

80TH GENERAL SESSION

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

DECEMBER 16, 1977

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of 12:00 o'clock having arrived, the Senate
3. will please come to order for the Third Special Session.
4. Prayer will be by Doctor Thomas Luke of the First Methodist
5. Church of Springfield.

6. DOCTOR LUKE:

7. (Prayer given by Doctor Luke)

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Communications.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Kenneth Wright, Secretary of the Senate, Dear Sir.

12. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a proclamation
13. issued by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and
14. the President of the Senate calling a Special Session, the
15. 88th General Assembly to commence on December the 16th, 1977
16. at 12:00 o'clock noon, central standard time. Filed in my
17. office the 12th day of December A. D., 1977. Signed,
18. Secretary of the State, Alan J. Dixon.

19. Joint Proclamation. Whereas the Supreme Court of Illinois
20. has mandated the General Assembly and the Governor to enact
21. a new method of selection for the State Board of Elections
22. in conformity with the court's decision in Walker versus
23. State Board of Elections. And whereas the court has stated
24. its mandate five times to allow the Legislative and Executive
25. Branch time to reach agreement on a new Board of Elections
26. and has now granted a sixth extension to January the 13th, 1978,
27. only two days after the General Assembly will convene pursuant
28. to the Constitution. And whereas the court's patience has been
29. solely tired and the failure to enact a new State Board of
30. Elections by January may jeopardize the conduct of the
31. State Primary Election in March. And whereas the Governor has
32. rejected the Legislative compromise finally passed after a
33. full year of debate, thereby, regenerating a constitutional

1. crisis and leaving little time for its solution prior to
2. the court's deadline. Therefore, pursuant to Article IV,
3. Section 5B of the Constitution and in conformity with
4. Section I of an act in relation to the convening of the
5. Special Sessions of the General Assembly, Public Act
6. 77-1783. A Special Session of the 80th General Assembly
7. is hereby proclaimed and called. One, the purpose of the
8. Special Session shall be to take further action on House
9. Bill 26 of the First Special Session of the 80th General
10. Assembly. Two, the Special Session shall convene at
11. 12:00 noon on Friday, December the 16th, 1977 at the
12. State Capitol Building in Springfield. Issued this
13. twelfth day of December, 1977 at the Capitol Building in
14. Springfield. Signed, William A. Redmond, Speaker of
15. the House of Representatives, Thomas C. Hynes, President
16. of the Senate.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. We have a request from the Taxpayers Federation to
19. take still photographs. Is leave granted? Leave is
20. granted. Resolutions.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senator Joint Resolution No. 1.

23. (Secretary reads SJR No. 1)

24. Senator Rock is the sponsor.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Rock.

27. SENATOR ROCK:

28. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of
29. the Senate. I've placed with the Secretary five Senate
30. Resolutions for this Special Session. There are the ordinary
31. housekeeping resolutions which allow us to organize for the
32. purpose of this Special Session. I ask leave of this Body
33. that they all be considered as a package. I have submitted

1. a copy to Senator Shapiro. Senate Resolution 1 calls for
2. the adoption of the same rules as prevailed during the
3. 80th General Assembly. Resolution 2 calls for the same
4. standing committees and officers. Resolution 3 calls
5. for us to inform the Clerk of the House that we are ready
6. and willing to do business. Resolution 4 calls for us
7. to inform the Governor's Office that we are ready and willing
8. to do some business and Resolution 5 calls for the proceedings
9. of this...Special Session to be Journalized. I would ask
10. Mr. President, leave of this Body and ask that Senate
11. Resolutions 1 through 5, that the rules be suspended and
12. that these be considered and immediately adopted.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. You've heard the request by Senator Rock for leave
15. to consider the 5 resolutions on one motion. Is leave
16. granted? Leave is granted. Senator Rock moves that
17. the Senate adopt Resolutions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. All
18. those in favor of the motion to adopt the resolutions
19. signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it.
20. The resolutions are adopted. Senator Rock.

21. SENATOR ROCK:

22. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of
23. the Senate. As you all know you are here to address
24. ourselves to the message with respect to House Bill
25. 26, therefore we are...have to await action by the
26. House. I would move that the Senate stand in recess
27. until the hour of 1:30 so that we can find...find out
28. and finalize whatever action the House takes.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Rock, if you would hold that motion for
31. just a moment. Are there any announcements?

32. SENATOR ROCK:

33. There will be a...a meeting, I am told of the Senate

1. Operations Commission in the office of the President at
2. the hour of 1:00 o'clock.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Are there any other announcements or any other business
5. before Senator Rock puts the motion? If not, Senator Rock
6. has...Senator Soper.

7. SENATOR SOPER:

8. Thank you, Mr. President. I was wondering if we
9. could have some idea about what time we're going to come
10. back, without coming back every fifteen minutes.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Rock's motion was to recess until the time
13. of 1:30.

14. SENATOR SOPER:

15. Do you think the House is there or is anybody there,
16. does anybody know if they're in?

17. PRESIDENT:

18. No, informally we are told that the House is in
19. Session and will be prepared to act.

20. SENATOR SOPER:

21. Well, we're in Session too, but I don't think you
22. could pass ... with...with the fellows we've got here, so.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Well we have...we have the votes waiting in the wings
25. Senator.

26. SENATOR SOPER:

27. Well...well...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Rock has moved that the Senate stand in recess
30. until the hour of 1:30 p.m. All those in favor signify by
31. saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands
32. in recess.

33. RECESS

1. AFTER RECESS

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR JOHNS)

3. The Senate will come to order and the Chair recognizes
4. Senator Don Wooten. Senator Wooten.

5. SENATOR WOOTEN:

6. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we stand in
7. recess pending call of the Chair.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR JOHNS)

9. You've heard the motion, all that approved say Aye.
10. All those...the motion is approved. The Senate will stand
11. in recess until the call of the Chair.

12. RECESS

13. AFTER RECESS

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15. The Senate will come to order. Resolutions. Message
16. from the House.

17. SECRETARY:

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

19. Mr. President - I am instructed to inform the
20. Senate that the House of Representatives 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 No. 1.

24. (Secretary reads HJR No. 1)

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

26. Senator Hynes.

27. SENATOR HYNES:

28. Mr. President and members of the Senate. As you know
29. this Special Session was called for the purpose of considering
30. the Governor's Veto action with...Amendatory Veto action
31. with respect to House Bill 26. We are informed that the
32. House has attempted to override the Veto, that was unsuccess-
33. ful. s attempted to concur in the Veto, that was also

1. unsuccessful. And therefore the bill will not reach the
2. Senate for consideration. And thus we will adjourn sine
3. die this Third Special Session. Before doing that I would
4. like to wish all of the members a very happy Christmas
5. and holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 1978.
6. So, Mr. President, I would move for the adoption of the
7. adjournment resolution.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9. Senator Hynes moves for the suspension of the rules
10. for the immediate consideration and adoption of House
11. Joint Resolution 1. All those in favor signify by saying
12. Aye. All those opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules
13. are suspended. Senator Hynes now moves the adoption of
14. House Joint Resolution No. 1. All those in favor signify
15. by saying Aye. All those opposed. The Ayes have it.
16. The Senate stands adjourned.

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