's
21. Teachers College, now known as Northern Illinois University,
22. and Northwestern Law School, as well as the University of Illi-
23. nois. In 1930, he was elected Representative of the General
24. Assembly and served in the 57th, 58th, 60, 61st and 62nd General
25. Assembly. In 1942, he was elected Senator and has served in that
26. capacity, representing the 37th District, until the present. He
27. was the first man in a hundred and twenty years to serve in both
28. the House and the Senate, as Chairman of the Agricultural Committee.
29. Among his numerous achievements, he was well known for his work
30. in the Tollway Authority, of DeKalb and the DeKalb Chamber of
31. Commerce, along with Mr. Mullens, of the DeKalb Agricultural
32. Association, are indeed pleased to present to Senator Dennis J.
33. Collins in recognition of four decades of service to Agricultural

1. in the community, November 27th, 1972, the DeKalb Chamber of
2. Commerce, the DeKalb Farm Bureau. Senator. Thank you.

3. SENATOR COLLINS:

4. Jerry, and my friends from DeKalb County, I want to thank
5. you with my heart for this recognition. And you know after all
6. we shares...it is gratifying to know that there are still people
7. who do with maybe at sometimes we do sort of think that they
8. forget about giving of yourself to the cause of good government.
9. But when the chips are down, they come through. I'm sure that
10. your constituents will also remember your many years of valuable
11. outstanding service. And while I'm on my feet at this partic-
12. lar time, I just want to say that the forty-two years have been
13. very short in my life time. And the reason is that I have al-
14. ways been able to get along with the Democrats and the Republi-
15. cans, mind you, and I served under ten Governors, five of them
16. Democrats and five of them Republicans, and I got along with them
17. fortunately with the help of God and help of my constituents and
18. the good fellowship that there is in the Senate. And I'll never
19. forget it until my dieing day. Thank you.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Bidwill.

22. SENATOR BIDWILL:

23. Mr. President, I know we're all going to miss Senator Collins.
24. But I had some interrogations as to after he is gone, who will make
25. his Fourth of July speech?

26. PRESIDENT:

27. I think while we're out of the regular order of business
28. we have another recognition that's a very important one. I'm
29. not sure how we proceed on this now we have....Senator Clarke,
30. is recognized.

31. SENATOR CLARKE:

32. Mr. President, and members of the Senate, last year I sponsored
33. a bill to have a portrait painted of a former President pro tem

1. of the Illinois State Senate, and many people come and go through
2. these legislative halls and it's all too seldom that we stop to
3. think of the caliber of the men and the history that they leave
4. behind. I had occasion as some of you others did in the House to
5. serve a number of years with a father and son team, Dr. Dale and his
6. good father. And that was a real experience that seldom happens. In
7. this occasion, we have a retiring Senator whose father was a President
8. pro tem and I felt that it was important while Senator Laughlin was
9. here to recognize this fact. And this bill was passed and we
10. now have the moment for the presentation of this portrait. His
11. family is down here on the occasion that we mention prior among
12. other things and I think before we start I'd like to introduce
13. Mrs. Laughlin, whom we all know, and all the members of the family
14. sitting up in the gallery. You want to stand up? I'd just like to
15. tell you a little bit about Edward E. Laughlin. Because he was
16. born in Putman County, was educated in the public schools, in
17. Dixon College of Law in Dixon. And after his marriage he started
18. practicing law in Hannibal and then moved to Freeport, which is
19. a familiar town that we have heard associated with our own Everett
20. Laughlin. And he came to the Legislature after serving in local
21. government in 1914. That's a long time ago. And after serving a
22. couple of years in the House, he came to the Senate in 1936, and
23. was reelected in 1940, 44 and 48. He died at the end of his last
24. term in 1951. But in 1945, he was elected and served as President
25. pro tem of this Body until 1948, and this was a period that only
26. one of us personally remembers. I think that this is a moment
27. in which we should not only honor the few men that have been
28. President pro tem, but Senator Arthur Bidwill, who was a pro tem
29. himself for many years. He is the only one here, I believe, that
30. remembers this period and Edward E. Laughlin. I would like to
31. call upon Senator Bidwill for a few remarks.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Bidwill.

1. SENATOR BIDWILL:

2. Senator Clarke, it was a great poet that once wrote these
3. words: Break, break, at the foot of thy craigs, oh sea - would
4. that my tongue could utter the thoughts that arise in me. I
5. knew Ed Laughlin (I hope that I don't get logged here) he was a
6. wonderful man. He was a God fearing man. He was a gentle and
7. kind man, and the gentle man in all the sense and significance
8. of the word. He was a man that I - getting politics - out of
9. here, I, I think I was one of Ed's managers when he ran for
10. President pro tem. And I was proud of the fact. And I was
11. just a young buck at the time and he used to admonish me every
12. once in a while about bills I was handling. And I'll never for-
13. get one time he said to me, son, if you ever introduce another
14. bill I'm going to vote against it. And his admonishment of...
15. that he often quoted, he often quoted the good book and the
16. Bible. And I'll never forget and I often reminded Ev his son
17. about it - as sufficient under the day as the evil thereof.
18. He was a great credit to his family and his son, I am proud to
19. say, followed in his footsteps. And I also had the honor, Senator
20. Clarke, of serving here with three sons of three former Senators, which
21. I think then this is a record that you can't even break. But it's
22. a pleasure for me to be called upon, Senator Clarke, to say a
23. few words about this wonderful man, who I will never forget.
24. God rest his soul and give peace. And his family will remember
25. that they had a Dad that was the most distinguished and beloved
26. man in the State Senate.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. We have the picture here. And I believe the artist is here
29. too. I think I saw him...yes...how are you? Senator Laughlin
30. is recognized.

31. SENATOR LAUGHLIN:

32. Needless to say, Mr. President, I can't say anything except
33. thanks.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. And the Chair would only add that I didn't know your father
3. but, if he was as good a Senator as his son, he was a very fine
4. distinguished Senator. We're proud to have...

5. SENATOR BIDWILL:

6. For the information of the Senate that is a wonderful like-
7. ness of Senator Laughlin. Real good.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Where will this hang now? Where...We have another Resolution.

10. SECRETARY:

11. (Senate Resolution No. 420, introduced by Senator Knuepfer.
12. It's congratulatory.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. I don't see the Senator. Senator Knuepfer, you...

15. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

16. The, the Resolution concerns a young lady in my district,
17. who was selected as Miss Illinois. I would move for the sus-
18. pension of the Rules and the immediate adoption of the Reso-
19. lution.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Is there objection? All in favor signify by saying aye.
22. Contrary minded. The Resolution is adopted. We have a message
23. from the Governor.

24. SECRETARY:

25. A message from the Governor by Arthur R. Swanson, Assistant
26. to the Governor.

27. Mr. President -- The Governor directs me to lay before the
28. Senate the following message: To the Honorable Members of the
29. Senate of the 77th General Assembly. I have nominated and ap-
30. pointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated
31. below and respectfully ask concurrence in the confirmation of
32. these appointments by your Honorable Body. Executive Committee.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Executive Committee. Senator Dougherty.

2. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

3. I would like to announce that there will be a meeting
4. of the Local Government Committee in Room M-3 - M-5 - M- 3
5. rather, at two P M. And one of the purpose of it to hear
6. from Mr. Norman Elkins, who is a member of the Governor's
7. Committee on Urban Problems Study. I request the membership
8. of the Local Government Committee and the Sub-committee to be
9. present. Thank you.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Gilbert.

12. SENATOR GILBERT:

13. I thought we reconvene in Special Session at two. Are we
14. going to wait on that? I have no objection, I don't mean it
15. that way, I just...we've got so many various meetings today
16. convening that I just wanted to point that out.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. The...the...We will come in in a Special Session at 2:00 o'
19. clock. Now what time was the time for your meeting?

20. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

21. At 2:00 o'clock or as soon as possible after the Session.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. All right. We have a number of...is...on the Calendar...
24. series of Senate bills returned by the Governor that...are there
25. any Motions in connection with any of those matters? Is there
26. any further business to come before the Senate at this time?
27. We have a Death Resolution, but beyond that. Senator Partee.

28. SENATOR PARTEE:

29. Yes, Mr. President, the schedule is as follows: At noon,
30. of course, we will be going over to the House for the Joint
31. Session. And the committee for escorting the Governor has al-
32. ready been appointed for another purpose, so that same committee
33. can escort the Governor to the Rostrum. When we leave we will

1. come back here provided it is past 2:00 o'clock. If it is not 2:00
2. o'clock when we shall have finished over there, we can be at ease un-
3. til 2 because we scheduled to return here at 2:00 o'clock for the
4. Special Legislative Session purpose. The bills as I understand it will
5. be introduced in the House after the Governor's message and there
6. will be a Resolution relating to the Special Session, which will
7. be over here, after 2:00 o'clock after we come back. And sub-
8. sequent to that time, I think, Senator Clarke, or Senator Bidwill,
9. will perhaps tell the members on that side and we will tell them
10. on this side that there will be a caucus or conference immediately
11. after the 2:00 o'clock Session of the Special Session.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Is there any....? Senator Bidwill.

14. SENATOR BIDWILL:

15. Yes, Mr. President, we also will have a caucus at the same
16. time. Six and seven-eighths.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Is there any further business? Now, actually, Senator Partee,
19. we will adjourn this particular Session until tomorrow, is that
20. correct?

21. SENATOR PARTEE:

22. Yes, until tomorrow, 10:00 o'clock.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. 10:00 o'clock. Motion by Senator Partee to adjourn. Now,
25. this...we will still have a Session at 2:00 o'clock of the Special
26. Session. Senator Gilbert.

27. SENATOR GILBERT:

28. I have a Death Resolution. I don't know whether you want to
29. hear it now or later. It's...

30. PRESIDENT:

31. The..We do have a Death Resolution. Yes, I'm sorry. We
32. have a Death Resolution. Senator Gilbert.

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1. SENATOR GILBERT:

2. I would like to have this read. This is a Death Resolution
3. honoring a former employee of ours, George Titus Jones, who
4. worked with us as a cloakroom attendant for a number of years...
5. One of the finest gentlemen that I have ever known. And I
6. know that you fellows all loved and respected George for the
7. gentleman that he was and I ask your attention to this Death
8. Resolution.

9. ACTING SECRETARY: (Mr. Fernandes)

10. Senate Resolution...

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Just a moment. We have a Death Resolution about a former
13. Senate employee. The Senators will be in their seats.

14. ACTING SECRETARY (Mr. Fernandes)

15. (Reads Senate Resolution No. 421, by Senator Gilbert
16. and all Senators)

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Gilbert.

19. SENATOR GILBERT:

20. Mr. President, I move for the suspension of the Rules
21. and the immediate adoption of this Resolution. Titus took ill
22. the last two or three days, well, about a week before our Session
23. ended in June, and was hospitalized and died of a heart attack,
24. here. Some few weeks later he got out of the hospital was stay-
25. ing with his brother-in-law with whom he resided. Titus rode
26. back and forth with me from Carbondale, many, many times and I
27. meant what I said a moment ago. He was one of the finest gentle-
28. men that I have ever known. I move the adoption of this Reso-
29. lution.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. All Senators will be shown as co-sponsors. All in favor
32. of the adoption of the Resolution, please rise. Resolution is
33. adopted. Motion by Senator Partee that the Senate stand ad-

1. journed until 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. And we will still
2. have a Special Session at 2:00. This will be the Special Session
3. that will meet at 2:00... All in favor of the Motion to adjourn in-
4. dicate by saying aye. Contrary minded. Senate stands adjourned.

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