

84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

February 21, 1985

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise. (Machine cutoff)...prayer this afternoon by the Reverend James Michaletz, Victorian Griffith High School, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

REVEREND MICHALETZ:

(Prayer given by Reverend Michaletz)

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, Mr. President, I move that the reading and approval of the Journal on Wednesday, February 20th, in the year 1985, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Vadalabene. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and it is so ordered. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Senator Savickas, chairman of the Committee on Assignment of bills, assigns the following bills to committee:

Agriculture, Conservation and Energy - Senate Bill 125 and 135; Appropriations I - Senate Bill 132...132, 139 and 145; Appropriations II - Senate Bill 116 and 134; Elementary and Secondary Education - Senate Bills 115, 119, 146 and 151; Elections and Reapportionment - Senate Bills 123, 138 and 150; Executive - Senate Bills 120, 141 and 142; Executive Appointment Veterans' Affairs and Administration - Senate Bills 118 and 133; Finance and Credit Regulations - Senate Bills...Senate Bill 148; Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 121, 126, 128, 136, 137, 140, 143, 147, 149 and 152; Judiciary I - Senate Bills 122, 124, 129

and 131; Judiciary II - Senate Bills 130, 144, 154 and 155;
Labor and Commerce - Senate Bills 127 and 153; Revenue -
Senate Bill 117; Transportation - Senate Bills 11, 35, 43,
69, 74 and 83.

PRESIDENT:

Introduction of bills.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 156 introduced by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

157, by Senators Poshard and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

...Senate Bill 158, Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 159, Senator Kustra.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 160, Senators Welch and Holmberg.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 161, Senator...DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 162, Senator Lemke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 163, by Senator Lemke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 164, Senators Lemke,...Geo-Karis, Kelly,
Savickas and Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 165, Senators Lemke and Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 166, Senator Lemke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 167, Senators Carroll and Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 168, Senator Carroll and Hall.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 169, Senator Savickas.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 170, Senators Weaver and Friedland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 171, Senators Netsch and Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 172, Senator Zito.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 173, by Senator Schaffer, Philip, DeAngelis,
Weaver and Davidson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 174, by Senators Hall and Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 175, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 176, Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 177, Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 178, Senator Vadalabene.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 179, Senator Karpziel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate...Senate Bill 180, by the same sponsor.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 181, by Senators Holmberg, Smith, Lemke and
others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 182, Senators Lemke, Smith, Lechowicz and
others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 183, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 184,...same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 185, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 186, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 187, by the...Senators Lemke, Holmberg, Lechowicz and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 188, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 189, Senator Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 190, by Senators Dudycz and Mahar, Topinka, Geo-Karis and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 191, Senator Netsch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 192, by Senator Sangmeister.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 193, Senator Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 194, by Senators Kustra, Karpiel, Mahar and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 195, by the same sponsor.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 196, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the foregone bills.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Rupp, for what purpose do you arise? Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, if I might have a leave of the House to be a joint

sponsor on Senate Bill 59, please.

PRESIDENT:

I cannot...

SENATOR TOPINKA:

I do have leave of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT:

...I cannot give you leave of the House.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

No? Can I be a sponsor...a joint sponsor?

PRESIDENT:

Leave...leave of the Senate, I can give you.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Leave of the Senate.

PRESIDENT:

Okay.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

I knew and I don't have my own microphone. So, I mean, all of those things taken in consideration, may I be a joint sponsor on Senate Bill 59?

PRESIDENT:

All right. The lady has asked to be joint sponsor on Senate Bill 59. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Fawell, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

I would like to have Senator Smith put on as a cosponsor for Senate Bill...8.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Fawell seeks leave to show Senator Smith as a cosponsor to Senate Bill 8. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 41 offered by Senators O'Daniel, Jerome Joyce and...Senator Rigney.

PRESIDENT:

Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Mr. President, I move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution No. 41.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Read the resolution, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

(Secretary reads SR 41)

PRESIDENT:

Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Mr. President and members of the...of the Senate, I would appreciate your favorable consideration of this resolution. It is very important that the Secretary of Agriculture extend the sign-up period for the Federal farm programs. Reasoning, because all benefits are...tied directly to the participation in the program. The sign-up period ends March 1. There's emergency legislation being debated at this time in Washington, and the Secretary of Agriculture has indicated on the national news that he opposes any extension of the sign-up period. I think it's very important that we extend this. I would appreciate your favorable consideration.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator O'Daniel has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 41. All in favor of the motion to suspend indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator O'Daniel now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 41. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 42 offered by Senator Jerome Joyce,

Rock and all Senators, it's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 43 offered by Senators Geo-Karis, Macdonald and Fawell, it's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 44, by the same sponsors, it's congratulatory.

Senate...Senate Joint Resolution 45...Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 offered by Senator Vadalabene and all Senators, and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 45 offered by Senators DeAngelis and Sangmeister.

And Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment No. 13 offered by Senators Kustra and Netsch.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Senator Lechowicz, chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments and Veterans' Affairs and Administration to which was referred the Governor's Message of February the 5th, 1985 reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Governor's appointment as set forth in his Message of February 5th, 1985.

PRESIDENT:

All right. You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Lechowicz. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The

Senate is now in Executive Session. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of February 5th, 1985, I'll read the salaried appointment to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be Director of the Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Edward T. Duffy of Arlington Heights.

To...to be Director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for term expiring on January 19th, 1987, Michael T. Woelffer of Bull Valley.

To be Assistant Director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Stephen F. Selcke of Springfield.

To be Director of Emergency...Services and Disaster Agency for a term expiring October 1, 1985, Charles D. Jones of Springfield.

To be Director of the Department of Energy and Natural Resources for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Don Etchison of New Berlin.

To be State Fire Marshal of Illinois for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Harold Schmeilski of Peoria.

To be Director of the Department of Human Rights for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Joyce E. Tucker of Chicago.

To be Director of the Department of Insurance for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, John Washburn of Chatham.

To be Assistant Director of the Department of Insurance for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Richard Carlson of Springfield.

To be Superintendent of the Illinois State Lottery for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Michael Jones of Chicago.

To be the Director of the Department of Mental Health and

Developmental Disabilities for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Michael Belletire of Springfield.

To be Director of the Department of Mines and Minerals for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Bradley Evilsizer of Christopher.

To be Assistant Director of the Department...Mines and Minerals for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Huck Huckaby of Springfield.

To be Director of the Department of Nuclear...Safety for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Terry Lash of Springfield.

To be Director of the Department of Public Aid for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Gregory Coler of Springfield.

To be the Director of the Department of Public Health for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Thomas B. Kirkpatrick of Chicago.

To be the Director of the Department of Registration and Education for...for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Gary Clayton of Springfield.

To be the Secretary of Transportation for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Gregory Baise of Springfield.

To be Assistant Secretary of the Department of Transportation for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Hugh Murphy of Villa Park.

To...be the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, David Hardwick of Rochester.

To be the Assistant Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Thomas Jones of Springfield.

To...to be the Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies for a term expiring February 1st, 1989, William Harris of Pontiac.

To be the Deputy Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies for a term expiring February 1st, 1989, William Boys of Springfield.

First Deputy Commissioner of Banks and Trust Companies for a term expiring February 1st, 1985, John Treston of Springfield.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll call, unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment. Mr. President, will you please put the question as required by our rules.

PRESIDENT:

All right. The gentleman has asked leave to consider the nominees on one roll call. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor will indicate by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The roll call is an oral one. The board is not yet hooked up. Mr. Secretary, call the roll.

SECRETARY:

Barkhausen. Berman. Bloom. Carroll. Chew. Coffey. Collins. D'Arco. Darrow. Davidson. Dawson. DeAngelis. Degan. Demuzio. Donahue. Dudycz. Dunn. Etheredge. Fawell. Friedland. Geo-Karis. Hall. Holmberg. Hudson. Jones. Jeremiah Joyce. Jerome Joyce. Karpiel. Keats. Kelly. Kustra. Lechowicz. Lemke. Luft. Macdonald. Mahar. Maitland. Marovitz. Nedza. Netsch. Newhouse. O'Daniel. Philip. Poshard. Rigney. Rupp. Sangmeister. Savickas. Schaffer. Schuneman. Smith. Sommer. Topinka. Vadalabene. Watson. Weaver. Welch. Zito. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Berman, Aye... Senator Barkhausen, Aye. Senator Savickas, Aye. Senator Jerome Joyce, Aye. Senator Demuzio, Aye. Senator Collins, Aye. On that question, the Ayes are

46, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of February 5th, 1985, I'll read the unsalaried appointments to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be members of the Board of Agricultural Advisors for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Mr. Wayne Heberer of Belleville, Marvin Perzee of Ashkum, Russell Stauffer of Springfield.

To be a member of the Agricultural Export Advisory Committee for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, John Felver of DeKalb.

To be a member of the Board of Banks and Trust Companies for a term expiring January 1st, 1987, Mr. Terrence O'Brien of Northfield.

To be a member of the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board for a term expiring January 17th, 1988, Mr. Lee Sullivan of Jacksonville.

To be a member of the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board for a term expiring January 17th, 1989, Mr. Nicholas Dispensa of Downers Grove.

To be a member of the Employee Owned Enterprise Advisory Council for a term expiring January 7th, 1986, Willis Barrett of Elgin.

To be a member of the Illinois Health Facilities Authority for a term expiring June 30th, 1989, Mr. Louis Alexander of Chicago.

To be a member of the Illinois Health Facilities Authority for a term expiring June 30th, 1988, Ray Geller of Belle-

ville.

To be a member of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term expiring June 30th, 1985, Mr. Harry Kurshenbaum of Chicago.

To be a members of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term expiring June 30th, 1986,...Alexander Goldstein of Harrisburg, Donovan Gardner of Pontiac.

To be members of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term expiring June 30th, 1987, Mr. Thomas Hestand of Marion, James E. Mann of Chicago.

To be a member of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term expiring June 30th, 1987, Pam Taylor of Danville.

To be a member of the Health Facilities Planning Board for a term expiring June 30th, 1988, Joseph C. Mudd of Cantrall.

To be a member of the Lottery Control Board for a term expiring July 1, 1987, Richard Gromer of Elgin.

To be a member of the Medical Determinations Board for a term expiring June 27th, 1988, Mr. Henry Russe of Chicago.

To be a member of the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board for a term expiring June 10th, 1988, Irene Caruso of Galesburg.

To be members of the Board of Natural Resources and Conservation for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, Robert Metcalf of Urbana, L.L. Sloss of Northbrook, H.S. Gutowsky of Urbana, Lorin Newling of Chicago.

To be a member of the Advisory Board on Necropsy Services to Coroners for a term expiring January 19th, 1987, John Tolbert of Hinsdale.

Mr. President, having read the unsalaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll call, unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.

PRESIDENT:

All right. You've heard the gentleman's request for leave to consider the nominees on one roll call. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Any discussion? Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Mr. Secretary, call the roll, please.

SECRETARY:

Barkhausen. Berman. Bloom. Carroll. Chew. Coffey. Collins. D'Arco. Darrow. Davidson. Dawson. DeAngelis. Degnan. Demuzio. Donahue. Dudycz. Dunn. Etheredge. Fawell. Friedland. Geo-Karis. Hall. Holmberg. Hudson. Jones. Jeremiah Joyce. Jerome Joyce. Karpiel. Keats. Kelly. Kustra...Lechowicz. Lenke. Luft. Macdonald. Mahar. Maitland. Marovitz. Nedza. Netsch. Newhouse. O'Daniel. Philip. Poshard. Rigney. Rupp. Sangmeister. Savickas. Schaffer. Schuneman. Smith. Sommer. Topinka. Vadalabene. Watson. Weaver. Welch. Zito. Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

On that question, the Ayes are 45, the Nays are none, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Mr. President, I...move that the Senate now arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the gentleman's motion, he moves that the Senate do now arise from Executive Session. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Senate does now arise. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 46 offered by Senator Newhouse, and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 47 offered by Senators Berman, Carroll, Chew, Collins, D'Arco, Darrow and others.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Introduction of bills. I beg your pardon. Senator Netsch has been seeking recognition. For what purpose do you arise, Senator?

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you. I wanted to Table a bill that was introduced in wrong form yesterday, because the correct one is being introduced and we might as well clean that up. I did not hear whether it was on the list of those already assigned. But let me make...it was Senate Bill 146. I will move to discharge the appropriate committee, be it Assignment of Bills or a substantive committee, from further consideration of Senate Bill 146, and that it be placed...or that it be what...placed on the Calendar for purposes of Tabling...and then I will move to Table Senate Bill 146.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Netsch...all right. Senator Netsch has moved to discharge the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education from further consideration of Senate Bill 146 for the purpose of Tabling. All in favor of the motion to discharge indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senate Bill 146 is now discharged and before the Body. Senator Netsch now moves to Table Senate Bill 146. All in favor of the motion to Table indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senate Bill 146 is Tabled. Senator Jerome Joyce.

SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

Yes...yes, Mr. President, thank you. I would like leave to discharge the Committee on Local Government of Senate Bill 113 and have it removed...replaced in Senate Ag-Committee.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Joyce has moved to discharge the Committee on Local Government from further consideration of Senate Bill 113 and asked that the bill be rereferred to the Committee on Agriculture. All in favor of the motion indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senate Bill 113 now assigned to the Committee on Agriculture. Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Mr. President, would this be the...the time for an announcement?

PRESIDENT:

Well, we still have some business but certainly, go ahead.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

The Committee on Judiciary II, Criminal Judiciary Committee, will hold its meeting next Thursday at eight-thirty in the morning in Room 400. There are at least fifteen bills to be heard, probably some more that were filed today, so I would repeat that meeting that was to be held this morning will be held a week from today, Room 400, Judiciary II at eight-thirty in the morning.

PRESIDENT:

Introduction of bills.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 197, introduced by Senators Marovitz and Jeremiah Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 198, Senator Newhouse.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Bill 199, Senators Newhouse and Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 200, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 201, by Senator Sangmeister, Marovitz, Smith, Luft and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 202, by Senators Marovitz, Sangmeister, Smith, Luft and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 203, by same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 204, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 205, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 206, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary read title of bill)

Senate Bill 207, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 208, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 209, same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 210, by Senators Marovitz and Smith.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 211, by Senators Demuzio and Rigney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 212, by Senators Demuzio, Poshard and Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 213, by Senators Darrow, Luft, Welch, Poshard and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 214, by Senators Lenke, Luft and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 215, by Senator Zito, Luft, Welch, Poshard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 216, by Senators Lechowicz, Luft, Welch,

Poshard, Demuzio and Lemke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 217, by Senator Smith, Lechowicz, Lemke, Dawson and others.

(Secretary read title of bill)

Senate Bill 218, by Senator Smith, Dawson, Luft, Lemke and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 219, by Senator Zito, Lechowicz, Welch and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 220, by Senators Marovitz, Dawson, Degnan and DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the foregone bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. With leave of the Body, we'll...we'll go to resolutions. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 48 offered by Senators Berman, Maitland, Rock, Philip and all Senators.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 48, let me read it to you, it's a couple of short paragraphs.

(Senator Berman reads SR 48)

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the purpose of this resolution is to allow us to set an agenda so that we will have presented not just in the Education Committee but to the Senate as a whole some of the testimony and comments regarding the reports and positions of interested

persons throughout the State on this subject of education reform and education funding. And it is the intent of Senator Maitland, Senator Philip, Senator Rock and myself through this resolution that we set aside the...March 5th at noon for approximately an hour, an hour and a half, and at the beginning of the Sessions thereafter, depending upon the requests for testimony, an opportunity for us all to hear comments regarding these reports and recommendations and allow us all to have the time to ask questions and get answers so that when substantive bills do emerge from the substantive committees that we will all have some familiarity with this subject and that we all can respond to our constituents with greater knowledge and expertise in this critical area. So at the appropriate time, Mr. President, I would ask that the appropriate rules be suspended for immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 48.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Berman moves that the rules be suspended for the immediate and adoption and consideration of Senate Resolution 48. Is there any discussion? Senator Maitland. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Further...now, any discussion? Senator...well, Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

We all look alike, Vince.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Well, the board hasn't been changed. Senator Marovitz.

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Senator Berman,...is the...the purpose of the hearing for the...the general discussion of school reform or...specific bills that have...that have been introduced? The entire school reform concept? Okay. So any...anybody who wants to have some input...on suggestions on school reform would be coming in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Well, thank you, very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of Senate Resolution 48. There are several very good initiatives around this spring. A lot of effort has been put forth by several groups to attempt to improve the quality of education in Illinois, and indeed this...this Session has been billed as the educational reform year. There's no way that everyone can know everything that's in all of the reports and we understand that, but this provides an excellent forum for everyone to get at least a superficial overview of all the reports and then the more detailed debate obviously will take place in the committee hearing; but I think it's an excellent idea, and I would urge all those on this side of the aisle to support Senate Resolution 48.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I think the calling for a Committee of the Whole is an excellent idea; as you well know, next Tuesday at the Governor's request we will convene in joint Session for the purpose of hearing the Governor's recommendations. But given the amount of work that has been done by members in this Chamber, particularly on the Berman Commission, I think it's well in order that the Senate, again, as we have in the past years literally set the agenda for what's going to ultimately happen. Senator Philip and I have discussed this at length, and we feel, frankly, that we ought to be in a position in the Senate to arrive at a consensus and to put a price tag on those consensus reforms and then send them to the House with the hope at least that they will reach the Governor's Desk. So I, too, rise in support of Senate Resolution 48 and look

forward to the hearing on March...March 5th.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Berman has moved for the suspension of the rules and immediate adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 48. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Berman now moves for the adoption of Senate Joint...Senate Resolution 48. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. All right. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to the Resolutions Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rock moves to...the adoption of the Senate Resolutions Consent Calendar. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed...all right. I am told on the Senate Resolutions Consent Calendar there has been some additions, Senate Resolution 42, 43, 44, 46, 45 and Senate Joint Resolution 12. Strike 45. It's 42, 43, 44, 46, Senate Joint Resolution 12. Are there any objections to those additions to the Resolutions Consent Calendar? Senator Rock has moved the...the adoption of the Resolutions Consent Calendar. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Resolutions Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President. If there's no further business, I would move pursuant to the adjournment resolution passed last week that the Senate stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 27th, at the hour of noon. Remember if you will please, that we will be convening in joint Session at twelve-thirty at the request of the Governor. So we will convene here on the 27th day of February at the the hour of noon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like the record to indicate that Senator Ralph Dunn is convalescing from an operation and have the record indicate that, and also Senator Bloom is not here because of illness in his family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

The record will so indicate. Senator Rock has moved that the Senate stand adjourned till Wednesday, February 27th, at the hour of...of noon. Those in favor signify by...Senator Dawson. Senator Dawson, what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DAWSON:

That Senate Bill 62 has Senator Emil Jones and Prescott Bloom as hyphenated cosponsors.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Rock has moved that the Senate stand adjourned till Wednesday, February 27th, the hour of noon.