

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PERFUNCTORY SESSION

MAY 14, 1976

1 PRESIDENT:

2 The hour of one having arrived, the Senate will come
3 to order. Will our guests in the gallery please stand
4 while Senator Kenneth Hall offers prayer.

5 SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

6 (Prayer by Senator Hall)

7 PRESIDENT:

8 We're going to read into the record Proclamation 4422,
9 which is a National Day of Prayer, 1976, issued over the
10 hand and seal of Gerald R. Ford the President of the United
11 States, and it reads as follows:

12 In this Bicentennial year we will often reflect on the
13 events of two hundred years ago. As we recall the crises
14 of those early days, let us also reflect on the profound
15 faith in God which inspired the founding fathers. As the
16 events of 1776 unfolded, our forebearers knew they were on
17 an uncertain course. On March 16th of that year the Continen-
18 tal Congress recognizing the impending calamity and distress
19 ...would you hold it just a minute, Senator. This is National
20 Prayer Day. Whatever you're talking about can wait...impending
21 calamity and distress asked each colony publicly to ac-
22 knowledge the overruling providence of God and urged the colonies
23 to observe a designated prayer in May as a day of humiliation,
24 fasting and prayer. When later that year the signers of the
25 Declaration of Independence pledged to each other their lives,
26 their fortunes and their sacred honor, the pledge was made
27 with a firm alliance on the protection of divine providence.
28 In conformity with the congressional request it is especially
29 appropriate this year that a day be set aside to reaffirm the
30 commitment of our first citizens and draw on the solemn sense
31 of God's superintending providence that sustained them during
32 those troubled times. Now, therefore, I, Gerald R. Ford,
33 President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim

1 Friday, May 14th, 1976 as National Day of Prayer, 1976. I
2 call upon all Americans to pray that day, each in his own
3 ...his or her own way for the strength to meet the challenges
4 of the future with the same courage and dedication Americans
5 showed the world two centuries ago. In witness whereof I
6 have here and to set my hand this 16th day of March in the
7 year of our Lord, 1976 and of the independence of the United
8 States of America, the two hundredth, Gerald R. Ford.

9 I wanted to read that into our record as a part of
10 our Journal for this day. There is a time when we must re-
11 consider what has happened in the past and use it to buttress
12 us in the present and to make resonable assessments for the
13 future. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

14 SENATOR JOHNS:

15 Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the
16 Journals of Thursday, May the 6th, 1976, Friday, May the 7th,
17 1976, Tuesday, May 11th, 1976, Wednesday, May the 12th, 1976
18 and Thursday, May the 13th, 1976 be postponed pending arrival
19 of the printed Journals.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 You heard the motion. All in favor say Aye. Opposed
22 Nay. Ayes have it. Committee Reports.

23 SECRETARY:

24 Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, as-
25 signs the following bills to committee: Agriculture, Conser-
26 vation and Energy; House Bill 3797. Appropriations; House Bills
27 3171, 3212, 3303, 3343, 3346, 3363, 3372, 3374, 3378, 3380,
28 3384, 3385, 3389, 3392, 3405, 3410, 3414, 3547, 3744, 3815,
29 3818 and 3822. Education; House Bill 3536 and 3804. Elections
30 and Reapportionment; House Bill 3844. Executive; Senate Bills
31 19...1900 and 1901 and House Bills 3562 and 3563. Labor and
32 Commerce; Senate Bill 1663. Local Government; Senate Bill
33 1723 and 1751. Revenue; Senate Bill 1945. Transportation;

1 House Bill 3137 and 3492.

2 Senator Hynes, Chairman of Appropriations Committee, re-
3 ports out the following bills: Senate Bill 1636 with the
4 recommendation Do Pass. Senate Bill 1600, 1623, 1626, 1628,
5 1637, 1646, 1650, 1684 and 1933 with the recommendation Do
6 Pass as Amended.

7 Senator Knuppel, Chairman of Agriculture, Conservation
8 and Energy Committee, reports out the following Senate Bill:
9 Senate Bill 1851 with the recommendation Do Pass as Amended.

10 Senator Palmer, Chairman of Education, reports out
11 the following bills: Senate Bill 1526, 1643, 1651 and 1872
12 with the recommendation Do Pass. Senate Bill 1871 with the
13 recommendation Do Pass as Amended. Senate Bill 1652 with
14 the recommendation Do Not Pass.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Messages from the House.

17 SECRETARY:

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

19 Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
20 that the House of Representatives has adopted the following
21 Joint Resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed
22 to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

23 House Joint Resolution 97.

24 (Secretary reads HJR 97)

25 PRESIDENT:

26 Senator Rock moves the adoption. All in favor say Aye.
27 Opposed Nay. Ayes have it, it's adopted.

28 SECRETARY:

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

30 Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
31 that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the
32 following titles in the passage of which I am instructed to
33 ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

1 House Bills 3344, 3369 and 3820.

2 PRESIDENT:

3 Rules Committee. Introduction of bills. For what pur-
4 pose does Senator Rock arise?

5 SENATOR ROCK:

6 For the purpose of a motion. I can hold it...if you're...
7 when we get to that order of business I'd like to be recognized.

8 PRESIDENT:

9 Introduction of bills.

10 SECRETARY:

11 Senate Bill 1947, introduced by Senators Rock, Partee,
12 Donnewald and Bruce.

13 (Secretary reads title of bill)

14 1st reading of the bill.

15 Senate Bill 1948, introduced by Senator Knuppel.

16 (Secretary reads title of bill)

17 1st reading of the bill.

18 Senate Bill 1949.

19 PRESIDENT:

20 Rules Committee. Senator Rock.

21 SENATOR ROCK:

22 Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
23 Senate. In the report of the Committee on Assignment of Bills
24 was listed Senate Bill 1945, to be assigned to the Committee
25 on Revenue. Senate Bill 1945 was, in fact, introduced by the
26 Committee on Revenue, and as a committee bill, there's no need,
27 in my judgement, to re-refer it to the same committee, so, I
28 would move at this time that the...oh, all right...well, we
29 can...I can hold the motion. I...my understanding was, it
30 was a committee bill, and it just doesn't make any sense, par-
31 ticularly, to refer a committee bill back to the committee
32 from...that brought it out.

33 PRESIDENT:

1 From which it came. Senator Bruce. Hold the motion.
2 Take it out of the record. (Machine cut-off)...Hall, could
3 I see you a moment? AYE, not the Presbyterian. Any further
4 business to come before the Senate? If there is no further
5 business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands ad-
6 journd until Tuesday at noon.

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