

78TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 8, 1975

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The Senate will come to order. The prayer will be offered by
3. Reverend William Peckham of the First United Methodist Church of
4. Springfield. Reverend Peckham.

5. REVEREND PECKHAM:

6. (Prayer by Reverend Peckham)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Reading of the Journal. Senator Soper.

9. SENATOR SOPER:

10. Mr. President, I now move that we postpone the reading and
11. the approval of the Journal of January 7th pending the arrival of
12. the printed Journal. Amen.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Soper has moved that we postpone the reading of the
15. Journal of January 7th pending the arrival of the printed Journal.
16. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries.
17. So ordered. The Senate will be in recess for just a few minutes here,
18. but please don't leave the Floor. We do have some action to take in
19. just a few minutes. Senator Partee, could you come to the podium
20. please.

21. RECESS

22. AFTER RECESS

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

24. The Senate will now come to order so that we may complete the
25. business of the 78th General Assembly. It's important that we be in
26. our seats. The Chair recognizes the President of the Senate, Senator
27. Harris.

28. SENATOR HARRIS:

29. Mr. President, we do have an important item of business for the
30. information of those Members who may not be aware. The Governor, this
31. morning, signed, that is approved, the three bills dealing with com-
32. pensation of the Judiciary, the department heads of the Executive
33. Department and the General Assembly. We have on our Calendar a bill

1. introduced by Representative Grothberg and sponsored by Senator
2. Berning that I now seek leave of the Senate to have Senator Berning
3. removed as the Senate sponsor of HB 2818 and have myself and Senator
4. Partee in his place.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Partee...Harris
7. and Partee will now be shown as the sponsors of HB 2818. Senator
8. Harris.

9. SENATOR HARRIS:

10. Now, on your desks you have an amendment to this bill which will
11. provide for the adjustments necessary to the appropriation to the
12. Comptroller for the effect of the law that is now operative subsequent
13. to the Governor's approval.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

15. Senator Harris now...

16. SENATOR HARRIS:

17. It provides the sums necessary to fund these salary changes for
18. the Executive Department and the General Assembly. There is...there
19. is no necessity for an amendment at this time for the judicial salary
20. adjustment because that was provided for in the regular appropriations
21. to the Judiciary in the Session earlier this year. Yes. I might also
22. say that that particular bill that is now law, the Judiciary salary
23. adjustment will not become operative until July so that actually no
24. funds would be needed even if they were not appropriated insofar as
25. the 75th fiscal year is concerned. If there are no questions...

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

27. You...you want to move the bill back to 2nd, do you not?

28. SENATOR HARRIS:

29. Yes. I do want to recall the bill to 2nd reading.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

31. There...Senator Shapiro.

32. SENATOR HARRIS:

33. Yes.

1. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

2. Well, Mr. President, if the...if the bill is not on 2nd, I
3. have a question to raise about the amendment.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

5. Let's...with your permission, there has been a request by
6. Senator Harris that leave be granted that HB 2818 now on the order
7. of 3rd reading be removed...returned to the order of 2nd reading
8. for the purpose of considering amendments. Is leave granted?
9. Leave is granted, and HB 2818 is now on the order of 2nd read-
10. ing. Senator Shapiro.

11. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

12. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on Page
13. 3, line 20, Senator Harris, it says under for...Fair Employment
14. Practices Commission, for the Chairman, twelve. Is that
15. correct? Page 3, line 20.

16. SENATOR HARRIS:

17. That is correct. That is the amount...his increase was for
18. a twenty-five dollar increase and for the remainder of the fiscal
19. year, that provides it.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

21. Are there further questions? Now, there's a motion before
22. the Senate presented by Senator Harris that we do adopt Amendment
23. No. 1 to HB 2818. All in favor will signify by saying Aye.
24. Opposed. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Any
25. further amendments? Senator Harris. Any further amendments?

26. SENATOR HARRIS:

27. Now, for purposes of intervening business, I...

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

29. We...Senator, I think we'd better move...the bill now will
30. be returned to the order of 3rd reading. Now, Senator Harris.
31. Yes. And the amendment, as amended, it is on 3rd reading.

32. SENATOR HARRIS:

33. Under the order of resolutions, I have an item of business
34. on the Secretary's desk.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

2. Mr. Secretary. May we have some order, please, too,
3. Gentlemen and Ladies:

4. SECRETARY:

5. SR No. 594 offered by Senator Harris and it's congratulatory.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

7. Senator Harris.

8. SENATOR HARRIS:

9. This resolution relates to the Pontiac Township High School
10. invitational basketball tournament and the team that won that tour-
11. nament in 1974. Our great little high school, of course, has
12. participated in all forty-four of the Pontiac Holiday Tournaments
13. that have been held. And I might point out to you that this was
14. the original tournament in the country. We've never won the tour-
15. nament until this past year and I would hope that you all would
16. join me in co-sponsorship of this resolution that acknowledges the
17. great performance of the present Pontiac Indians basketball team
18. who this year singularly achieved insofar as the local community
19. is concerned that wistful objective that we have never experienced
20. until this year.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

22. Senator Harris now asks for suspension of the rules for immediate
23. consideration of the resolution. Any objection? The rules are
24. suspended. Senator Harris now requests that we adopt the resolution
25. and that all Senators be shown as co-sponsors. All in favor of the
26. motion by the Senator from Pontiac will indicate by saying Aye.
27. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted with all of
28. the Senate being shown as sponsors. Senator Harris.

29. SENATOR HARRIS:

30. Now, can we return to the order of House Bills on 3rd reading?

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

32. Senator Harris now asks that the Senate do consider HB 2818
33. as amended now on 3rd reading considered on passage stage. The
34. Secretary will read the bill by title.

1. SECRETARY:

2. HB 2818.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. Senator Harris.

7. SENATOR HARRIS:

8. First of all, Mr. President, I would admonish the Members to...

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

10. Gentlemen and Ladies, please. Will the back row and the asso-
11. ciated people, we are still trying to conduct some business.

12. SENATOR HARRIS:

13. I would urge the Membership to prepare by searching for their
14. keys. We will have a roll call here in just a moment and it is
15. essential that we move this bill over to the House before it adjourns.
16. Additionally, I would point out that this bill does have an immediate
17. effective date clause in it and it will require thirty-six votes. I
18. think there has been sufficient dialogue here about the purposes of
19. the bill that it provides for the additional appropriation to fund
20. the effect of the salary adjustments that are, in fact, now logged.
21. Be happy to respond to any questions. If there are none, I would
22. urge a favorable roll call by the Membership.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

24. The question before the Senate is shall HB 18...2818 pass. All

25. those in...Senator Buzbee:

26. SENATOR BUZBEE:

27. Mr. President, my key is missing.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

29. Someone send...they sent it to the locksmith. It'll be here
30. tomorrow, Senator Buzbee. The question before the Senate, as soon
31. as Senator Buzbee gets his key and all others who needs keys, Senator
32. Fawell, where is your key, Senator? Somebody...the question before
33. the Senate is shall HB 2818 as amended pass. Those in favor will vote

1. Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Someone sent...going after your
2. key, Senator? Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the
3. record. On this question, the Yeas were thirty-nine, the Nays were
4. five, two Voting Present. And the bill having received the consti-
5. tutional two-thirds majority is therefore declared passed. I see
6. that the President of the Senate is coming up to take his elected
7. position. I would like to take this opportunity if I may to suggest
8. to you, Members of the 78th General Assembly, that the many hours
9. I have put in up here as your Presiding Officer has been educational,
10. rewarding, interesting, and at some times frustrating, but I do
11. appreciate all of your courtesies. I wish all of you well in the
12. new year and the new General Assembly. And I thank you very, very
13. much.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. We have some additional business on the Secretary's desk. We will
16. proceed to the order of resolutions. We will need to stay in Session
17. for a while longer until we do have our final message back from the
18. House. On the order of resolutions.

19. SECRETARY:

20. SR No. 595 offered by Senator Soper and it's congratulatory.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Soper.

23. SENATOR SOPER:

24. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a congratulatory
25. resolution congratulates Morton Junior College on its fiftieth anni-
26. versary, one of the first junior colleges with no tuition in the State
27. of Illinois. It was founded in 1924 and I'd wish to suspend the rules
28. and put all the Senators in on this resolution.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Soper has requested leave to show all Senators as
31. sponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On the question of
32. consideration, Senator Soper moves to suspend the rules for that
33. purpose. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The

1. motion carries. On the motion to adopt. All in favor signify by
2. saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries and the resolution is
3. adopted.

4. SECRETARY:

5. SR No. 596 offered by Senator Vadalabene and it's congratulatory.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Senator Vadalabene.

8. SENATOR VADALABENE:

9. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Senate. This is
10. a congratulatory resolution honoring one of our colleagues on the
11. Republican side of the aisle, Representative Robert Walters who is
12. not coming back this Session. So, I would move for the immediate
13. consideration and adoption of this resolution, Mr. President.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Vadalabene has moved to suspend for the immediate con-
16. sideration. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The
17. motion carries. On the motion to adopt. All in favor signify by
18. saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries. Senator Vadalabene.

19. SENATOR VADALABENE:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. Now, I would like to have all the
21. Members of the Senate added to this resolution.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On the motion to adopt. The
24. motion carries. So ordered.

25. SECRETARY:

26. SR 597 offered by Senator Mitchler. It's congratulatory.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Mitchler.

29. SENATOR MITCHLER:

30. Mr. ...Mr. President and Members of the Senate, SR 597 is a
31. congratulatory resolution for Louise Ann Kerasotes of Aurora who was
32. chosen queen of the World Boxing Association for 1975 at the 53rd
33. Annual Convention of the association in Panama City. I would ask

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1. for suspension of the rules, immediate consideration, and adoption
2. of this resolution.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Mitchler has moved for the suspension of the rules for
5. the immediate consideration. All in favor signify by saying Aye.
6. Contrary No. The motion carries. And on the motion to adopt. All
7. in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries.
8. The resolution is adopted.

9. SECRETARY:

10. SR 598 offered by Senators Mitchler and Bell. Congratulatory.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Mitchler.

13. SENATOR MITCHLER:

14. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, SR 598 is a congratu-
15. latory resolution...resolution for Janat Rice who was selected as the
16. 1975 Miss Teenage Aurora in competition held in the annual pageant
17. in Aurora. She is a resident of the city of Joliet, a student at
18. Joliet Central High School, and I would like to ask for immediate
19. suspension of the rules and consideration of this resolution and
20. favorable approval.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Mitchler moves to suspend for the immediate considera-
23. tion. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion
24. carries. On the motion to adopt. All in favor signify by saying
25. Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries and the resolution is adopted.

26. Will the Senate...will the Senate please come to order. We will not
27. ask our guests who are here for the convening of the 79th to leave
28. the Floor, but we do have some business remaining that must be done
29. in the 78th General Assembly. So, if we could have some order. We
30. will proceed to the order of Messages from the House.

31. SECRETARY:

32. A Message from the House by Mr. Selcke, Clerk. Mr. President,
33. I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives

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1. has adopted an amendment offered by the Governor to a bill of the
2. following title, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask
3. concurrence of the Senate, to-wit: House Bill 2897.

4. (Secretary reads title of bill)

5. Which amendment is as follows: On Page 2, delete lines 12 through 26,
6. and on Page 3, delete lines 2 through 27.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Rock.

9. SENATOR ROCK:

10. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
11. The...the motion, I think, is in order that we concur with the
12. specific recommendations of the Governor as did the House. This is
13. a pension bill which amends the General Assembly Retirement Act. It
14. was subject of a conference committee in the closing days of the
15. Fall Session upon which Senator Shapiro and I served. The matter was
16. then brought to the Pensions Laws Commission at the Governor's request.
17. The commission met ten days ago and we sent the Governor a communique
18. suggesting to him that he amend this bill with an amendatory veto as
19. he has done. Now, in one instance, we feel he has gone a little too
20. far, but the bill is a good one and I would urge all the Members to
21. support the specific recommendations of the Governor as concerns this
22. pension bill.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Is there further discussion? The ques...Senator Shapiro.

25. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

26. Mr. President, I just want to concur in what Senator Rock has
27. stated concerning the bill and I would urge a...a favorable vote in
28. the concurrence with the amendatory veto.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Is there further discussion? The question is shall the Senate
31. accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to HB 2897 in
32. the manner and form just explained by Senator Rock. Those in favor
33. vote Aye. Those opposed vote No. The voting is open. Have all

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1. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
2. question, the Yeas are forty-nine, the Nays are none, seven Voting
3. Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor with respect
4. to HB 2897 having received the required majority vote of Senators
5. elected are declared accepted. Message from the House.

6. SECRETARY:

7. A Message from the House by Mr. Selcke, Clerk. Mr. President,
8. I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives
9. has concurred with the Senate in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1
10. to a bill of the following title: House Bill 2818.

11. (Secretary reads title of bill)

12. PRESIDENT:

13. If the Mem...might I have the attention of the Members just for
14. a moment. I'm waiting for a call from the Speaker to make certain
15. that all of our actions that are required will now have been accom-
16. plished and that momentarily, I'm certain, we will have arrived at
17. the point for the sine die adjournment of the 78th General Assembly.
18. I would just like to acknowledge to the Membership of the Senate of
19. the 78th General Assembly that no person has been more pleased and
20. personally satisfied than I in our relations with each other as we
21. have proceeded to meet our responsibilities as Members of this
22. marvelous Body. And to all of you, I express my deep personal thanks
23. and gratitude for your cooperation and yes, assistance in responding
24. to the people of Illinois these past two years. I shall treasure
25. our association forever. Thank you. Senator ParTEE.

26. SENATOR PARTEE:

27. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I would certainly be
28. remiss in my duties if I did not take this opportunity on behalf of
29. myself and on behalf of the entire Membership on the Democratic side
30. if I did not say to you, Sir, that you have been an excellent President.
31. You have been a President of whom we can all be proud. You have been
32. a reasonable, rational individual with whom we have adjust ourselves
33. toward the problems that beset the citizens of Illinois. You've done

1. an excellent job. This Legislature is in position number three of
2. all Legislatures in the country and I am sure that we will have your
3. help in continuing to move and advance it forward. I know that to be
4. your dedication to government. Let me while I am standing say that
5. the lady who stands behind you with the green dress, our dear friend
6. Jean, is equally entitled to our compliments. The time and other
7. considerations engendered in being a member of a political body takes
8. its toll, I am certain, on all of the Members. I sometimes think,
9. though, that the greatest physical toll and emotional toll is on the
10. wives of the Members and their children and families. So, we say to
11. your wife, thank you for giving him us...giving us him. I wanted to
12. make a mistake so you wouldn't think I was perfect, Bill. We're
13. delighted to work with you. We look forward to working with you in
14. the future.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Thank you. Senator Vadalabene.

17. SENATOR VADALABENE:

18. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Not
19. being in a Leadership position, naturally I didn't get to sit in on
20. any meetings that you had with them, but I will say for thus...for
21. those of us who have not been in the Leadership position serving
22. under very...various leaders in both the House and the Senate that
23. I would have to put you as one of the number one leaders in the
24. Democratic and Republican party who responded to our needs and I have
25. found that you had been a man of your word. And I am very grateful
26. to you and thank you very much.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Chew.

29. SENATOR CHEW:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. I assume today is the day to tell you
31. how I have felt working with you as the Leader of this Body. I have
32. put you through many tests and you have come through brilliantly.
33. Men like you must remain in government because you have so much that

1. the people can gain. I'm reminded of an occasion that I had to call
2. you at home to get your approval after having conferred with Senator
3. Partee and of all the requests that I have made of you, you have
4. weighed them and you have given me just answers. So, I have enjoyed
5. working with you. I enjoyed you when sat just across the aisle here
6. before you became President. And these two years that you have been
7. in charge of this Body have been very pleasant years. I think Leader-
8. ship of this Body must do as you have done and that is the best that
9. you could. So, my congratulations go out to you for having been able
10. to work with me for these two years and I know it isn't the easiest
11. thing in the world, but we did get along, Bill, and all the luck in
12. the world to you and we'll still get along. Thank you.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Thank you very much. Thank you. Messages from the House.

15. SECRETARY:

16. House Joint Resolution. The Message from the House by the
17. Clerk, Mr. Selcke. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the
18. 78th General Assembly, the State of Illinois, the Senate concurring
19. herein that when the two Houses adjourn today, they stand adjourned
20. sine die.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Graham.

23. SENATOR GRAHAM:

24. The Secretary informs me there is nothing on his desk. In view
25. of that fact, I move the adoption of the sine die adjournment resolu-
26. tion.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Graham has moved that the Senate adopt the House Joint
29. Resolution which provides for the adjournment of the 78th General
30. Assembly sine die. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No.
31. The motion carries. The resolution is adopted. And the 78th General
32. Assembly is adjourned. Sine die.

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