

82ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 30, 1981

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

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

6. REVEREND FINKS:

7. (Prayer given by Reverend Finks)

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. Reading of the Journal.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Friday, October the 16th, 1981.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Senator Johns.

14. SENATOR JOHNS:

15. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journal just
16. read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has
17. additions or corrections to offer.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. Are there additions or corrections? The motion is to
20. adopt the Journal. Those in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay.
21. The Ayes have it, the Journal is adopted. Senator Johns.

22. SENATOR JOHNS:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval
24. of the Journals of Wednesday, October the 28th and Thursday,
25. October the 29th, in the year of 1981, be postponed pending
26. arrival of the printed Journals.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Heard the motion. Discussion? All in favor say Aye.
29. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion prevails.

30. Messages from the House.

31. SECRETARY:

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

33. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate

1. the House of Representatives has adopted the following Joint
2. Resolutions, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask
3. the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

4. House Joint Resolutions 27, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. For what purpose does Senator Schaffer arise?

7. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

8. Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege. I'd like
9. to introduce a couple of my constituents in the gallery...Bob
10. Landborn and his wife, Elena, from McHenry. Mr. Landborn is
11. the Executive Director of our Pioneer Center for the developmentally
12. Disabled and a good friend.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. Would our guests in the galleries please rise and be recognized.
15. House Joint Resolution 27 will be referred to the Senate Executive
16. Committee. And Senator Nimrod will act as the...as the Senate
17. sponsor on House Joint Resolution 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60,
18. and Senator Nimrod asks leave of the Senate to place those on
19. the Resolution Consent Calendar for consideration today. Is there
20. leave? Leave is granted. It will be placed on that order of
21. business. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions
22. Consent Calendar? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, have any
23. Senators filed objections...

24. SECRETARY:

25. No objections.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. ...to any resolutions placed on that or added this morning?

28. SECRETARY:

29. No objection has been filed, Mr. President.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

31. Senator Nimrod moves the adoption of the Resolution Consent
32. Calendar. On the motion to adopt, is there discussion? All in
33. favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Resolution.

1. Consent Calendar is adopted. Committee reports.

2. SECRETARY:

3. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills Committee,
4. assigns the following Senate Bills to committee:

5. Local Government - Senate Bills 1273 and 1270; Insurance -
6. Senate Bill 1271.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Senator Vadalabene. Is there leave to go to the Order of
9. Resolutions? Resolutions.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Resolution 363 offered by Senator Berman.

12. Senate Resolution 364 offered by...Senate Joint Resolution,
13. rather,...66 offered...Constitutional Amendment offered by
14. Senators Bloom, Buzbee, Totten, Degnan and others.

15. And Senate Joint Resolution 67 offered by Senator Buzbee.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Executive Committee. Committee reports.

18. SECRETARY:

19. Senator Vadalabene, Chairman of the Committee on Executive
20. Appointments, Veterans Affairs and Administration, to which
21. was referred the Governor's Message of October the 23rd, 1981,
22. reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate
23. advise and consent to the following appointments.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. Senator Vadalabene.

26. SENATOR VADALABENE:

27. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.
28. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session
29. for the purpose of acting on the Governor's appointment set
30. forth in the Governor's Message of October 23, 1981.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. On the motion to resolve ourselves in Executive Session,
33. discussion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes

1. have it. The Senate is now in Executive Session. Senator
2. Vadalabene.

3. SENATOR VEDALABENE:

4. Yes, at the outset let me make this announcement. In
5. regard to a memo from the Office of the Governor to the members
6. of the Senate from Steven D. McClure, dated October 29th, 1981,
7. and the subject is Corrine Franklin. "Due to an error in the
8. appointment date, please remove Corrine Franklin from the
9. October 23rd, 1981 Governor's Message to the Senate on Executive
10. Appointments. Also, please do not consider her at the October
11. 30, 1981 hearing."

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. The letter will be read into the record. We...and will
14. be journalized.

15. SENATOR VADALABENE:

16. Thank you, Mr...Thank you, Mr. President and members
17. of the Senate. With respect to the Governor's Message of
18. October 23rd, 1981, I will read the unsalaried appointments
19. to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans
20. Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate advise
21. and consent. After reading those appointments, I intend to
22. ask leave to consider all of the unsalaried appointments on
23. one roll call, unless any Senator has objection to any particular
24. appointment.

25. To be members of the Southwest Regional Port District
26. Board for a term expiring June 30, 1984, James E. Barker of
27. Lovejoy and Norman A. Viner of Cahokia.

28. To be members of the Kaskaskia Regional Port District
29. Board for a term expiring June 30, 1984, Spencer F. Brown
30. of Chester and Viola Ann Patterson of Chester.

31. And to be a member of the Board of Natural Resources and
32. Conservation for a term expiring January 17, 1983, Dr. Robert
33. L. Metcalf of Urbana.

1. And to be a member of the Law Enforcement Merit Board for
2. a term expiring March 21st, 1983, Harry Orr Jr. of Rock Island.

3. And to be a member of the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
4. for a term expiring June 30th, 1984, Mary Chase Pell of Evanston.

5. And to be a member of the Commission for Economic Development
6. for a term expiring June 30th, 1983, Verl Schuft of Decatur.

7. And to be a member of the Waukegan Port District Board
8. for a term expiring May 31st, 1987, Robert J. Weismantel of
9. Waukegan.

10. And to be a member of the Children and Family Services
11. Advisory Council for a term expiring January 21st, 1985, Betty
12. Williams of Evanston.

13. And to be a member of the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition
14. Board for a term expiring May 31st, 1986, Anton R. Valukas of
15. Evanston.

16. And Mr. President, having read the unsalaried appointments,
17. I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll
18. call, unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Is there objection to any of the appointments just made
21. so that we might consider these on one roll call? Hearing
22. no objection, that will be the order. Senator Vadalabene.
23. SENATOR VADALABENE:

24. Thank you, Mr. President. Will you put the question as
25. required by our rules.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. The question is, shall the Senate advise and consent to
28. the appointments just made. Those in favor vote Aye. Those
29. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who
30. wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
31. question, the Ayes are 39, the Nays are none, none Voting
32. Present. The Senate does advise and consent to the appointments
33. just made. Senator Vadalabene.

1. SENATOR VADALABENE:

2. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.

3. I now move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

5. The motion is that the Senate do arise. On the motion all
6. in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate
7. does arise from Executive Session. Senator Keats, for what
8. purpose do you arise?

9. SENATOR KEATS:

10. A point of personal privilege; Mr. President.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. State your point.

13. SENATOR KEATS:

14. Thank you. I had received a postcard in the mail and I
15. just wanted to read it and then perhaps we could get a response.
16. There was no return address, but it says, "Dear Senator Roger
17. Keats. You are probably not aware of the secret purchase by
18. the...desperately broke CTA of the former Litsinger-Ford show-
19. room properties located at 1200 West Washington Boulevard for
20. a price rumored to be way over four million dollars.
21. Ford went out of business over two years ago and Mr. Litsinger, a real
22. big Democrat, was stuck paying taxes on his white elephant.
23. But in Chicago...when you got clout like Alderman Eugene Ray,
24. you arrange to sell your property to a government body. Isn't
25. the Mayor concerned that Chicago lost these property taxes now
26. that CTA bought the Litsinger property. How much actually did
27. CTA pay for this slum property? The whole area is designated
28. an urban renewal blight area. How much have we taxpayers been
29. fleeced? How much kickback did Litsinger have to pay back to
30. get the deal to jell? CTA didn't really need the garage space,
31. I know, because I'm one of the laid off CTA workers that knows
32. all about this sham. They lay off the workers, but keep on
33. the deadbeats and ghost payrollers with their big pay checks.
34. Disgusted ex-worker." Now this took place before Ted Schuster

1. took over. I made a call to two of my contacts of the CTA,
2. who will remain nameless or they won't be at the CTA very
3. long, and they both sounded like they'd just been caught
4. in a bankrobbery with a gun in their hand. I was just
5. thinking, we might want to...maybe look into this or investigate
6. it. It sounds like an interesting little thing. It's just
7. four million bucks, it isn't much. I mean that would just
8. keep the CTA running for fifteen, twenty minutes. But still,
9. I was thinking we might want to ask questions about that.
10. I never knew Mr. Litsinger but I just thought we might investigate,
11. maybe this guy's completely wrong. Maybe he's right, I don't
12. know. But we might ask questions about it.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. Senator Rock.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Might...might I ask who signed that...little gem?

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Senator Keats.

19. SENATOR KEATS:

20. As I said, there's no return address, it says "disgusted
21. ex-worker." That's why I'm saying, if we investigate, he
22. might be proven wrong.

23. SENATOR ROCK:

24. Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
25. I don't think this Senate ever, Democrat, Republican, Independent,
26. ever has to get into the business of reading all the anonymous
27. mail that each and every one of us receives. I think it's beneath
28. us.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Senator Keats.

31. SENATOR KEATS:

32. I wouldn't have read it, if I hadn't checked with my
33. two CTA guys and both of them, let's merely say, did not seem

1. to want to answer the question. If they had been quite candid
2. and explained that it was used property or something, I would
3. have said, hey, crank letter. But since they...their attitude
4. was such, they sure as the devil didn't want to explain it,
5. maybe just a quick little check, I'm sure it wouldn't do any
6. harm.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Any further business to come before the Senate? Senator
9. Rock moves the Senate stands adjourned until the...till January
10. 13th at the hour of noon, 1982, that is. On the motion to
11. adjourn, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have
12. it, the Senate stands adjourned until January 13th.

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