

83RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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PRESIDENT:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by the Reverend Dennis Young, South Fork Church of Christ, Rochester, Illinois. Reverend.

REVEREND DENNIS YOUNG:

(Prayer given by Reverend Young)

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal. Senator Luft.

SENATOR LUFT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, April 26th; Monday, April 30th and Tuesday, May 1st, in the the year 1984, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Luft. Any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. It's so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY:

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

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

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 5 and House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 14.

PRESIDENT:

Executive Committee. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Senator Egan, chairman of Executive Committee, reports out the following Senate bills: 720, 1435, 1655, 1657, 1705,

1740, 1743, 1749, 1756, 1767, 1787, 1839, 1850, 1859, 1857, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1876, 1878, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1896 and 1920 with the recommendation Do Pass.

1381, 1470, 1612, 1798, 1881, 1889 and 1931 with the recommendation Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Lenke, chairman of Judiciary I Committee, reports out the following Senate bills: 1589, 1645, 1754, 1925, 1928 and 1957 with the recommendation Do Pass.

1179 and 1725 with the recommendation Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Nedza, chairman of Local Government Committee, reports out the following Senate Bills: 1728, 1732 and 1824 with the recommendation Do Pass.

1625, 1708 and 1853 with the recommendation Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Newhouse, chairman of Higher Education Committee, reports out the following Senate Bills: 1395 and 1906 with the recommendation Do Pass.

Senator Edward Nedza is temporarily appointed to be a member of the Senate Revenue Committee due to the illness of Senator...Glenn Dawson. Signed, Senator Gene Johns, chairman of the Committee on Committees.

And Senator Dawn Clark Netsch is temporarily appointed to be a member of the Senate Public Health Welfare and Corrections Committee due to the illness of Senator Glenn Dawson. Signed, Senator Gene Johns, chairman of the Committee on Committees.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Newhouse, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

...on a point of, I guess, personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

Could we have your attention, please. Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Mr. President, in our Higher Ed. Committee this morning we had a bill which apparently has a duplicate down in Appropriations, it was a Higher Education bill. And I come to find out that there are more than one bill in that Appropriations Committee that are really substantive bills and should have been heard in Higher Ed. rather than in Appropriations. I know the day and hour is late and I'm certainly not asking for another...Higher Ed. meeting, but I would like to register, on behalf of my committee, how concerned that there was this kind of mix-up which certainly proved embarrassing to us and particularly when we have to go into Appropriations this afternoon to vote on a duplicate bill that we acted on in Higher Ed. this morning. So, Mr. President, I wanted to register that and get it into the record because it's the kind of an error, it seems to me, that is a serious one and it should not happen again.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Bloom, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BLOOM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Geo-Karis is...would like to add her as a hyphenated cosponsor after Bloom and Sangmeister on...Senate Bill 1793.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senate Bill 1793, Senator Geo-Karis seeks leave to be added as a hyphenated cosponsor. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Bruce, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BRUCE:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. One of my bills has been questioned by the chairman of the Higher Education Committee, and I think the Body ought to have some response as to what happened to that particular bill since it appears that I have made the error and no one else. I have introduced to this Body two separate, distinct community col-

lege funding bills because there were two distinct and separate approaches to how we should fund community colleges. On the day in which one of my bills was assigned, I, unfortunately was called to another meeting and Senator Savickas was alone in assigning bills. Because I was not there, the bill through my error was assigned to another committee. I have another bill of the same number, 1395 and 1595, those two bills in...because of me, I didn't catch the difference between 1595 and 1395 until late this morning, and because of that, I did not ask that they be reassigned. And so, because of that, 1395, 1595, 1596, and unfortunately the bill that is in controversy is 1906, all the bills together led to some confusion. That was all it is, no one had any intention of assigning or not assigning the bills to the appropriate committees. I am happy as a member...the member of the Higher Education Committee to meet today, tonight, tomorrow morning, Thursday morning, Thursday night, Friday morning, Friday night and have those bills heard in tandem. I told that to committee this morning. It was my error in not watching where it went to. When I saw the assignment of 1395 to Higher Education I assumed it was 1595. It was not, that is my error, I should have watched my appropriate...my bills more closely. But honest, guys, there are a few mistakes made around here, I made this one, I apologize.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Netsch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I request with the sponsor's permission that I be added as a hyphenated cosponsor on Senate Bill 1653 with Senator Jeremiah Joyce.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Netsch seeks leave to be added as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1653. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. On the same subject, I'm the sponsor presently of Senate Bill 1223 and I...I would like the sponsorship of that bill changed to read Maitland-Savickas-Schuneman.

PRESIDENT:

The number, sir?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senate Bill 1223.

PRESIDENT:

Senate Bill 1223, the Senator seeks leave to show it as Maitland-Savickas-Schuneman. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. So ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 576 offered by Senator Kustra. It's congratulatory.

And Senate...Resolution 577, by the same sponsor and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate. I'd like to move to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2305.

PRESIDENT:

All right, if you'll turn to page 13 on the Calendar, the gentleman has asked leave to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk Nonconcurrency. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. On the Order of Secretary's Desk Nonconcurrency is House Bill 2305. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Amendment No. 1 would

make it...optional for all units of government to pick up their employees IMRF as of July 1, 1984 and then pass this expense on to their employees as a salary deduction. And what the House sponsor intended was to have this be the case for all units of government except school districts which are already paying the IMRF for their employees. The County Problems Commission, which sent each member of this Body a letter explaining this information, initiated this bill and asked me to withdraw the Senate amendment, as did the House sponsor. The counties want this bill because they feel it will clarify their responsibilities on the IMRF law which goes into effect on July 1, 1984. The county governments also consider this bill to be an emergency matter, and I therefore renew my motion to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2305 and I solicit your support. I do believe, Mr. President, this is final action, and I'd like that to bring it to the attention of the members; and also as far as I...I know, that...everyone is on board now and I don't know of any opposition to this bill or to the motion.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Kelly has moved that the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2305. Any discussion? Senator Buzbee. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate recede from Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2305. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will 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 57, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does recede from Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2305 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'd like to ask

leave now to be added as a hyphenated sponsor on Senate Bill 1781 in which Senator Collins is the principal sponsor. I talked to her and like leave of this Body.

PRESIDENT:

All right. The gentleman has requested leave to be shown as the cosponsor of 1781, Senate Bill 1781. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Buzbee, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would also request leave to be added as a hyphenated cosponsor of Senate Bill 1385. Senator Carroll was the principal sponsor.

PRESIDENT:

1385, the gentleman has requested leave to be shown as the hyphenated cosponsor. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Turn to page 10 on the Calendar. With leave of the Body, we'll move to the Order of House Bills 1st Reading. I'd ask the members to indicate to the Secretary their willingness to sponsor. On the Order of House Bills 1st Reading, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

House Bill 2515, Senator D'Arco is the Senate sponsor.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2600, Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1633, Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

That was House Bill 2633.

House Bill 2647, Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2461, Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2513, Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

House Bill 2396, Senator Barkhausen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, Mr. President, in the form of an announcement. I've been asked by the combined veterans' organization to remind them of their dinner this evening...which will be held at the Disabled American Veterans at Lake Springfield. They would like for as many who have a chance to attend. I also would like to make a statement, since I'm on the floor, that...that if you'll notice your calendar, you'll notice that Vadalabene appears nowhere on the calendar so far. And I want to commend the Rules Committee for an outstanding job they've done on my bills. I really appreciate it from the bottom of my heart.

PRESIDENT:

Any further business to come before the Senate? Any announcements? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the record show that Senator Dawson is excused because of illness. That was for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

PRESIDENT:

The record will so reflect. Thank you. Senator Netsch.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. A reminder that the Committee on Revenue will meet at two o'clock in Room 1400...I'm sorry, Room 400. Our agenda is relatively modest and we should be through in an hour and a half to two hours.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Degnan.

SENATOR DEGNAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to remind the members of the Elections Committee, we'll meet promptly at two o'clock, Room A-1 of the Stratton Building.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Appropriations II Committee will start at 2:15 in Room 212. That's because Senator...Degnan's committee meets at two o'clock and the chairman has to go there first. So we'll meet at 2:15 in 212. We got the biggies, Public Aid, Corrections and Mental Health today.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Any further business or further announcements? The Chair would like to announce that given the fact that everybody has been working long and hard in the committees, particularly the Committee on Executive, Senator Philip and I have thought it worthwhile that we not be here on Friday, if that meets with your approval. So we will...we will plan to...and I urge the committees to attempt to finish their work so that it will not be necessary for us to be here on Friday. And...Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like to be added on as a hyphenated cosponsor to Senate Bill 1725 along with Senator Lemke, and I have the permission of Senator Marovitz.

PRESIDENT:

All right. The lady has requested leave to be shown as a hyphenated cosponsor of 1725. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Just as a reminder, the...Committee on Government Reorganization will meet in Room 400 tomorrow at ten o'clock in the morning...there's a lot of witnesses both pro and con, so we will start promptly at ten o'clock.

PRESIDENT:

Further business? Further announcements? If not, Senator Bruce moves that the Senate stand adjourned until Thursday, May the 3rd...Thursday, May 3rd at the hour of one o'clock. The Senate stands adjourned.