

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of nine having arrived, the Senate will come  
3. to order. Prayer by Senator Kenneth Hall.

4. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

5. Father in Heaven, it is right that we should give you  
6. thanks and glory, you alone are God, living and true. Through  
7. all eternity you live in approachable light. Source of life  
8. and goodness, you have created all things to fill your creatures  
9. with every blessing. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Reading of the Journal, Senator Kenneth Hall.

12. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

13. Journal of 167, Monday, June 10, 1977, I move that reading  
14. and approval of the Journal of Friday, January the 7th, 1977  
15. be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. You heard the motion. All in favor will say Aye.

18. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

19. Aye.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

22. For what purpose does Senator Soper arise?

23. SENATOR SOPER:

24. Mr. President...a little quiet back here, you...you know,  
25. you country people...I have some guests in the gallery on a...  
26. on a...a point of personal privilege, I'd like to introduce  
27. and...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Please do it, Senator...

30. SENATOR SOPER:

31. ...I know it is crowded, and Mr. President, we have Mr.  
32. and Mrs. Svobda and Mr. and Mrs. Sveck and I'd like to have  
33. them rise and be recognized by the Senate...

1. PRESIDENT:  
2.           Would they be rise and be recognized by the Senate.  
3. SENATOR SOPER:  
4.           ...right in the President's Gallery there. I think we  
5. all got over trained last night, but I see they made it.  
6. Thank you very much.  
7. PRESIDENT:  
8.           You're quite welcome, Senator. You don't mind my telling  
9. them they have an excellent Senator, do you?  
10. SENATOR SOPER:  
11.          Well, no, I...I think it would be...it would be nice if  
12. you would do that.  
13. SENATOR HARRIS:  
14.          You're...you're under oath.  
15. PRESIDENT:  
16.          I'm under oath, and I'm telling them you have...they  
17. have an excellent Senator.  
18. SENATOR SOPER:  
19.          Thank you very much.  
20. PRESIDENT:  
21.          For what purpose does Senator Graham arise?  
22. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
23.          I'd like to rise for the purpose of an introduction, Mr.  
24. President.  
25. PRESIDENT:  
26.          Yes, continue.  
27. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
28.          On the Floor trying to leave the Floor are...some are on  
29. the Floor now is former Senator John Gray Gilbert from Carbondale.  
30. Where are you, John?  
31. PRESIDENT:  
32.          In the john...  
33. SENATOR GRAHAM:

1. Come out of there, John. John is in the john. When he  
2. comes out, I'd like for the Senate to recognize him. We'll get  
3. him on the way out. He'll wonder what we're clapping for.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Here he is, here he is...

6. SENATOR GRAHAM:

7. Senator John Gilbert.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator John Gilbert. Senator, you can take that microphone  
10. if you want to say something there. Give him the mike there.  
11. That's Newhouse's, he's kidding you.

12. SENATOR GILBERT:

13. Well, it...it is a pleasure to be back. I, in many ways  
14. miss being up here, and in other ways I don't envy you fellows  
15. with your problems because I think they get a little greater  
16. each year and as I said when you couldn't hear me. I'm  
17. the Trojan Horse, if you can't lick them, join them.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Well, I'll only say to you, Senator Graham, that I certainly  
20. enjoyed the years I spent with you and particularly when you  
21. were the Chairman of Education. You were a good chairman.  
22. Senator Gilbert that's right. We'll...you all don't look alike  
23. to me anymore, you know.

24. SENATOR GILBERT:

25. That was a compliment to me to call me Graham. I'm not...  
26. I'm not insulted. He's the one that called it to your attention.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Well, you're both two...two fine gentlemen. Senator Glass,  
29. for what purpose do you arise?

30. SENATOR GLASS:

31. Well, Mr. President, Senator Graham didn't mention it, but  
32. he and I are wondering if you thought there were enough people  
33. on the Floor to call an item on Postponed Consideration, SJR 1?

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. I don't have that on my Calendar. I don't see it on  
3. my Calendar, Senator. Any further business to come before the  
4. Senate? Is there any resolutions you want to move now? If  
5. not, we're going to adjourn until one o'clock. Senator Davidson.

6. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

7. On order of resolutions, Mr. Chairman. Mr. President,  
8. I would move to suspend the rules for immediate...I'd move  
9. to suspend the rules for immediate consideration for a  
10. resolution and ask leave for all Senators to be cosponsor.  
11. This is a resolution for Willard Ice, who retired. As most of you  
12. know, the blind lawyer who spend thirty some odd years at  
13. the Department of Revenue is retired and opened up his own  
14. counseling service. And Willard has been an outstanding State  
15. employee.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Graham.

18. SENATOR GRAHAM:

19. I am not trying to preempt what the Senator from Springfield  
20. is trying to do. I'm wondering is there a...a greater opportunity  
21. or chance that we'll have more attendance at one o'clock than  
22. we'd have? I just wonder if...

23. PRESIDENT:

24. I would think that those of us who are here now would return  
25. at one, and that those who are not here would be here at one,  
26. and on at that basis, I think we might have more people.

27. SENATOR GRAHAM:

28. I...I was just thinking so we'd have a greater tribute to  
29. Willard, Senator Davidson.

30. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

31. Take it out of the record.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. All right, so we'll all return at one...

1. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
2. Thank you, Senator.  
3. PRESIDENT:  
4. ...the Senate will be recessed until 1:00 p.m. today.  
5. (RECESS)  
6. (AFTER RECESS)  
7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARAGOS)  
8. The hour of 1:00 p.m. having arrived, the Senate will now  
9. be in Session. Mr. Secretary, is there any business to come  
10. before us at this time. Senator Davidson.  
11. SENATOR DAVIDSON:  
12. Yes, we have a resolution which we postponed from...when  
13. before we recessed this morning to take up.  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARAGOS)  
15. For your information, Senator Davidson, we're going to  
16. recess until 2:30 and I'd appreciate if you would withdraw your...  
17. SENATOR DAVIDSON:  
18. Okay.  
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MARAGOS)  
20. ...Thank you very much. Any other further business to  
21. come before the Floor? The Senate will now be in recess until  
22. 2:30 p.m.  
23. (RECESS)  
24. (AFTER RECESS)  
25. PRESIDENT:  
26. The hour of 2:30 having arrived, the Senate will come to  
27. order. Any business to come before the Senate? Senator  
28. Davidson on the Floor? Senator Newhouse, you had a resolution,  
29. you want to run it?  
30. SECRETARY:  
31. Senate Resolution 478 introduced by Senator Newhouse and  
32. all Senators, and it is a sympathy resolution.  
33. PRESIDENT:

1. I'll just put your family on it. We'll get it passed.

2. Go right ahead.

3. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, there are some  
5. other Senators on the Floor. This is a resolution expressing  
6. sympathy for a young man in Chicago who was...a young man who  
7. was born with a severe handicap. He has what you call "water  
8. on the brain", enlarged head. His family kept him at home.  
9. He's unable to walk. He gets about in a wheelchair, but he's  
10. the kind of youngster with the...with the spirit of individuality  
11. and the spirit of self-sufficiency that gave him the intestinal  
12. fortitude to train himself, to find work. He is a working man,  
13. a man who gets around on his own even though he's confined to  
14. a wheelchair or public transportation. Very recently the young  
15. man was found very badly beaten. It's a hideous thing to  
16. contemplate, but is in the hospital at this present time and  
17. in very serious condition. This resolution is from the Senate and  
18. it commends the kind of spirit exemplified by this young man  
19. and is expressing this Senate's interest in the citizens of  
20. the State of Illinois who having this kind of handicap did  
21. persevere. I would like to have all Senators join in this  
22. resolution. I would ask for suspension of the rules for the  
23. immediate adoption.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Newhouse moves for the suspension of the rules for the im-  
26. mediate adoption of this resolution and asks that all Senators be shown  
27. as cosponsors. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The rules  
28. are suspended. Senator Newhouse now moves for the immediate  
29. adoption of this resolution. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed  
30. Nay. The resolution is adopted. Senator Mitchler is recognized.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate Resolution...

33. SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. Mr. President and members of the Senate, on the Secretary's  
2. Desk is a resolution that I would ask the...be entered in and  
3. then ask for immediate suspension of the rules and consideration  
4. immediately of the resolution and adoption. It's for Willard  
5. Ice.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Read the number of the resolution, please.

8. SECRETARY:

9. Senate Resolution 479 introduced by Senators Davidson,  
10. Nimrod, Mitchler, Harber Hall, Graham and all Senators.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Mitchler.

13. SENATOR MITCHLER:

14. Well, Mr. President and members of the Senate, Willard  
15. Ice, I believe, has distinguished himself as an outstanding  
16. individual although totally blind to be one that is perhaps  
17. the most knowledgeable person of legal matters in his field.  
18. And he is retiring. In fact, he has retired as of the first  
19. of year from over forty years of work with the State of  
20. Illinois. And it's only befitting that this resolution be  
21. introduced in the Illinois State Senate acknowledging his  
22. good work and expressing appreciation. In...in the absence of Senator  
23. Davidson who was the chief sponsor of this resolution, I would ask  
24. for immediate suspension of the rules and consideration of  
25. the resolution.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

27. Senator Mitchler moves for the suspension of the...  
28. Senator Partee.

29. SENATOR PARTEE:

30. I just didn't want the moment to go by without having an  
31. opportunity to join Senator Mitchler in espousing the cause  
32. that's represented by this resolution. I suppose it would be  
33. difficult for me not to say that these two resolutions in tandem

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1. suggest something to me that I think America needs to consider  
2. a great deal more. The first resolution is offered by Senator New-  
3. house related to a young man who was born with a mental handicap of  
4. water on the brain with an enlarged head who despite that kind  
5. of a handicap became a person who was to be thought of and was  
6. indeed a useful citizen and was subjected to the kind of situation  
7. to which he was subjected in terms of an assault. And now this  
8. resolution of Senator Mitchler's relates to a man who was born  
9. bereft of the ability to see which is a very, very devastating  
10. kind of thing, and I think most of us who have had our sight  
11. all these years have perhaps not really realized how valuable  
12. it is. But I think that what's undergirding both of these  
13. resolutions in terms of what its is meaningful to all of us  
14. is the fact these two men being born with handicaps of a  
15. very serious nature were nonetheless motivated to make a  
16. contribution to this great country in which they find them-  
17. selves as citizens. And Willard Ice certainly is a person  
18. who though blind has many talents. He's an outstanding pianist,  
19. among other things, and is an outstanding lawyer and particularly  
20. in the field of his chosen endeavor matters relating to revenue and  
21. the Revenue Code. I certainly want to add my words of praise,  
22. ecomiums and accolades to Willard Ice and for him as he  
23. goes out into the real world as a practicing lawyer all of the  
24. good luck and good fortune that God could give him, so I  
25. just wanted to say that I, too, wanted to join in this resolution  
26. as being one of those persons who had this to say about him.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

28. Senator Mitchler moves for the suspension of the rules and  
29. the immediate consideration of the resolution. All those in  
30. favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed No. The Ayes  
31. have it. Senator Mitchler now moves for the immediate adoption  
32. of the resolution. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye.  
33. Those Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator



1. Soper for which purpose did you arise?
2. SENATOR SOPER:
3. Oh, I just was going to say hello to the photographer...
4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
5. Say hello.
6. SENATOR SOPER:
7. Hello, thank you.
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
9. Senator Mitchler, another resolution.
10. SENATOR MITCHLER:
11. No, this is on a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.
12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
13. State your point.
14. SENATOR MITCHLER:
15. Seated in the President's Gallery on the Democratic side
16. of the aisle a Mr. and Mrs. Roger Allen...
17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
18. That's a good side...
19. SENATOR MITCHLER:
20. ...of Boulder Hill. It's actually an Aurora address, but it is
21. entirely in Kendall County. Roger Allen is a Republican
22. precinct committeemen and also served on the Boulder Hill Civic
23. Association as the President of that association. I would ask
24. that they please rise and have the Senate recognize their
25. presence.
26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
27. Even...even though he is on the...the Democratic side and
28. he's a Republican, please arise and be recognized.
29. SENATOR MITCHLER:
30. You heard the Governor...we're all going to be together
31. according to the Inagural Address this morning.
32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
33. Oh yes. Senator Partee.

1. SENATOR PARTEE:

2. Will Senator Mitchler yield to a question. I...

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

4. Why, he indicates he will.

5. SENATOR PARTEE:

6. I heard you say that according to Governor we will all  
7. be together. Now, what did you mean, according to the Governor?

8. What does that mean?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

10. Senator Mitchler.

11. SENATOR MITCHLER:

12. Well, I just heard his Inaugural Address this morning,  
13. and in the expression of his words, that's what it would indicate  
14. to me. He referred to the Republicans and Democrats getting  
15. all along very harmoniously and we're even going to include the  
16. Independents and...and...and the taxpayer. He mentioned the  
17. taxpayer. Now, if we can get all those groups together and  
18. think of the taxpayers, Senator, boy, we're...we will really  
19. accomplish something.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. And that gives rise to Senator Soper.

22. SENATOR SOPER:

23. I...thank you, Mr. President. I didn't think that Senator  
24. Mitchler would let the...any time go by before he started to criticise  
25. somebody, but don't pick on Thompson so early, he's not in his  
26. office yet.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

28. Is there further business? Senator Partee.

29. SENATOR PARTEE:

30. I move we adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

32. Motion is to adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

33. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed Nay. The

1. Ayes have it. The Senate stands adjourned until ten o'clock  
2. a.m. December 11th.

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