

82nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. ...hour of noon having arrived the Senate will come to
3. order. Prayer by the Reverend Mason Finks, First United Methodist
4. Church, Springfield and will our guests in the galleries please
5. rise.

6. REV. MASON FINKS:

7. (Prayer given by Rev. Mason Finks)

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. The Chair is happy to note the presence of our esteemed
10. colleague and now Congressman, and I hope that you learned some-
11. thing from us to take to Washington. Lynn Martin, Congressman
12. Martin. Senator Johns. Reading of the Journal.

13. SENATOR JOHNS:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval
15. of the Journals of Wednesday, January the 14th; Thursday, January
16. the 15th; Tuesday, February the 3rd; Wednesday, February the 4th;
17. Tuesday, February the 17th; Wednesday, February the 18th; Wednesday,
18. February the 25th; and Thursday, February the 26th in the year
19. of 1981 be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21. ... heard the motion. Discussion? All in favor say Aye.
22. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion prevails. For what
23. purpose does Senator Joyce arise? Jeremiah Joyce.

24. SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

25. Mr. President, I ask leave of the Body that the record
26. reflect that I joined as a sponsor on Senate Bill 42. I have
27. permission of Senator Maitland.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Messages from the Governor.

30. SECRETARY:

31. A Message from the Governor, by Mr...by Bob Kjellander,
32. Director of Legislative Affairs.

33. Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the
34. Senate the following message.

1. To the Honorable members of the Senate, of the 81st
2. General Assembly, I have nominated and appointed the following
3. named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully
4. ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by
5. your Honorable Body.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Executive Appointments Committee. Messages from the
8. House.

9. SECRETARY:

10. A Message from the House by Mr...Leone, Clerk.

11. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
12. the House of Representatives adopted the following joint
13. resolution in the adoption of which I'm instructed to ask
14. concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

15. House Joint Resolution 10.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Executive Committee.

18. SECRETARY:

19. A Message from the House from Mr. Leone, Clerk.

20. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
21. the House of Representatives passed bills with the following
22. titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask concurrence
23. of the Senate, to-wit:

24. House Bills 60, 70, 77, 112, 125, 130, 173, and
25. 192.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Introduction of bills.

28. SECRETARY:

29. Senate Bill 183, introduced by Senator Rhoads.

30. (Secretary reads title of bill)

31. 1st reading of the bill.

32. Senate Bill 184, introduced by Senators Ozinga, Philip, and
33. Rhoads.

34. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. Senate Bill 185, introduced by Senator Dawson.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. Senate Bill 186, introduced by Senators Marovitz, D'Arco,
4. Berman, and others.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. Senate Bill 187, introduced by Senator Chew.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. Senate Bill 188, introduced by Senators Donnewald and Rock.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. Senate Bill 189, introduced by Senator Netsch.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. Senate Bill 190, introduced by the same sponsor.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. Senate Bill 191, introduced by the same sponsor.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. Senate Bill 192, introduced by Senator Thomas.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. Senate Bill 193, introduced by Senator Berning.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. Senate Bill 194, by the same sponsor.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. Senate Bill 195, by the same sponsor.
23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
24. Senate Bill 196, by the same sponsor.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. Senate Bill 197, introduced by Senator Mahar.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. Senate Bill 198, introduced by Senator Vadalabene.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. Senate Bill 199, introduced by Senator Philip.
31. (Secretary reads title of bill)
32. Senate Bill...Senate Bill 200, introduced by Senators Keats,
Shapiro, Weaver, and others.
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34. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. Senate Bill 201, introduced by the same sponsors.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. Senate Bill 202, by Senator...introduced by Senator Grotberg.
4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
5. 1st reading of the bills.
6. Senate Bill 203, introduced by Senators Nimrod, Keats,
7. Shapiro.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bill.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
11. For what purpose does Senator Bloom arise?
12. SENATOR BLOOM:
13. Thank you, Mr. President. A housekeeping matter...
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
15. Could we have some order, please?
16. SENATOR BLOOM:
17. ...inadvertently on Senate Bill 135...Senator DeAngelis'
18. name was added as a co-sponsor. I have consulted with him
19. and Senator Bowers and I would like his name removed and
20. Senator Bowers added as a co-sponsor. Senate 135.
21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
22. Senator DeAngelis would be taken off, and Senator Bowers
23. would be added. Is there leave? Leave is granted. For what
24. purpose Senator...Geo-Karis arise?
25. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:
26. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I've
27. ...conferred with Senator Chew and I have his permission to add
28. myself on as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 2.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
30. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Introduction.
31. SECRETARY:
32. Senate Bill 204, introduced by Senators Schaffer and
33. Vadalabene.
34. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. Resolutions.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate...Senate Resolution 37, offered by Senators Nash,
6. Geo-Karis, Rock and all Senators, and it's congratulatory.

7. Senate Resolution 38, offered by Senator Vadalabene and
8. it's congratulatory.

9. Senate Resolution 39, offered by Senators Lemke, Nash,
10. and others and it's congratulatory.

11. Senate Resolution 40, offered by Senator Degnan and it's
12. congratulatory.

13. Senate Resolution 41, offered by Senators Nimrod, Philip,
14. Vadalabene, and others and it's congratulatory.

15. Senate Resolution 42, offered by Senator Philip and all
16. Senators and it's congratulatory.

17. Senate Resolution 43,...Senate Joint Resolution 15, offered
18. by Senators Philip and Bowers and it's congratulatory.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Resolutions Consent Calendar. Senator Savickas. May I
21. have the attention of the Body, please? Senator Rock.

22. SENATOR ROCK:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. The Governor has requested
24. our presence in the other Chamber at the hour of 12:30. I
25. understand that...the Speaker has informed me that they have sent
26. over a joint resolution requesting our presence in Joint Session
27. for the purpose of the budget. I think we probably ought to, at
28. this moment, go to that order of business, get that done and we
29. will reconvene here. We will recess until the hour of three
30. o'clock, so I hope everybody will be back here at three o'clock.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Resolutions. Message from the House.

33. SECRETARY:

34. A Message from the House by Mr. Leone, Clerk.

1. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
2. that the House of Representatives has adopted the following
3. joint resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to
4. ask concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

5. House Joint Resolution 11.

6. (Secretary reads HJR 11)

7. Senator Rock will handle this.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. Alright. Senator...Savickas moves the adoption of the
10. resolution. All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have
11. it. The joint resolution is adopted. Senator Rock.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Thank you, Mr. President. We will meet at the front door
14. of the House Chamber. The committee to escort the Governor will
15. consist of Senators Etheredge, Thomas, Dawson, Johns and Taylor,
16. and they will please...convene at the front door and meet the
17. Governor when he is ready.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. Alright. A motion by Senator Vadalabene that the Senate stand
20. in recess until the hour of three o'clock. On the motion to
21. recess, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it.
22. The Senate stands in recess until the hour of 3:00 p.m.

23. RECESS

24. AFTER RECESS

25. PRESIDENT:

26. The Senate will come to order. Introduction of bills.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Senate Bill 205, introduced by Senators Nash, Rock, Savickas,
29. and others.

30. (Secretary reads title of bill)

31. 1st reading of the bill.

32. Senate Bill 206, introduced by the same sponsors.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. Senate Bill 207, introduced by the same sponsors.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. Senate Bill 208, introduced by Senator Berning.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. PRESIDENT:
8. Resolutions.
9. SECRETARY:
10. Senate Resolution 42 is commendatory.
11. PRESIDENT:
12. Consent Calendar.
13. SECRETARY:
14. Senate Resolution 43, introduced by Senators Nimrod,
15. Vadalabene, Philip, and others.
16. PRESIDENT:
17. Executive. Senator Savickas, for what purpose do you
18. arise?
19. SENATOR SAVICKAS:
20. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I seek leave...
21. to have Senate Resolution No. 27 read in full for the record as
22. ...today is the birthday of Casimir Pulaski, a great Polish leader,
23. and I would like commemorate it by reading this resolution in
24. full.
25. PRESIDENT:
26. You have heard the Senator's request. Is leave granted?
27. Leave is granted. Senator Savickas.
28. SENATOR SAVICKAS:
29. Yes, Mr. President, Senate Resolution No. 27 reads as
30. follows.
31. (Senator Savickas reads SR 27)
32. PRESIDENT:
33. Any discussion? Senator Lemke.

1. SENATOR LEMKE:

2. Mr. President and fellow members of the Senate. In 1973
3. I was responsible, while I was a House member, to pass this
4. resolution with the late Norbert...Senator Norby Kosinski, to
5. honor Casimir Pulaski, a noted patriot in the United States.
6. Pulaski was not only a Polish immigrant or a Polish citizen,
7. Pulaski was a...man that came and ironically fought the Russians
8. ...in the 1700's was displaced...fought in the Balkans and came
9. out of Debtor's Prison in France and was brought here as...by
10. Silas Deane and the late Ben Franklin...were noted people.
11. To tell you something about a young man, who fought communism
12. or fought the Russian tyranny, we should say,...in Poland and
13. at the age of...at the age of twenty, saved the shrine of...of
14. the Bright Mound and a monastery there from the Russians sacking
15. it and attacking it, came to this country as a man who could
16. speak little English, spoke only Polish. But he came and was
17. introduced to...to...President...at that time, General George
18. Washington, who at that time entered a battle...near Brandywine
19. and was on the retreat from General Howe after he was defeated
20. and lost many troops. At this point was the turning point in
21. river...Revolutionary War. And I ask you all to listen to this...
22. because it's very important. If it wasn't...for Pulaski with
23. his band of two hundred men charging General Howe, there would
24. be no United States. George Washington would have been defeated
25. at the Battle of Brandywine. And going on to this history he
26. also structured and fathered the...the...what we call now the
27. American Cavalry. Cause after...after...he won the Battle of
28. Brandywine and saved Washington's neck, he was made General of
29. the Horse, Commander of the Horse, which means Commander of the
30. Cavalry. He went on with his own wealth, formed his own troops...
31. and fought throughout the Revolutionary War on his own expense.
32. He went down to Savannah...and when Savannah, Georgia was ready
33. to surrender to the British, Pulaski and his broken English went

1. there and told them not to surrender, that he would protect the
2. town and he would save it. And that happened. In the
3. Revolutionary War, Pulaski saved Savannah, but at the age of
4. thirty-two lost his life and died on the WASP...on October 11th.
5. Pulaski not only symbolizes...Polonia, but Pulaski symbolizes
6. those many Polish-Americans...that have died in the wars,
7. World War II, World War III, at a very young age, who fought
8. the battle of tyranny. Pulaski was a soldier of liberty, but
9. also a soldier of freedom. Pulaski...went on to fame only in...by
10. losing his life at a very young age and I think he...he's
11. symbolic of many Polish and Slavic Americans in this country
12. and is fitted...that we recognize this man in this State with
13. a tribute to him by making the first Monday of March a holiday
14. for him. I think it symbolizes, not only Pulaski, but the
15. near...million Poles that live in the State of Illinois, or
16. people of Polish descent. We...in Polonia, in a Slavic America
17. would like to do recognition for our people as other ethnic
18. groups have and we ask this and we ask that this...this be
19. brought into effect so that we are given the same tribute
20. and that the first Monday of March is always set aside as a
21. legal holiday for Pulaski and other Polish-Americans. Thank
22. you.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

24. Further discussion? Message from the House.

25. SECRETARY:

26. A Message from the House...Mr. Leone, Clerk.

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

31. House Bills 15, 55, 99, 190, 197.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

33. Introduction of bills.

1. SECRETARY:

2. Senate Bill 209, introduced by Senators Friedland, Sangmeister,
3. Weaver and others.

4. (Secretary reads title of bill)

5. 1st reading of the bill.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. Committee Reports.

8. SECRETARY:

9. Senator Johns, Chairman of the Committee on Committees,
10. report the following committees of the 82nd General Assembly
11. which committees shall constitute the full standing committees.
12. Agriculture, Conservation, Energy; Appropriations I; Appropriations
13. II; Assignment of Bills; Education, Elementary and Secondary;
14. Education, Higher; Election and Reapportionments; Executive;
15. Executive Appointments and Administration; Finance and Credit
16. Regulations; Insurance and Licensed Activities; Judiciary I;
17. Judiciary II; Labor and Commerce; Local Government; Public
18. Health, Welfare and Corrections; Revenue; and Transportation.
19. Signed March 4th, '81, Senator Johns.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. Senator Johns.

22. SENATOR JOHNS:

23. ...President, I move for the adoption of the report.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25. Is there discussion? Senator Walsh.

26. SENATOR WALSH:

27. Mr. President and my fellow Senators, this Committee Report
28. is on the desk of all the members and I think if the members will
29. note the committee ratio provided for in this report is..., is
30. somewhat lopsided, to say the least. It would provide for a...a
31. seven to four ratio on...on most of the key committees and a
32. ...three member plurality or majority on every committee, I
33. believe, except two. It would seem to me that in view of the

1. ...fact that the Senate is thirty to twenty-nine in numbers,
2. that the committee ratio should be no more than five to four,
3. six to five, seven to six, whatever, so since the full Senate
4. must approve the committee structure, it would seem to me that
5. ...out of fairness and...and equity that we should have a...
6. a ratio that is much more in line with the actual membership of
7. the Senate. I have...submitted, Mr. President, to the...
8. Secretary a Motion in Writing, which would provide that the
9. committees be constituted in...in this fashion, namely a one
10. vote...majority, and I would hope, Mr. President, that we
11. could...act on my motion...as a substitute to the Committee
12. Report submitted by Senator Johns. And I would request, Mr.
13. President, a roll call at the appropriate time.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

15. The question before us is on the adoption of the Committee
16. Report on the...on the Committee on Committees. And...that's
17. the position that the Chair will take at this time. Senator
18. Rock.

19. SENATOR ROCK:

20. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
21. Senate. As you well know, in 1970 the people of this State
22. voted for a new Constitution for our State Government, and in
23. 1972 we held the first election, under that new Constitution,
24. and in 1973 we were the beneficiary of the fact that the
25. Lieutenant Governor no longer served as presiding officer
26. and that we, as elected members of the Senate, chose from
27. amongst our ranks one who was entitled the President. And the
28. President in 1973, the very first President, under the 1970
29. Constitution, happened to be a member of the Republican Party,
30. and his name was Bill Harris. And he was the very first President
31. of this Illinois Senate. And when he submitted his Committee
32. on Committee Reports, there was a three vote ratio, although
33. the Republican Party enjoyed thirty members and the Democratic

1. Party enjoyed twenty-nine members. The precedent is adequately
2. and firmly established. That ratio has continued in 1975, in
3. 1977, in 1979 and in '75 and '77 in particular, the Democrats
4. enjoyed a much greater majority than we now enjoy and yet
5. the ratio stayed the same, because of that precedent that
6. was set by the very first President of the Illinois Senate.
7. It seems to me that if we are serious about going about the
8. business of this State, we ought to get to it. We cannot,
9. as you well know, adequately function unless the committees
10. are established, notices are sent out, and we start holding
11. meetings. And if this dilatory tactic continues, we will
12. just frankly wait until we have all thirty people here on this
13. side and then we'll take another roll call. I think, frankly,
14. you're just spinning your wheels and I would ask for an Aye
15. vote.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

17. Senator Geo-Karis.

18. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

19. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate...I
20. don't think it's a dilatory tactic at all...tactic at all
21. on our part, I think it's a matter of fair play. We have
22. twenty-nine Republicans, thirty Democrats, you have won the
23. battle, fine. Can't we work more together and have it a more
24. equitable distribution of committee members? I note the
25. list we have seven and four, seven and four, seven Democrats
26. and four Republicans, you'll still have the majority of having
27. one more than we. Why don't do...a little more equitable
28. distribution of it and be fair to us? I think...better
29. for you, to the public, if both Democrats and Republicans
30. work together in being fair to each other, no matter what
31. has been done in the past. This is a new administration and
32. I think this is a new era, so let's try and work together with
33. a little more equitable distribution. I submit it isn't
34. very fair the way it stands.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. Senator Savickas.

3. SENATOR SAVICKAS:

4. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I
5. join in support of Senator Rock's motion. We've...witnessed
6. these delaying tactics by the Republican Party throughout our
7. opening Session. Now if...since they couldn't steal the
8. presidency, now they want to...delay the operation of the
9. business of the Senate by...changing the percentages that
10. have been normally...adhered to throughout the Senate in these
11. last Sessions and the House, itself, and the House Republican
12. members, themselves, follow a basic percentage ratio, such as
13. this. I see nothing wrong with it. I think we should quit fooling
14. the public, get on to the business, because no business can be
15. conducted until we adopt...the committee structure rules, we
16. can assign the bills to the committees, and proceed with the
17. business of the people. So I would urge the adoption of the
18. Committee Report.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. Senator Shapiro.

21. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

22. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I
23. want to address my remarks to the Majority Leader,...Senator
24. Rock. I feel, Senator, that it is now approximately eight years
25. since the first President of this Body used a ratio that is...
26. close to this one. But times have changed, and I think that it
27. is no more fair than to give the minority a one vote ratio on
28. the committee structure of whatever you want to use for your-
29. selves, but for our side to have it one vote less. As I said
30. earlier, it is no more than fair, it's something that we
31. would have done had we...kept the podium and we have the ^onotes
32. and that to prove it. And in closing, Mr. President, I would
33. like to admonish the majority side to conduct a roll call if

1. there's any motion to adjourn.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

3. Senator Lemke.

4. SENATOR LEMKE:

5. Mr. President and fellow Senators. When I came here in
6. 1973 as a young Representative, I was under the jurisdiction
7. of Bob Blair, who was very fair. I also was under the
8. jurisdiction of such people like Bill Harris, who was very
9. fair, Hudson Sours, very fair, I mean we got a lot of
10. guys, very fair people. We still had the proxy system, you
11. know, used to put them in your pocket and you'd kill bills.
12. That was all...all under the thing. Now I have been under
13. the Democratic system for...since we have been in charge of
14. both Houses for a period of time. And I noticed that, you
15. know, we never look at the sponsorship of who a bill is
16. sponsored by, like Hudson Sours did in that...I mean there's
17. certain committees that's...that's true on. But I'm talking
18. about other committees. Now we look at the House of Repre-
19. sentatives in 1981...I forgot, I think the Speaker came in
20. with me by the name of George Ryan. He's very fair to the
21. Democrats over there. You know...if...if the Republican
22. Party is going to keep these tactics going, all it's going
23. to do is make the Democratic Party on this side of the aisle
24. a little more cohesive. Togetherness is going to be around and
25. maybe...there won't be any Republican bills passed. I know
26. if I was the President of...Senate, I would play fair. And
27. what's good for one House, is good for another House. So,
28. I mean you guys better start putting some pressure on Mr. Ryan
29. to start treating Mr. Madigan a little fair. Because I'll
30. tell you this...when we have a Democratic caucus, my proposal is
31. if...the Speaker of the House, who's a Republican, continues
32. ...continues to treat Democrats in the House unfairly, then
33. I think it's time that Senators should take the same policy.

1. And since there's less of us, it'll be a more cohesive force
2. and we'll accomplish our purpose. And at that point, we can
3. also direct that to the man on the second floor, who likes
4. to make publicity and do a lot of things, that if he expects
5. some programs done, that are his Republican programs, then
6. he's going to have to get along with people and people on
7. both sides of...the rotunda are going to have to be treated
8. fairly. Now, he can do this very simply, by talking to some
9. of the committeemen and...committee...chairmen and the members
10. on those committees in the House to let those Democratic bills
11. out of the House Committees and on the Floor and pass them
12. here in the Senate. Now, if he's not going to do that and
13. the Republican leadership is not going to do that, then I
14. think what is finally going to happen in the State of Illinois,
15. the people are going to be treated fair, because there will be
16. no legislation passed and instead of having six and seven
17. thousand bills, there'll be nothing passed, we'll have no
18. appropriations of the State and they won't have to pay any
19. taxes either. So that's...if that's maybe the best thing
20. that can happen to us. So you guys better start thinking
21. of what you're going to do. Because anything you're going
22. to do, is just going to make this side of the aisle more
23. cohesive against that side of the aisle. And if you want
24. that kind of ballgame, which we haven't had in the Senate
25. since...since Cecil Partee, Senator Hynes, and Senator Rock
26. were President of this Body, we'd get back to that same old
27. ball game, we'd go back to the proxy system. You know, just give
28. me the proxies and we'll go back to them.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

30. Senator Rhoads.

31. SENATOR RHOADS:

32. Mr. President, the only reason I rise is that Senator Rock
33. in his remarks, I know he did not intend to, I'm sure he did
34. not intend to, but he did leave out a very critical two year

1. period and...and he knows...he knows better because he was here
2. then. And that was the period 1971 and 1972, and Senator Bruce
3. was here then, Senator Savickas, Senator Donnewald and others.
4. The Presiding Officer was Lieutenant Governor Paul Simon.
5. We were still operating under the 1870 Constitution, we had
6. fifty-eight Senatorial Districts, we were split down the middle
7. twenty-nine and twenty-nine. Senator Partee, although he was
8. not President of the Senate, was Democratic Majority Leader
9. with the aide of the Chair of Lieutenant Governor Paul Simon
10. and it was he...it was he, Senator Partee, not Senator Harris,
11. who instituted the first lopsided majorities, which had no
12. relation to proportional representation. And if the press
13. wants to check the record, it's there. Go back when Senator
14. Arrington and Senator Bidwell and other Republican members
15. were the Presidents Pro Tem of the Senate. If it...Senators,
16. ...if you want to cackle or something, fine, but if you want
17. to check the record, you'll find out that I'm right. We had
18. proportional representation prior to 1971. Senator Bruce and
19. Senator Rock may not know that because they weren't members
20. at that time. But we did have proportional representation.
21. The only time we had lopsided majorities were in those happy
22. days of 1966, when Republicans had about thirty-six Senators
23. over here. But elsewhere it was proportional representation.
24. You need only check the record for about a hundred years prior
25. to that time to find out that what I'm saying is true. So don't
26. try to lay it off on Senator Harris. It was Senator Partee
27. who started this game in 1971.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
29. Senator Grotberg.

30. SENATOR GROTEBERG:

31. Thank you, Mr. President and fellow members. I almost
32. get the feeling like we're starting to work...the first time
33. the microphones have been on and this is March the 4th, first

1. time anything is happening and I would think, Mr. President
2. and the wonderful gentlemen of the majority, and you're all
3. great guys, but you should be so thankful that we unified you
4. and handed you back the gavel, that you would do almost anything
5. to make us happy over here. Because without us you...we would
6. still be taking roll calls. And I really deeply feel, sincerely,
7. that...that the proportional representation, the time is now,
8. I've only got one hundred and eighty-nine thousand people out there
9. waiting for us to go to work. And we...we gladly obeyed the
10. Supreme Court and gave you back the gavel and any time you
11. want to open the store, let's go, but let's do it on a fair
12. and proportional basis.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

14. Senator Ozinga.

15. SENATOR OZINGA:

16. Mr. President, I rise not to continue this argument, but
17. I do...would like to know just how many votes is this going
18. to take to pass? Majority of those voting on the question or
19. a majority of those duly elected Senators?

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. The former is correct.

22. SENATOR OZINGA:

23. Majority of those voting on the question.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25. That is correct.

26. SENATOR OZINGA:

27. Okay, I would move the previous question.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. Well, Senator Chew just...didn't put his light on as yet
30. but he's been waiting for...recognition, so the Chair recognizes
31. Senator Chew.

32. SENATOR CHEW:

33. Mr. President and members of the Senate, not to prolong
34. this...but I was fortunate or unfortunate to serve under

1. the great Senator Russell Arrington, as Senator Rhoads mentioned.
2. And I shall never forget on one day Arrington got up out of his
3. seat and said, "I make the laws of the State of Illinois, you
4. vote as I tell you, because we have enough votes without you."
5. One of the grandest men I've ever known, outside of the Body
6. of this Senate, but in this Senate he did what he wanted because
7. he had his votes. Now, as far as handing us the gavel, you
8. haven't given us a damn thing. The people of the State of
9. Illinois elected thirty Democratic Senators...thirty Democratic
10. Senators and in our absence, and I happened to have been in the
11. hospital, then you try to take it, but we hold no malice in
12. our hearts, we're all working for the same people...we're all
13. working for the same people and on this issue you take it or
14. you leave it. And if you don't want to vote for it, we still
15. love you madly and the same watering holes we've been going to,
16. we're going to continue to go to them. But don't make no
17. idol out of Senator Arrington, because he's the roughest thing
18. I've ever seen, unless it was Tom Mix. So, I will adhere to
19. Senator Ozinga's request, and let's have roll call if you so
20. desire.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

22. Senator Hall.

23. SENATOR HALL:

24. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
25. Senate, I'll be very brief. If you remember and if you recall,
26. that what Senator Rock said, was that the first President of the
27. Senate under the new Constitution was Senator Harris. I'd like
28. to tell you Senator Rhoads, I was here, and Partee, when he was
29. Majority Leader, we were not operating at that time as a President
30. Pro Tem, we were not operating under the '70 Constitution.
31. So get your...get your story straight...get your story straight...
32. or it was not...I heard you and I can quote you verbatim. The point
33. that what we're saying is this, that we're simply adhering to the

1. rules that the first President of the Senate under the 1970
2. Constitution was President Harris and he set the guidelines
3. and we adhered to it. And that's all we...simply asking
4. let's be fair.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

6. Senator Marovitz.

7. SENATOR MAROVITZ:

8. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Just a quick rhetorical
9. question. I wonder if the election...invalid election of
10. Senator Shapiro had held, if the Democratic majority would
11. have been given a majority on all the committees under those
12. circumstances?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

14. Senator Walsh.

15. SENATOR WALSH:

16. I...just a question, Mr. President, on my motion that's
17. on the Secretary's desk. Were you going to...recognize that
18. as a substitute motion...

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. No.

21. SENATOR WALSH:

22. ...are you going to...will there be a vote on that then after
23. ...after this...after this roll call, then can there be a vote
24. on my motion if this fails to prevail?

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

26. We'll consider that after this is considered. Alright.
27. The question...is there further discussion? The...the question
28. is shall the Senate adopt the Committee Report. Those voting
29. ...those voting...favor vote Aye. Those opposed Nay.
30. Voting is open. Have all those voted who wish? Have all those
31. voted who wish? Take the record. Senator Rock moves to post-
32. pone consideration. Consideration is postponed. Senator Rock
33. now moves to adjourn the Senate to ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

1. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed Nay. The
2. Senate stands adjourned.
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