

85TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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PRESIDENT:

Madam Secretary, Message from the Governor...or Proclamation from the Secretary of State, right.

SECRETARY:

To the Honorable members of the Senate, 85th General Assembly, enclosed is...is a copy of the Proclamation issued by the Governor, James R. Thompson, calling for the First Special Session of the 85th General Assembly.

Sincerely, James Edgar, Secretary of State.

SECRETARY:

(Secretary reads proclamation from Governor)

PRESIDENT:

The hour of one having arrived, the First Special Session will come to order. Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 1.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...Senate Resolution No. 1 is the resolution that establishes the temporary rules of...that we have been functioning under in the 85th General Assembly. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1 in the First Special Session. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution No. 1 is adopted. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 2.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 2 is the resolution that establishes the standing committees of the Special Session which are exact as they were in the 85th General Assembly and also providing for the officers of the...of General Assembly and the 85th General Assembly be those of the Special Session. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. Discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 3.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 3 is the resolution that commands us to inform the Governor that we are constituted ready to do business. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. Discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 4

(Secretary reads SR No. 4)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 4 indicates...commands us to inform

the Governor we are ready to do business. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 4. Discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Channel 2 has requested permission to shoot some film. With...without objection, leave is granted. Further resolutions, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 5.

(Secretary reads SR No. 5)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 5 is the resolution that establishes the records...of the proceedings and that is, in fact, the Journal. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 5. Discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Further resolutions?

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution No. 6.

(Secretary reads SR No. 6)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Senate Resolution No. 6 is the resolution that establishes the committee to approve the Journals. I would move adoption of Senate Resolution No. 6.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 6. 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?

SECRETARY:

No further resolutions.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Any further business to come before the First Special Session? The Conference Committee is prepared to meet, I am told, at the hour of two o'clock in Room 114. So the First Special Session and the Senate will stand in Recess until the hour of three-thirty; hopefully, by then, the conferees will have concluded their business and the report will be on your desk and we can take a vote. The Senate stands in Recess until three-thirty. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

We're having another caucus...Republican Caucus immediately right after.

PRESIDENT:

Good. Republican Caucus immediately in Senator Philip's office.

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AFTER RECESS

PRESIDENT:

The hour of six-thirty having arrived, the First Special Session will come to order. (Machine cutoff)...Secretary, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a report with respect to House Bill 1636.

SECRETARY:

Second Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1636.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the

Senate, This is the ordinary and contingent expenses for the operations of the court systems in Illinois. The difference between this and what we had had before us before is to take out the administrative assistants for the seven Supreme Court justices. I would ask for adoption of the Conference Committee Report No. 2.

PRESIDENT:

Discussion? Any discussion? Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

I am not rising in opposition. I intend to vote No, I don't deny it, but I just ask...remembering what the Supreme...the arrogance the Supreme Court has shown during part of these games, knowing that we've beaten the budget once and held it to thirty votes once, it needs thirty-six, it might...send it out with thirty-six to remind them that we are a little tired of some of the games they have played. I intend to vote No but I do...that we might just watch the board and make sure we don't send it out with fifty votes.

PRESIDENT:

Discussion? Discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on House Bill 1636. Those in favor will vote Aye. 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, there are 50 Ayes, 8 Nays, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee report on House Bill 1636 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Schaffer, are you ready? Madam Secretary, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, there's a Conference Committee report on House Bill 783.

SECRETARY:

Second Conference Committee Report on House Bill 783.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President, I am happy to report you...as you recall last night, I requested a Conference Committee, I'm happy to report you that a Conference Committee was provided on a rather grand scale, I might add. A compromise was hammered out after a very lengthy, I think, and thorough debate. In effect, we came down from the twenty to eight million, but I think in the passage of this Conference Committee Report with this budget we are sending a very clear and I think emphatic message to the Governor as he deliberates on the budget that the Illinois General Assembly in a very bipartisan way is concerned about the state of mental health, both at the community level and in our state institutions. I'm delighted that we were able to arrive at again what I would emphasize as a very bipartisan position and would urge a favorable roll call by the largest possible margin.

PRESIDENT:

Discussion? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There is no question that this was a item of interest and I want the record to be crystal clear on the message that we do send. I do not send the message that Senator Schaffer sent in the Conference Committee and that was that the money would come from education. I want it very clear that at least on this side of the aisle the support for mental health has always been there, not at the expense of education, and the message that should be delivered to the Governor if the Secretary can deliver it with the bill is that any monies spent on mental health by this addition or the other forty-one million we added before this not come from the education budgets. Now were that the case, I don't think...and were we to believe that it did come from edu-

cation, I don't think you'd find any votes on this floor for a mental health budget. I believe that we should pass this budget and we should make it absolutely clear that there is no need for this eight million or the other forty-one to be taken from the education budgets of Illinois.

PRESIDENT:

Discussion? Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDENT:

Indicate he'll yield, Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Yes, may I ask you, Senator, where will the money come from? I understand that I heard you in conference that you didn't give a damn about education or the little kids in the City of Chicago and that you already have taken a ten million dollar cut from the Board of Education...that's the Chicago Board of Education and that you didn't care if the other eight million dollars came from that same source.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I don't recall mentioning the little kids in Chicago. What I said in answer to a question about where the money was coming was that there were other areas that I considered lower priority including some components of the education budget, the...3.2 billion dollar education budget. I, frankly, did not mention any particular area but I would be prepared to zero in on a couple. I...I think our dramatic expansion in full day kindergarten, for instance, which at least in my part of the state is...paid baby-sitting is not as important as decent salaries for the people who work in our mental health facilities. I am not saying this money

should come from education, I'm saying that we should tell the Governor to examine all of the budgets including this one and to see if there's some fat in this one in some areas that can be reduced without hurting quality care either at the community level or in our institutions and that education is not a sacred cow like the Supreme Court. I'm saying there are areas in education that maybe we should reevaluate and say aren't quite as high a priority as decent lifesaving care in some of our facilities. I'm not anti-education, I'm pro-education, but I'm not absolutely a slave to the cause...we came down here to set priorities and that's what we're doing in the passage of this. Education is a very high priority, it has been for me, I know it is for all of the members here. But we can't be blinded to the conditions in our mental hospitals which we are not the only partly responsible for funding, we are totally responsible for funding. Education is funded by other sources beyond us; mental health to a large degree, particularly the institutions, are our responsibility and it's one we should live up to.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Yes, we're closing mental health hospitals across the State of Illinois and we're depending more on community base mental facilities. Is this money intended to go to benefit them?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Yes, although there are...the money is evenly split between the institutions and the community base programs. I am unaware of any plans or proposals at this point to close any mental hospitals. So I think...we have over a period of years due to a drop in population been able to close the

hospitals, but I think an examination of the population trends for the last couple of years for a lot of reasons which I'm not going to bother the membership with right now has been moving the other direction.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you, Mr. President, to the question. So that means that when I go back to Chicago I can expect to see an alleviation of the mentally ill and the handicapped people that are now coming into the cities because mental facilities are closing and that they are sleeping on the benches and on the streets and in the parks, and...and you think that this will help alleviate that...by this mere little eight million dollars that we are putting in, I don't think so. Yes, I know that mental health is close to all of us, because at any given moment anyone can elapse into that state due to stress or what have you. But I don't think that we needed to go through this exercise to get there and I don't think that we need to cut budgets in education to get there.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise to support this Conference Committee Report and to explain my vote last night. There seemed to be some thought that a number of us were together in a master plan or a scheme to maybe make the Speaker of the House or possibly the President of the Senate or some of our other leaders look bad. Well, I'll tell you right now, I am a cochair of the Citizens' Council on Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. I was more inclined to support Senator Schaffer because I am very well aware, as...as you are, that mental health has gone down to such a low level in Illinois, and I

think because of that capacity and what I had and being cochair that I have a responsibility to be one of the last legislators to pull out on a fight involving mental health. I respect the Speaker of the House very much as a leader and as the President of the Senate and I think they are great leaders and I just will continue to go in that vein and I want them to know that I have those feelings, but once in a while remember the troops, you know, that we have out there in the trenches, sometimes we have to do these things.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Schaffer, you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Only to say that being for mental health doesn't mean that you're against education or anything else. I'd appreciate a very positive roll call.

PRESIDENT:

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Second Conference Committee Report on House Bill 783. Those in favor will vote Aye. 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, there are 59 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 7-8-3 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Carroll for the record.

SENATOR CARROLL:

...thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As required by the Constitution of the State of Illinois under Article VIII, Chapter Finance, Section 2B where it says, "The General Assembly by law shall make appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the state, appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that

year." This year, the revenues as projected by the Bureau of the Budget and the Economic and Fiscal Commission including the available balance which ended up being one hundred fifty-four million at the close of business yesterday is eleven billion six hundred thirty-seven million. The Bureau of the Budget has projected that the transfers out of that account by statutory requirement are eight hundred seventy-seven million, for a total budget of approximately ten...in general revenue funds only, ten billion seven hundred sixty million dollars. With the action we just took, we have sent to the Governor approximately ten billion seven hundred sixty million dollars. We have met our constitutional requirement. We have sent to the Governor...a budget within the funds available to be appropriated by the General Assembly.

PRESIDENT:

Resolutions, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 1)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I would move, Mr. President, the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1 which is the sine die resolution for the First Special Session.

PRESIDENT:

I will inform the members that I have informed the Speaker of the House that the Senate is about to adjourn sine die this Special Session. All in favor of the adoption of this resolution indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Please hurry the Message, Madam Secretary, to the House will you? We have only to finish the remaining business of the regular Session which is the adoption of the Resolutions Consent Calendar and

the adjournment resolution.

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