

85TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

The Senate will come to order, please. Permission has been requested to photograph and record. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois reads in part as follows:

"On the first day of the January Session of the General Assembly in odd numbered years, the Governor shall convene the Senate to elect from the membership a President of the Senate as Presiding Officer."

And we are hereby convened for that purpose, and the opening prayer will be delivered by the Senate Chaplain, Reverend John Smyth, the Superintendent of Maryville Academy. Will you all rise.

REVEREND JOHN SMYTH:

(Prayer given by Reverend John Smyth)

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you, Father Smyth. While we're waiting for the members of the Supreme Court, I hereby appoint Edward Fernandes as temporary Secretary of the Senate of the 85th General Assembly and Mr. Tracy Sidles as temporary sergeant-at-arms of the Senate of the 85th General Assembly. Well, the Supreme Court are at the back of the Chamber. Would they please come forward. Would you please welcome the Supreme Court of Illinois to the Senate Chamber. Mr. Secretary, will you please read to the members of the Senate the letter of certification from the State Board of Elections.

SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

State Board of Elections. Mr. Kenneth Wright, Secretary of the Illinois State Senate, Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Wright. Attached is a list of individuals who have been duly elected to serve as members of the Illinois State Senate and have been duly certified by the State Board of Elections to serve in the 85th General Assembly: in the 16th Legislative District, Ethel Skyles Alexander was elected

to fill an unexpired term due to the death of the Honorable Charles Chew, Jr. Two years remain in the term. If you have any questions regarding this list, please contact me. Sincerely, Ronald D. Michaelson, Executive Director.

List of newly elected State Senators certified by the State Board of Elections to serve as members of the 25th General Assembly: 2nd District, Arthur L. Berman; 3rd District, William A. Marovitz; 5th District, Miguel DelValle; 8th District...6th District, Thaddeus Lechowicz; 8th District, Philip J. Rock; 9th District, Earlean Collins; 11th District, Timothy F. Deynan; 12th District, Margaret Smith; 14th District, Jeremiah E. Joyce; 15th District, Frank D. Savickas; 16th District, Ethel Skyles Alexander; 17th District, Emil Jones, Jr.; 18th District, Howard B. Brookins; 20th District, Beverly Fawell; 21st District, Forest D. Etheredge; 23rd District, James "Pate" Philip; 24th District, Robert M. Raica; 26th District, Greg Zito; 27th District, Virginia B. Macdonald; 29th District, Roger A. Keats; 30th District, David M. Barkhausen; 32nd District, Jack Schaffer; 33rd District, John E. Friedland; 35th District, Harlan Rigney; 36th District, Denny Jacobs; 38th District, Patrick D. Welch; 39th District, Richard F. Kelly; 41st District, George Hudson; 42nd District, Thomas A. Dunn; 44th District, John W. Maitland; 45th District, Robert A. Madigan; 47th District, Carl E. Hawkinson; 49th District, Laura Kent Donahue; 50th District, John A. Davidson; 51st District Penny L. Severns; 53rd District, Harry "Babe" Woodyard; 54th District, William L. O'Daniel; 56th District, Sam...pardon me, M. Vadalabene; 57th District, Kenneth Hall; 59th...District, Glenn Poshard.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Mr. Secretary, please call the roll.

SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Alexander, Barkhausen, Berman, Brookins, Carroll, Collins, D'Arco, Davidson, DeAngelis, Deynan, del Valle,

*Swearing in of
Governor by
Chief Justice Clark*

Demuzio, Donahue, Dudycz, Ralph Dunn, Thomas Dunn, Etheredge, Fawell, Friedland, Geo-Karis, Hall, Hawkinson, Holmberg, Hudson, Jacobs, Jones, Jeremiah Joyce, Jerome Joyce, Karpiel, Keats, Kelly, Kustra, Lechowicz, Luft, Macdonald, Madigan, Mahar, Maitland, Marovitz, Netsch, Newhouse, O'Daniel, Philip, Poshard, Raica, Rigney, Rock, Savickas, Schaffer, Schuneman, Severns, Smith, Topinka, Vadalabene...Vadalabene, Watson, Weaver, Welch, Woodyard, Zito.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Fifty-eight members of the Senate having answered the roll call, a quorum is present. Senator Vadalabene is absent. He called me yesterday from his hospital bed and asked me to convey to you, his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, his sincere apologies for being absent at this time following surgery. He is being sworn in in his hometown and will be with you as soon as he can join us. I told him that I would convey those words of greeting and hope to you and...and that I would in turn convey to him what I knew to be your sentiments that he rest easy and comfortably and get well and then come back to us in...in fine health and fine spirits, and he wanted me to pass that on to you. It's my pleasure at this time to introduce for the purpose of the swearing in ceremonies of the newly elected members of the Senate a distinguished Illinoisan, a distinguished jurists, a friend of all of us, no stranger to these halls nor to this Capitol though he now commands a building across the street and another branch of government, ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois, Mr. William Clark. And will all the Senators-elect stand to be sworn.

CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM CLARK:

Would all of the newly elected Senators please raise their right hands and repeat after me, I, and state your name, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution

of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of State Senator to the best of my ability. Congratulations. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I do appreciate the opportunity of addressing you ever so briefly. I served in this august Body back in 1955 and I cannot help but recall that at that time we had many, many members who...none of whom are...are serving any longer, many of whom have passed beyond, but I look out there and I think of names like Billy Lynch and Don O'Brien and Art Sprague and Art Sidwell and I just see all of the...all of the people who spoke out here many, many times about issues, many of them the same issues that you will be addressing. Unfortunately, our group didn't solve all the problems, we left some for the future, but I'm sure you will deal with them and after you have left, indeed, there'll be enough to go around for succeeding terms of Senators; but may I say to all of those veterans who have been reelected that the people in your districts liked the way you represented them, they liked it enough to send you back here for more, and to the new members, I congratulate you because they believed what you said you would do and now comes the opportunity for all of you to go out and make government better, working with this great governor and the other members of State Government. I know that from this group and from this Senate we will have laws that will be clearly constitutional and that my colleagues and I will be very, very pleased to uphold. Best of luck to each and every one of you. Thank you.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Next order of business is the election of the President of the Senate of the 85th General Assembly. In the opinion of the Chair and in the opinion of the Supreme Court and by virtue of the Constitution, thirty affirmative votes will be

required to elect the President and nominations are now open.

The Chair recognizes Senator Demuzio for the purpose of placing a name...a nomination.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, very much, Your Excellency, and I know all the members of the Senate offer their personal congratulations to you as the Chief Executive for Illinois for the next four years, an unprecedented fourth term. Again, today, we make history in this...in this State in Illinois Government. Our present leader, Phil Rock, has already made history as the only Democrat in Illinois to serve more than three terms as a Presiding Officer of this Senate. Elected today he will be only the second state senator to be elected to five terms as Senate President, but the history books will remember Phil for more than the mere numbers. As a leader in Illinois, I know firsthand what a friend that Phil has been to downstate. The geographic boundaries, frankly, of the city versus downstate have been torn down by Phil Rock's efforts. For over ten years I've seen him fight to improve the economic status of the farmer in Illinois. In the past two years alone he has played a key role in the passage of the rural revival legislation. He has listened to our smaller school districts and their concerns about school consolidation in our communities. Philip J. Rock has become the conscience of the Legislature, for his only agenda is what best for the State of Illinois. The proof is evident in the accomplishments that he has made, that we have made together...collectively together over the last eight years. Under his leadership, Phil Rock and Illinois has put together an education reform package that has earned the state school system high marks nationwide. Illinois children are protected from abuse and abduction. Businesses have benefitted from the tax increment financing and from the economic development proposals. Phil Rock has certainly left his mark

on the lawbooks and the Statutes of Illinois. The fact that so much has been accomplished in spite of differences in the political party...parties in this state underscores Phil's ability to negotiate. We know Phil Rock is proud to be a member of the Democratic Party, but for Phil Rock good government comes first and good politics naturally follows. He has respect for this institution and the people that are here...the people who serve in this Body. He has worked to bring about the togetherness of the two parties, to merge together differing viewpoints. His leadership has made the Illinois Senate a recognized leader in effective government throughout Illinois. Phil has always said, if you don't like the way somebody is doing something, then get inside and do it better; and I don't think there's anyone who can do it better in Illinois than Philip Rock as the Senate President for another term. And, therefore, Governor, I proudly place in nomination the name of Philip J. Rock to be President of the Illinois Senate for the 35th General Assembly. Thank you.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Demuzio. The Chair recognizes Senator Jerry Joyce for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

Your Excellency, Governor Thompson, members, relatives, guests, new members, I rise to second the nomination of Senator Philip Rock as President of the Senate. One of our predecessors in the Federal Legislature, Henry Adams, said, "A friend in power is a friend lost." Henry Adams would have had renewed faith in democracy that he helped build had he known Phil Rock. He is a man who is humbled by power, so he doesn't abuse it. He is a man who has more respect for members of the Senate and this institution than we sometimes have for ourselves. He is a man who has helped each and every person sitting in this Chamber with little and sometimes unimportant things we seem to always need and want and

the big things that make a difference in our districts, our bills for our elections and our reelections and in our lives, and he asks so little or nothing in return, a rare, rare quality in politics. He has accomplished much in his sixteen years in the Senate and yet he is always willing to not only share the credit and give full credit for his accomplishments to many of us, sometimes to his political detriment. The word "fair" does not really do justice to the way in which Phil Rock operates this Chamber and treats its members. We have not and will not always agree with Phil Rock and that's okay; for my friends on this side of the aisle, Phil Rock gives us no...test. He is better than most, understands that diversity within the Democratic Party, he doesn't fight it, he accepts it and supports each of us because we are first and foremost Senate Democrats. He has worked hard and successfully to reelect a Democratic State Senate and he is always telling people all over the state, Senate Democrats are good for Illinois, and you know what, he really believes it. He has believed in our ability to address the real problems of this state and we have. He has believed in our responsibility as a Democratic Majority to represent the interests of our party regardless of its factions, he has believed in each and every one of us. He is my friend and a friend to all the Democrats and a true friend to the people of the State of Illinois. Thank you.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Joyce. The Chair recognizes Senator Arthur Berman of Chicago for the purpose of seconding the nomination.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, ladies and gentlemen, family and friends. I am honored to have the privilege of seconding the nomination of President Philip Rock. I have served under two presidents in

my ten years in the Illinois Senate; two years with Senator Tom Hynes, the balance with Senator Phil Rock. I served eight years in the House before that. I've had an opportunity, regrettably, part of that time was in the minority, so I've been able to evaluate the qualities of leadership from both a minority as well a majority point of view, and with the benefit of observation from both Houses. My colleagues from downstate, Senator Joyce and Senator Demuzio, have spelled out many of the traits that I have jotted down here on a little pad of paper when I start to think about the attributes that I admire in Senator Rock. The one that I put at the top of a list, a list that includes intelligent, hard working, committed leader, the word that I put at the top was "fair" and I think that that's really the key to effective leadership in a Body such as the Illinois Senate. Many people can't appreciate the responsibility and the obligation that goes with being the President of a Body which is very unique. Every person in this Chamber is autonomous and is responsible to only one group, not to the President, not to the caucus but to two hundred thousand voters back home. That means that each of us calls our own shots based upon what we feel is important to our constituents in our district and to the people of the State of Illinois as a whole. That makes it a very unique and difficult Body to preside over. I think one other trait about Senator Rock that calls for our support to reelect him as President, many of us because we are in a combative situation in politics, we run against opponents, we debate against opponents, but Phil Rock while still demonstrating leadership has been noncombative, and I come from a town that that doesn't always apply, and I think that that is a great credit because in the past two years, past four years under Senator Rock's leadership, the Illinois Senate has been above the fray because Senator Rock knows that to lead us, all of us, fifty-nine of us, on behalf of

the people of the State of Illinois, that is what we are all about, that is what he is all about and rarely does regional or partisan politics play a role in his leadership of this Body. I think that it's also very difficult to comprehend for people that don't sit here that this process that we are undertaking at this moment is also unique and difficult. Because of Senator Vadalabene's illness we have thirty Democrats on the Floor, and as the Governor has indicated with the concurrence of the Supreme Court, it requires thirty votes. That means that the person elected President is going to have to obtain unanimity from this side of the aisle. I know that I was happy if I would have gotten fifty...percent of a vote plus one. That won't do today. We need unanimity and if there is one person in this Chamber that has earned unanimity, one person in this Chamber who has dedicated his entire life, whether it be in the precincts or in the ward or in the township or in the State Central Committee as well as the County Central Committee and in this Body, the one person over all of us who deserves unanimity is our past President and the man whose nomination I am pleased to second, our hopefully future President, Senator Phil Rock.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator Berman. The Chair recognizes Senator Stanley Weaver of Urbana for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Please welcome...

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Governor...

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

...excuse me just a second, Senator. Please welcome to the Chamber the Attorney General of Illinois, Neal Hartigan, the Comptroller...Roland Burris and Congressman Dick Durbin. Welcome, gentlemen. Oh, and the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, George Ryan and Mrs. Ryan. And on a note of personal privilege, please recognize Mrs. Jayne Carr

Thompson. Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Governor Thompson, distinguished guests and my fellow Senators, it is my privilege to nominate Senator James "Pate" Philip as President of the Senate. Senator Philip has loyally served his nation, he's loyally served his party and this Senate. He will be an effective leader and a friend to all of us, and it is really my privilege to place his name in nomination as President of the Senate. Thank you.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Senator Weaver, thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President, Mrs. Thompson, guests from the Supreme Court, statewide officials, my colleagues and our friends, I have know Senator Philip for a lot many...a lot more years than either one of us wants to admit. Suffice it to say that when we first met we were both thinner and I had a crew cut, he's kept his hair, it just changed colors, and his profession, I think, both those events are predictable. I've seen him grow and mature as a political leader and as a statesman. In the last few years he has led a, I believe, a cohesive and dedicated group in the Senate Republican Minority. I think that any objective observer would have to give that minority and that leadership very high marks for its effectiveness, for its participation in government and for its willingness to work with everyone, the Governor, the other side of the aisle, to achieve the goals that are necessary to enhance the lives of our mutual constituents, the citizens of the State of Illinois. That type of leadership...and I would humbly suggest it's tougher to lead a minority than it is a majority, it's a little harder to row, but that type of leadership demonstrated in the last few years in this august body, I believe, qualifies Senator "Pate" Philip for the Office of

President of the State Senate and I am proud to second the nomination.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Senator Schaffer, thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Governor, Chief Justice, members of the Supreme Court, fellow Senators, friends and relatives. Rising to second the nomination of a member of the minority for the presidency normally is a perfunctory ritual; however, things are rather different today. We actually have a Senate without a majority. The differences that separate the members from across the aisle today might be well greater than the eight feet of territory that separates the two aisles, because apart from the normal regional and partisan differences we engage in here, there are some very serious philosophical differences. I have a great amount of respect for Phil Rock; in fact, I would say to the members of this Body, no man is a better senator than he. However, I would like for that greatness to continue because I feel that that greatness will be severely compromised by the conditions that will lead to his presidency. The things that Phil Rock will have to do to maintain that presidency might well do him an injustice to elect him to that position. It will require the compromises of the sort and not only will take away from him as the person that I greatly respect but it will not serve the public good of the State of Illinois. "Pate" Philip will not have to make those compromises. He will not have to bow to those affected interested groups. And although his manner on occasion is blustery, he has that great ability to make us a cohesive group. This session is going to be one of the toughest sessions we've ever had. There's going to be a need for fiscal balance, there's going to be a need for serious reforms in the tax and welfare area and there's going to be a

humongous debate on a new State Aid Formula. "Pate" Philip can get that job done, and albeit the fact that Phil Rock could make history by elected to a fifty term, we could even make greater history by electing "Pate" Philip to the presidency of the Senate. Thank you.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you, Senator DeAngelis. Are there any other nominations from the Floor? If not, the Chair recognizes Senator D'Arco for the purpose of making a motion.

SENATOR D'ARCO:

Thank you, Mr. Excellency. I move that the nominations be closed.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

You've heard the motion. All those in favor will say Aye. All opposed Nay. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, motion carries and the nominations are closed. The Secretary will call the roll of the Senators. Each Senator should answer the roll by stating one of the names nominated, Senator Rock or Senator Philip or by voting Present. Mr. Secretary, call the roll.

SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Alexander. Alexander votes Rock. Barkhausen. Barkhausen votes Philip. Carman. Berman votes Rock. Brookins. Brookins votes Rock. Carroll. Carroll votes Rock. Collins. Collins votes Rock. D'Arco. D'Arco votes Rock. Davidson. Davidson votes Philip. DeAngelis. DeAngelis votes Philip. Degnan. Degnan votes Present. del Valle. del Valle votes Rock. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Rock. Donahue. Donahue votes Philip. Dudyecz. Dudyecz votes Philip. Ralph Dunn. Ralph Dunn votes Philip. Thomas Dunn. Thomas Dunn votes Rock. Etheredge. Etheredge votes Philip. Fawell. Fawell votes Philip. Friedland. Friedland votes Philip. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Philip. Hall. Hall votes Rock. Hawkinson. Hawkinson votes Philip. Holmborg.

Holmberg votes Rock. Hudson. Hudson votes Philip. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Rock. Jones. Jones...Jones votes Rock. Jeremiah Joyce. Jerome...Jeremiah Joyce votes Present. Jerome Joyce. Jerome Joyce votes Rock. Karpier. Karpier votes Philip. Keats. Keats votes Philip. Kelly. Kelly votes Rock. Kustra. Kustra votes Philip. Lechowicz. Lechowicz votes Rock. Luft. Luft votes Rock. Macdonald. Macdonald votes Philip. Madigan. Madigan votes Philip. Mahar. Mahar votes Philip. Maitland. Maitland votes Philip. Marovitz. Marovitz votes Rock. Netsch. Netsch votes Present. Newhouse. Newhouse votes Rock. O'Daniel. O'Daniel votes Rock. Philip. Philip votes Philip. Poshard. Poshard votes Rock. Raica. Raica votes Philip. Rigney. Rigney votes Philip. Rock. Rock votes Rock. Savickas. Savickas votes Rock. Schaffer. Schaffer votes Philip. Schuneman. Schuneman votes Philip. Severns. Severns votes Rock. Smith. Smith votes Rock. Topinka. Topinka votes Philip. Vadalabene. Vadalabene. Watson. Watson votes Philip. Weaver. Weaver votes Philip. Welch. Welch votes Rock. Woodyard. Woodyard votes Philip. Zito. Zito votes Rock.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

The results of the first roll call are as follows: Senator Rock 27 votes, Senator Philip 28 votes, 3 voting Present. Mr. Secretary, call the roll again.

SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Alexander.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Excuse me. Senator Demuzio, do you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. I would request, Your Excellency, that we have a Democratic Caucus before the next roll call.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

All right, leave is granted. The Senate will stand at ease and a committee will be appointed to escort the Supreme Court from the Chamber: Senator Carroll, Senator D'Arco, Senator Joyce, Senator Hawkinson, Senator Fawell, Senator Barkhausen. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZZIO:

Yes, the Senate Caucus will be in the President's Office...be in the President's Office.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Thank you. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Governor Thompson. I'd request a Republican Caucus...

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Just one...one...Republican...

SENATOR PHILIP:

...in my office.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

...Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office. The Senate will be in order. The Chair recognizes Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZZIO:

Thank you, very much, Governor. I don't know if it was evident to the membership, but earlier in the day one of our members, Senator Newhouse, had a slight attack and he is hospitalized and it will take at least a couple of hours to determine the extent of his illness, which it is not severe I am told, and, therefore, we would ask that the Senate stand adjourned until tomorrow at the hour of noon.

GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

Is there a second? All in favor say Aye. Opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. Senate is adjourned until tomorrow, twelve noon.

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