

82ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 14, 1982

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

(Machine cut off)...the Senate will come to order. Prayer...prayer today by Father Paul Habing of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Springfield, Illinois. And will our guests in the galleries please rise.

FATHER PAUL HABING:

(Prayer given by Father Habing)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Reading of the Journal.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Thursday, May 6th, 1982, twelve o'clock noon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Johns.

SENATOR JOHNS:

Mr. President, I move the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Are there additions or corrections? You've heard the motion, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion prevails. Senator Johns.

SENATOR JOHNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, May the 11th; Wednesday, May the 12th, and Thursday, May the 13th, in the year of 1982 be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

You've heard the motion. Discussion of the motion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion prevails. Committee reports.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Senator Buzbee, the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations II reports Senate Bills 1524, 1525 and 1596 with the recommendation the bills Do Pass. Senate Bills 1361,

1364, 1397, 1406, 1409, 1410, 1414, 1417, 1422, 1427 and 1428
with the recommendation the bills Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has acceded to the request of the Senate for a First Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses in regard to Senate Amendment No. 3 to a bill of the following title.

House Bill 2211.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the Speaker of the House has appointed as such committee on the part of the House, Representative J. J. Wolf, Telcser, Peters, Matijevich and McClain. Action taken by the House May 13, 1982. Anthony J. Leone, Clerk of the House.

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

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

House Bill 2234, 2238, 2242, 2246, 2261, 2284, 2286, 2303, 2334, 2335, 2340, 2357, 2394, 2397, 2406, 2416, 2417, 2432, 2439, 2473, 2474, 2277, 2495, 2500, 2504, 2505, 2507, 2508, 2513, 2516, 2521, 2536 and 2539.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

For what purpose does Senator Grotberg arise?

SENATOR GROTERBERG:

For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President, that Senator Nimrod is in Washington on official business...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Our Journal will reflect his absence due to official business. Senator Jeremiah Joyce. Senator Jeremiah Joyce.

SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we go out of the Order of Regular Business to Motions in Writing for the purpose of considering a motion that I have filed with the Clerk to take from Executive Committee House Bill 57 for immediate consideration at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Well, we're going to go into recess. Perhaps you could talk to Senator Rock about that in his office for right now and we'll...we'll get back to that, I'm sure, soon, very soon. The...the Conference Committee that will be considering House Bill 2...2211 will be meeting at nine-thirty, and because of that, and their deliberation will take just awhile, Senator Collins moves that the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 10:00 a.m. this morning. On the motion to recess, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands in recess until the hour of ten this morning.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

The Senate will come to order. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions? Leave is granted. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Joint Resolution No. 84, and Senator Davidson is the sponsor, and it's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there leave to place this resolution upon the Resolution Consent Calendar? Leave is granted. Leave to go to the Order of...House Bills 1st Reading? Leave is granted. House bills 1st reading.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 1955 by Senators Marovitz and Netsch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2077, Senator Vadalabene.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2091, Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2146, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2167, Senator Savickas.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2181, Senator Sangmeister-DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

House Bill 2511, Senator Chew.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, have any Senators filed objections to any of the resolutions upon the Resolution Consent Calendar?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No objections have been filed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Degnan moves the adoption of the resolutions...Resolution Consent Calendar. On the motion, is there discussion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolutions are adopted. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Senate Joint Resolution No. 94 offered by Senator Rock.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 94)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Rock is recognized.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the adjournment resolution. At the close of our business today, which will be very shortly, I hope, we will return to Springfield next Tuesday at the hour of two o'clock. And I would move for the suspension of the rules and the immediate consideration and adoption of this...joint resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Motion is to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption. On the motion to suspend, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. On the motion to adopt, discussion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Is there leave to go to the Order of Conference Committee Reports? Leave is granted. Conference Committee reports. We have some copies of the Conference Committee report at the Secretary's desk. If any member would like to have a copy, I think it will be...fully explained and debated. We have not printed copies for each and every member. Conference Committee report on House Bill 2211. Senator Schaffer is recognized for a motion.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President and members of the Senate, the Conference Committee met several minutes ago...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

May we have some order please. Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

...the Conference Committee which is before the Senate was signed by all ten members which, I think, is worthy of

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note. It basically maintains the 19.7 million dollars for general assistance at the one forty-four level and reduces the supplemental for the Department of Revenue by approximately one hundred and four thousand dollars, thereby, effectively delaying the addition of one class of auditors and collectors of approximately eighty people one month, from June 'til July, assuming that we choose to put the money in the FY '83 budget to continue this expansion, which I believe there's a good argument for. I think it's a reasonable compromise. In all candor, I suspect the departments probably had the brakes on for a couple weeks while this debate went on. I think it's something that everybody in both sides of the aisle and both Houses can live with. I would like to acknowledge the help and cooperation from my leadership on this side, and I would also like to particularly acknowledge President Rock's very responsible role in this solution to these two major crises facing the State. I think the Senate's, if you will, calmer, more bi-partisan approach has brought the...this solution to its final passage stage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just to reiterate Senator Schaffer's comments, this was a...what I feel, is an excellent compromise of what had been some hard and fast positions on all sides of the issue, and this compromise does, in fact, allow the checks for general assistance to go out. I understand they have, in fact, been drafted and are prepared, there will be no delay, and at the same time, it says to the Department of Revenue that they cannot start their June class as they had anticipated, and we have committed to reviewing those additional eighty in the budgetary process as we normally would. I do believe that I can represent to this side of the aisle that this meets with

the approbation of all of the members of the Conference Committee and all of those who had been interested on the House side in the results of our discussions. And I would urge support of Conference Committee Report No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would certainly rise to support the Conference Committee on House Bill 2211. And I'd also would like to thank Senator Rock for conducting himself as a Statesman, not as a partisan politician. I can't say that about some of the other people who were in on the negotiations, but I'm very happy at the end result, and I take my hat off to you, Senator Rock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Well, yes, Mr. President, I was all prepared to vote for this, but after all of these laudatory comments coming the other side of the aisle about Senator Rock, I'm...I'm...me thinks there is something afloat here that we didn't know about. No, I...I am obviously rising in...in support of the compromise and like the others, think it was a...a good solution, and I think we did, in fact, in this Chamber, both sides of the aisle, conduct ourselves in a Statesman-like manner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Alright. Channel 20 and Associated Press and UPI has sought leave to film the proceedings. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Totten, further discussion?

SENATOR TOTTEN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I wonder in view of this conciliatory attitude if

Senator Berman would retract his remarks from yesterday on this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Today's a new day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Further discussion? The question is, shall the Senate adopt the First Conference Committee report on House Bill 21...2211. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 51, the Nays are none, none Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the First Conference Committee report to House Bill 2211, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Savickas, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SAVICKAS:

My switch was turned off and I'd like the record to show that I would have voted for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Alright. Alright, the electronic transcription will so indicate. And another television station, Channel 20 requests leave to film and we've already given leave, in fact, I'm informed. Senator Nedza, the cameras are now rolling.

SENATOR NEDZA:

Well, it's not the cameras that was my problem, it was my switch because it was off, and I would also like to be recorded as Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

The electronic transcript will indicate your desire. Further discussion? Further business to come before the

Senate? (Machine cut-off)...Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Well, I just have a...parliamentary inquiry. My seatmate has been at work on my microphone apparently. And that is, should we not be in the position of waiting to make sure that the House goes along with this Conference Committee report, because if...if...if they don't, we're in deep water again and...and I suspect that they are, but we don't know that for sure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Well, those who have sung the praises of Senator Rock so aptly today have also indicated the House is in agreement with the Senate compromise.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

No, I...I understand that, that they are in agreement, but what happens if they..something goes awry over there as tends to happen once in awhile, and they don't...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Alright. Well,...I've got two Parliamentarians. I'll...I'll get to it...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would move that we stand adjourned until Tuesday at two o'clock. I think the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Motion is to adjourn. Discussion of the motion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands adjourned 'til May the 18th at the hour of two o'clock. Tuesday, May 18th two...2:00 p.m.