

79th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PERFUNCTORY SESSION

APRIL 30, 1976

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of eleven having arrived, the Senate will
3. come to order. Will our guests in the gallery please stand
4. as we have prayer by Senator D'Arco.

5. SENATOR D'ARCO:

6. Dear God, bless this noble Body and give us the strength
7. and the endurance and the wisdom to carry on the peoples'
8. business here in a way that the conclusion of the Session
9. will be a good deed for the people in the State of Illinois.
10. Bless our noble leader, President Cecil Partee and give him
11. the strength and the wisdom to carry on the task that he
12. has so ably carried on thus far, and also the majority leader,
13. Phil Rock, who is his able assistant, and also the Republicans
14. because they...they have to learn the light and wisdom
15. of your ways. Thank you, oh God.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. For what purpose does Senator Buzbee arise?

18. SENATOR BUZBEE:

19. Mr....Mr. President, I...I rise to...to offer any
20. assistance to the Republicans if they need any guidance from
21. a terrestrial...

22. PRESIDENT:

23. I...

24. SENATOR BUZBEE:

25. ...realm.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. I though that someone was going to ask for equal time,
28. but go right ahead.

29. SENATOR BUZBEE:

30. Well...well, Mr. President,...what I...the reason I really,
31. really rise is to introduce some guests in the gallery, in the
32. South gallery, the seventh grade class from Pickneyville
33. Grade School, which is in my district and I would ask that they
34. please rise and be recognized by the Senate.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Will they please. Senator Graham.

3. SENATOR GRAHAM:

4. I have served in this Chamber for almost twenty years.
5. This is the first time to my knowledge, that we ever used
6. our moment with God for a political speech or to say something
7. about the opposite party. I resent the inference. I think
8. it was in bad taste and I think a Senator should recognize
9. the fact that he was ill-advised to use those words. We
10. are Christians, too.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Mitchler.

13. SENATOR MITCHLER:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. In the gallery behind me are two
15. very lovely ladies. I did not make their acquaintance until
16. I came into the Chambers, but they're visiting Springfield
17. today on their way to St. Louis. They're from the city of
18. Chicago. That's up in the northeastern section of the State.
19. Their names are Danette Lloyd, and Linda Johnson, and they
20. asked what type of business we were conducting today, and I told
21. her...them that it was a Perfunctory Session but I'd like to
22. have them rise and be recognized and welcome them to the
23. Illinois State Senate.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Ladies please rise and be recognized. The Chair can assure
26. you ladies that there will be a resolution in your honor by 3:00
27. o'clock today. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

28. SENATOR JOHNS:

29. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval
30. of the Journals of Monday, April the 26th, 1976, Tuesday, April
31. the 27th, 1976, Wednesday, April the 28th, 1976, and Thursday,
32. April the 29th, 1976 be postponed pending arrival of the
33. printed Journals.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. You heard the motion. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed
3. Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. Message from the
4. House.

5. SECRETARY:

6. A Message from the House, by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

7. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
8. that the House of Representatives have passed bills with the
9. following titles in the passage of which I am instructed
10. to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

11. House Bill 3189 and 3371.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Rules Committee.

14. SECRETARY:

15. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

16. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the
17. Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the
18. following joint resolution in the adoption of which I am
19. instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

20. House Joint Resolution 91.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator D'Arco is recognized. Senator D'Arco.

23. SENATOR D'ARCO:

24. I want to apologize to the Body for making light of a
25. very serious moment, and upon reflection I can appreciate
26. what the Senator Graham said, and I want to apologize to the
27. Body, formally and personally to Senator Graham, and I assure
28. you, Senator, the next time, if I'm ever called upon to give the
29. invocation, I will take it more seriously.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. House Joint Resolution 91 is a congratulatory resolution,
32. is it? It relates to a Gentleman about whom there is some question
33. as to whether or not it was herather than Americus Vespucci who discovered

1. America. Leif Ericsson, or something like that. Maybe
2. his name was Christopher Columbus, I think.

3. SENATOR D'ARCO:

4. Yeah. It...I'm not too...I...I think the resolution
5. designates the...we want to change the Interstate 55 to
6. Christopher Columbus Highway, I believe.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. The resolution has been read. It will be going to
9. Executive Committee.

10. SENATOR D'ARCO:

11. Okay. Thank you.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Introduction of bills.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Bill 1925.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Rules Committee. Senator Schaffer is recognized for
18. the purpose of a motion.

19. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

20. Mr. President, on the Calendar today, is Senate Bill 17...
21. well I realize we don't have a Calendar, but, had we had a
22. Calendar, Senate Bill 1727 would appear on 2nd reading. This was
23. the bill that we discharged...

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Let the record show that there is in existence a bill
26. called Senate Bill 1727, which is at the level of 2nd reading.

27. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

28. Right. This bill needs to be passed as quickly as possible
29. because of a bond council problem brought to light before we can
30. hold a referendum which must be held before July 1. I'd like
31. to advance the bill. I've talked to the President of the Senate
32. and the minority leader and the chairman of the committee,
33. and the minority spokesman. I'd certainly be happy to bring it

1. back for any amendment next Tuesday, but the sooner we can
2. get it out of here, the sooner my problems up North are solved.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. For what purpose does Senator Rock arise?

5. SENATOR ROCK:

6. Just to register my objection to this procedure, Mr.
7. President.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. This is a Perfunctory Session and to move a bill in a
10. Perfunctory Session, I would really prefer to have unanimous
11. consent. There has been objection raised. Take it out of
12. the record. Yes.

13. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

14. I would...I'd like to know what the objection is, and then
15. I'm happy to defer to the Senator's wishes. This is a matter
16. of great import up my area involving several million dollars
17. and it would save a legislative day, Senator Rock. I...I'm
18. unaware of any controversy on the bill. Certainly if you
19. do have objections, I certainly will defer to your judgement.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Rock.

22. SENATOR ROCK:

23. Well, I think it just...I do object and will continue in
24. my objection. I think it's a terribly bad precedent to be
25. setting to take a bill on amendment stage and move it to
26. 3rd with or without the understanding, I'm sure with that it
27. could be called back.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. There is an understanding that if it were moved to 3rd,...

30. SENATOR ROCK

31. Well, I'm...

32. PRESIDENT:

33. ...it would be called back.

1. SENATOR ROCK:

2. ...I'm going to persist in my objection. I think
3. a Perfunctory Session is just a Perfunctory Session.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Any further discussion? Senator Harris.

6. SENATOR HARRIS:

7. Yeah. With a representation of the member, that he will
8. recall the bill to the amendatory stage, I have been here
9. a good long while and in Perfunctory Sessions we have moved
10. an awful lot of legislation with this understanding. This
11. saves a legislative day. And I'm just kind of amazed at
12. the Senator's objection. That's all. And it's a brand
13. new system as far as I'm concerned, and if this is the way
14. we want to do it from here on, okay. But there are going to be
15. a lot of legislative days lost if we're going to proceed with
16. this kind of system.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Will the Senate be at ease for a moment, and may I see
19. Senator Rock and Senator Schaffer. Is Senator Demuzio here?
20. In the interest of the saving of a legislative day, this member
21. plus another member to my knowledge has a bill that he desires
22. to move from 2nd to 3rd reading. I think we have to have
23. a very clear understanding on both sides of the aisle that on
24. any Perfunctory Session, if a bill is moved from 3rd to 2nd,
25. it is axiomatic and automatic that that bill may be returned
26. to 2nd reading for the purpose of amendment on a Regular Session
27. day. Now, we have that understanding, do we? Senator Schaffer.

28. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

29. Mr. President, with that understanding I'd like to
30. advance Senate Bill 1727 from 2nd to 3rd reading and certainly
31. bring it back at any member's request. Make the appropriate motion
32. to carry out that procedure.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Is leave granted? The bill is on 3rd reading. Read the
2. bill.
3. SECRETARY:
4. Senate Bill 1727.
5. (Secretary reads title of the bill)
6. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
7. PRESIDENT:
8. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Senator
9. Demuzio is recognized.
10. SENATOR DEMUZIO:
11. Thank you Mr. President. I also have a bill I'd like to
12. move to 3rd reading and would be happy to bring it back for
13. an amendment, as a matter-of-fact, there will be an amendment,
14. it's House Bill 3213. It's four million dollars, I believe.
15. It's all Federal money to my understanding for people who
16. will not get paid today and this, in fact, will save a legislative
17. day. I would appreciate advancing that to the order of 3rd
18. reading and...that it will be brought back to 2nd reading for
19. an amendment.
20. PRESIDENT:
21. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Read the bill.
22. SECRETARY:
23. House Bill 3213.
24. (Secretary reads title of the bill)
25. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
26. PRESIDENT:
27. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Any further
28. business to come before the Senate? The Senate stands in
29. adjournment until Tuesday, May 4th, at 12:00 noon.
30. Senate is adjourned.
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