

80th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 25, 1977

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of ten o'clock having arrived, the First
3. Special Session will please come to order. The prayer
4. will be by Senator Leonard.

5. SENATOR LEONARD:

6. (Prayer by Senator Leonard)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

9. SENATOR JOHNS:

10. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of
11. the Journal of Monday, October the 24th, 1977 be
12. postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. You've heard the motion by Senator Johns. Is there
15. any discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by
16. saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered.
17. Committee Reports.

18. SECRETARY:

19. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of the Committee on
20. Assignment of Bills, reports the following Senate Bills
21. assigned to committee: Senate Bill Nos. 3 and 4 to
22. Elections and Reapportionment. Senate Bills No. 1 and
23. 2 to Judiciary II.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Messages from the House.

26. SECRETARY:

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

28. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the
29. Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted
30. the following joint resolution in the adoption of which
31. I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

32. House Joint Resolution No. 2.

33. (Secretary reads resolution)

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Rock. Senator Rock on the adjournment resolution.

3. SENATOR ROCK:

4. Yes, this is the adjournment resolution calling for us
5. to return next November 2nd, I understand at the...

6. SECRETARY:

7. 4:15...

8. SENATOR ROCK:

9. ...at the hour of 4:15. I would move for the
10. suspension of the rules and the immediate consideration
11. and adoption of this House Joint Resolution.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. You've heard the motion. Is there any discussion?
14. If not, Senator Rock moves to suspend the rules for
15. the purpose of the immediate consideration of the resolution.
16. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed.
17. The Ayes have it. On the adoption of the resolution,
18. Senator Rock has moved its adoption. All those in favor
19. signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it.
20. The resolution is adopted. Introduction of Bills.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senate Bill No. 5 in the First Special Session, introduced
23. by Senators Roe, Shapiro, Weaver, Glass and Soper.

24. (Secretary reads title of bill)

25. 1st reading of the bill.

26. Senate Bill No. 6 in the First Special Session, offered
27. by the...introduced by the same sponsors.

28. (Secretary reads title of bill)

29. 1st reading of the bill.

30. Senate Bill No. 7 of the First Special Session, offered
31. by Senator Roe and the Republican leadership.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill No. 8 in the First Special Session,
2. offered by the same sponsors.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill No. 9 of the First Special Session,
6. introduced by the same sponsors.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. 1st reading of the bill.
9. Senate Bill No. 10 of the First Special Session,
10. offered...introduced by the same sponsors.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. 1st reading of the bill.
13. Senate Bill No. 11 of the First Special Session,
14. introduced by the same sponsors.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill No. 12, introduced by Senators Sangmeister,
18. Kenneth Hall, Bowers, Grotberg, Philip, Demuzio and
19. Shapiro.
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 1st reading of the bill.
22. Senate Bill No. 13 of the First Special Session,
23. introduced by the same sponsors.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 1st reading of the bill.
26. Senate Bill No. 14 First Special Session, introduced
27. by Senators Bowers and Walsh.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. 1st reading of the bill.
30. Senate Bill No. 15 in the First Special Session,
31. introduced by Senators Egan and Bowers.
32. (Secretary reads title of bill)
33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill No. 16 of the First Special Session
2. offered by the same sponsors...introduced by the same sponsors.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 1st reading of the bill.

5. Senate Bill No. 17 of the First Special Session offered
6. by the same sponsors.

7. (Secretary reads title of bill)

8. 1st reading of the bill.

9. Senate...Senate Bill No. 18 cosponsored by Senators
10. Egan and Bowers.

11. (Secretary reads title of bill)

12. 1st reading of the bill.

13. Senate...Senate Bill No. 19 in the First Special
14. Session introduced by the same cosponsors.

15. (Secretary reads title of bill)

16. 1st reading of the bill.

17. Senate Bill No. 20 in the First Special Session, introduced
18. by the same cosponsors.

19. (Secretary reads title of bill)

20. 1st reading of the bill.

21. Senate Bill No. 21 of the First Special Session,
22. introduced by the same cosponsors.

23. (Secretary reads title of bill)

24. 1st reading of the bill.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. If I may have the attention of the membership. The
27. Chair would like to announce that there will be a meeting
28. of the Rules Committee in the President's Office at 11:30.
29. It is our intention to go through the three Sessions today
30. to take all of the bills that members wish to introduce
31. then we will recess each Session until immediately
32. after the completion of the Rules Committee meeting subject
33. to the call of the Chair at which time we will reconvene
34. the Session, read in the Rules Committee report, then there

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1. will be an Assignment of Bills Committee report and then we
2. will adjourn the Session pursuant to the adjournment
3. resolutions until next week. Resolutions.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, offered by Senator
6. Buzbee.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. For what purpose does Senator Buzbee arise?

9. SENATOR BUZBEE:

10. Mr. President, if I could have the attention of the
11. membership just a second. Senate Joint Resolution No.
12. 1, which I have just introduced into this Special Session,
13. deals with one of the calls of this Special Session and that
14. is the State Board of Elections. What Senate Joint Resolution
15. No. 1 would do is it would eliminate that section of the
16. Constitution which created the State Board of Elections.
17. This year, the State Board of Elections asking...asked for
18. 2.8 million dollars in their appropriation bill. We reduced
19. it to 2.6 million. The last year that the election function
20. was contained in the Index Division of the Secretary
21. of State's Office, it cost us one hundred thousand dollars.
22. And so as a result, we can see that the costs have increased
23. twenty-six times in about four years. Now, in my opinion,
24. this is not the time to debate the issue, obviously, but
25. in my opinion, the twenty-six time cost increase is certainly
26. not merited considering the political haggling and political
27. patronage hiring that's been going on in the State Board of
28. Elections both at the contractual level and at the employee
29. level. We can put it back in the Secretary of State's
30. Office and the Index Division for about a hundred to a hundred
31. and fifty thousand a year and run these elections the way
32. they're supposed to be run. So, what I'm...the reason I'm
33. making this point at this time is that I am asking anybody...
34. all of you who have complained and I've heard many of you

1. complain loud and vociferously and long about the State
2. Board of Elections. This will give you the opportunity to
3. do the ultimate. We can finally sever that unneeded body
4. from the halls of Government of Illinois and I'd
5. like to ask you to join me in cosponsoring Senate Joint
6. Resolution No. 1 which will do away with the State Board
7. of Elections and then we can statutorily put it back where
8. it can be done efficiently and without all of the
9. patronage abuse that we've seen in the present State
10. Board of Elections. Thank you.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. For what purpose does Senator Graham arise?

13. SENATOR GRAHAM:

14. I would like to arise to answer partially some of the
15. statements made by the Senator introducing the resolution.
16. I'd like to suggest, Senator Buzbee, that I have my feelings
17. about the State Board of Elections to have had in the past
18. and I'm not their great defender by any manner or means, but
19. as long as we're going to gore an animal, let's do it with
20. some finesse. Now, the hundred thousand dollars or whatever
21. you're talking about when the Index Bureau had it the last
22. time, that expense was not...did not...their obligation did not
23. incur financial disclosure and economic statements and many of
24. those other things that we voted upon ourselves because of newspaper
25. pressure and we give them that burden. Now, don't try to kid
26. anybody that wherever this thing goes, we're going to get by for
27. a hundred thousand dollars. Now, let's be fair about it.
28. And wherever this goes, whatever department it goes in, I'm
29. going to tell you, Gentlemen, if I have any idea about
30. what this is going to cost, it's going to go somewhere up near
31. a half a million dollars, whoever handles it with all the
32. problems that we've given them, all the chores we've given
33. them to do. So, as we propose these resolutions, let's
be fair about it, let's say that we've given them all these

1. other duties and it does cost more money. I'm not defending
2. anything he had done wrong, but as far as patronage goes, I
3. think, Senator Buzbee, I think your area did pretty damn
4. well with patronage, too. Thank you.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Ozinga, did you...

7. SENATOR OZINGA:

8. ...subject...

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Excuse me, Senator. We have not yet taken action on
11. that resolution. The resolution has been read. Executive
12. Committee. Senator Ozinga.

13. SENATOR OZINGA:

14. Mr. President, all that I am doing is asking for a...
15. leave to be added as a cosponsor on Senate Bills that were
16. just introduced, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. Those
17. are the crime package.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. You have heard the request. Is leave granted? Leave is
20. granted. Does any member have further business to bring before
21. the First Special Session at this time? If not, the First
22. Special Session will stand at ease subject to the call of the
23. Chair. First Special Session will please come to order.
24. Committee Reports.

25. SECRETARY:

26. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of the Assignment
27. of Bills Committee, assigns the following bills to committee:
28. Appropriations I, Senate Bill No. 13. Elections and
29. Reapportionment, Senate Bill No. 14. Judiciary II, Senate
30. Bills No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
31. 20, and 21.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Is there any further business to come before the

1. First Special Session? If not, Senator Glass moves that the
2. First Special Session stand adjourned until Wednesday at...
3. Wednesday, November 2nd, at 4:15 p.m. All those
4. in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it.
5. The First Special Session stands adjourned.
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