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64th Legislative Day

June 2, 1993

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will come to order, and the Senators be at their desks, and our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer today is by the Reverend Lyle Jesse from the First Christian Church of Findlay, Illinois. Pastor?

THE REVEREND LYLE JESSE:

(Prayer by the Reverend Lyle Jesse)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, May 19th and Thursday, May 20th, 1993.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. -- Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary -- whoops. I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves the approval of the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Friday, May 21st; Sunday, May 23rd; Monday, May 24th; Tuesday, May 25th; Wednesday, May 26th; Thursday, May 27th; and Friday, May 28th, in the year 1993, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journals, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, it is so ordered. For what purpose does

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Senator Severns arise?

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

It's my honor today to have in the Senate not only the minister that opened our Session today with prayer, Pastor Jesse, but his wife, Juanita, and their sons, Michael and Nathan. What Pastor Jesse didn't realize is something that we found out, and that he's about to celebrate forty years with the First Christian Church in Findlay. And so with your permission, I would like the resolution honoring his service to be read and adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 559, offered by Senator Severns and Senator Philip, President of the Senate, and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 559)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Severns moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of this resolution. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Severns has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 559. Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Not to take a lot more time, I just wanted to say thank you for providing the Jesse family the opportunity and for us the honor of giving this resolution. I know that many of us have interest in music, and the Jesses have made several records of gospel songs and have been song

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evangelists at many revivals. So, I'm delighted they're here today, and thank you for providing us the time to share this with them. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Those in favor of the adoption, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Congratulations. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to recede from their Amendment No. 1 to a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 207.

I am further directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives requests a First Committee of Conference, to consist of five Members from each House to consider the differences of the two Houses in regard to the amendment to the bill.

Action taken by the House, May 28th, 1993.

We have like Messages on Senate Bill 553 <sic> (533), with Amendment No. 1, and Senate Bill 536, with Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Without objection, the Senate accedes to the request of the House for a conference committee on those bills just read by the Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 46.

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Adopted by the House, May 28th, 1993.

We have like Messages on House Joint Resolution 47, House Joint Resolution 48 and House Joint Resolution 49.

They're all congratulatory, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. I'd like to remind the Body that on these conference committees, I would suggest that the chairmen get the paperwork going, get them signed up, get your meetings. And time is growing short. So just -- today I would hope that there would be many of them filed so that we can either direct them back to the Floor or assign them to committee. We will go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrences, on the bottom of page 9 and 10 of the Calendar. Is Senator Dunn on the Floor? For what purpose does Senator O'Malley arise?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Mr. President, I'm rising as a -- as a point of personal privilege and -- and as a matter of record for the Senate. I'm assuming sponsorship for Senate <sic> Bill 1974. I've discussed this with the current sponsor, Senator Topinka, who would become a hyphenated sponsor -- cosponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The record will reflect the change in sponsorship. Senator O'Malley?

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

I need to correct the record further. That's House Bill 1974.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

House Bill 1974, Mr. Secretary. On page 10 of the Calendar, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary, do you have a file on Conference Committee Reports on House Bill 1613?

SECRETARY HARRY:

First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1613.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Chair recognizes Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is the First Conference Committee Report on -- on House Bill 1613. I don't think it's controversial at all. It -- it simply contains the language now that we passed out of the House -- or out of the Senate quite some time ago dealing with the Illinois Beach Marina Fund, which is in Senator Geo-Karis' district, and it says that fifty percent of the revenue from that Fund be transferred into GRF through the third quarter of Fiscal '93, and thereafter twenty-five percent of the first two million deposited into the Fund shall be transferred to GRF, and seventy-five percent of any amount in excess of the two million be transferred to GRF, the total of which shall not exceed two million dollars in any one fiscal year. Here again, I don't know of any opposition to this, and it did pass out of here 54 to nothing in -- in a different Senate bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Cullerton?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

He indicates that he would.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Could you tell me a little bit more about the Illinois Beach Marina and why -- what types of revenues we are receiving from them, why it's less than what you thought? And if you could just further elicit -- if I could elicit from you further what the slowdown in the payment is back to the General Revenue Fund.

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Senator Woodyard.

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SENATOR WOODYARD:

Well, it's my understanding that the -- the rentals on those slips has declined somewhat, and that may be the reason for that reduction. Its impact on General Revenue Fund, I really don't know at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, may I respond to Senator Cullerton? We have tried to -- this -- this was the bill that I had in the Senate that flew out of here. In fact, I think it was by fifty votes or better, and it's been -- and then you know what happens when it goes to the House sometimes. And this bill is an amendment to Senator Woodyard's House Bill 1613, because we need this in order to pay back timely, but you can't pay it if we don't get it in. So it does give you a little more time. I don't have my file here in front of me, but that's the purpose. This -- affects the North Point Marina, which is the largest marina in the United States - 1500 boat slips, in Winthrop Harbor, and that's in my district, Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, it's my understanding that the State has leased with a -- a tenant by the name of -- I think it's called Skipper Bud's to perform and operate the Marina. Are you aware of whether or not Skipper Bud's has performed their obligations under this lease?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

As far as I know, he has. If he hasn't, I'll -- I'll be darn sure that he does. I'll guarantee you that.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Woodyard, to close. The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1613. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 54, the Nays are none, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1613, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On Senate Bill 586, Senator Woodyard? On page 10 of the Calendar in the Order of Conference Committee Report, Mr. Secretary, do you have a file on Conference Committee Report...

SECRETARY HARRY:

Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 586.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Woodyard.

SENATOR WOODYARD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As Senate Bill 586 left the Senate, it basically dealt with a lot of provisions regarding the Illinois State Fair. Those provisions are all gone out of this bill at this -- at this point in time, and most of the provisions of -- of Senate Bill 586 are presently on the Governor's desk. This now contains, basically, clean-up language dealing with House Amendment No. 3, which deals with the -- the Brucellosis Act dealing with -- with cattle in Illinois, and -- and this language was also contained in another Senate bill - Senate Bill 583 - which -- I don't know where that bill is. But anyway, this particular bill, as far as I know, there's no opposition to this. It simply cleans up language dealing with the vaccines and -- and so on with licensed veterinarians under the Illinois Brucellosis Act, and I would ask for its passage.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 586. Those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. 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 adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 586, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair. We're hopefully shooting for about 3 o'clock. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I don't think our Members were listening. We're going to stand at ease at the call of the Chair, which we won't come back until at least 3 o'clock. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I think we're shooting for about 3 o'clock, Senator Demuzio, and I would remind you all to get on these conference committees. The chairman should get that committee moving and those signed and filed. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Since we just did the two conference committee reports that were on page 10, and there literally isn't anything to do, does that mean that we will be taking any type of final action after 3 o'clock when we return?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I don't think so. That depends on how quickly the conference committees are formed and signed and assigned, or directed back to the Floor. We'll stand in recess.



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(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...(microphone cutoff)...will reconvene. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned to committees: To the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - Conference Committee Reports to Senate Bill 951 and House Bill 2053; referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - a motion to concur in the House Amendment with respect to Senate Bill 402; to the Committee on Transportation - Conference Committee Report to House Bill 596; Be Approved for Consideration - Conference Committee Reports to House Bills 1331 and 1526.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 569, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

Senate Resolution 570, by Senator Jones.

Senate Resolution 571 is offered by Senator del Valle.

Senate Resolution 572, by Senator Mahar.

And Senate Resolution 573, offered by Senators Smith, Jones and Hendon.

They're all congratulatory, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On page 10 of the Calendar is the Order of Concurrence.

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Senate Joint Resolution 44. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 44, offered by Senator Philip, with House Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip, on House Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you know, Senate Joint Resolution 44 is creating a task force on the five Illinois pension funds, and the House has added an amendment I agree to. It gives the four Leaders the same amount of appointments to that two-year commission. So I'll be happy to ask any questions, and I move we do concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 44.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Philip, does this now mean that each Leader now gets an -- an appointment to the -- to the task force? Is that what we're doing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yes. We all have four appointments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? This is final action. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

So if you could -- just refresh my memory for a moment. So now it is just seven members, four appointed by the Legislative Leaders, three public members, and the reporting period is within

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two years. There is a specific reporting period of two years. Is that -- is that...(inaudible)... he's shaking his head yes. Well, I rise in support of the -- of the task force. Let me reiterate again, I think that it is a -- something that we have neglected. We have thirteen-billion-dollar liability to the pension systems. It's unfortunate that we had the amortization schedule, that passed out of here about three years ago that we've been unable to meet. Had we been on that amortization schedule, we would not be in the posture that we are in. Apparently it's unfortunate that we're not going to be able to have money to bring that amortization schedule up to the current level, and I guess this is the only thing that's left, and that is to study how we're apparently going to get a stable revenue source, I assume, to funding the pension systems so that that thirteen billion dollars in arrears can, in fact, be brought up to date. And I guess if -- if Chicago wants five riverboats, I guess if we have five pension systems, maybe we ought to take a look at the task force maybe studying that too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Philip, to close.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just might remind you that there's a national association of pension funds. They rate all the state pensions. They're -- they have what they call the "dirty dozen". And I hate to say it, but Illinois ranks the fourth worst of the fifty states, so I'd ask for your favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 44. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed, vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 58, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 44, and the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. For what purpose does Senator Fawell arise?

SENATOR FAWELL:

Just for the purpose of -- of an announcement. The Transportation Committee will meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning in A-1, for looking at amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Dudycz arise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would seek leave of the Body to have Senate Resolution 138 re-referred to Rules Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Dunn, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR R. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To announce that the State Government Operations and Executive Appointments Committee will meet in Room 212 tomorrow at 9 o'clock instead of 8:30 - 9 a.m. instead of 8:30, in 212. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to request a Republican Caucus - a Republican Caucus - immediately upon adjournment in Senator Pate Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just would like to inform the Members on what the tentative schedule is for the rest of the week. And I hope that everybody would file their conference committee reports by noon tomorrow - noon tomorrow. If not, there -- there is a remote possibility it might not be called. Now, the intention is to come in tomorrow at 10 a.m. and do some conference committee reports, the other paperwork we have to do, then come back in Friday at 9 a.m. and hopefully get out of here by 11 o'clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Cullerton arise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to respectfully ask for a Democratic Caucus to be held immediately after adjournment in Senator Emil Jones' Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any further business to bring before the Senate? If not, we'll stand adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday, May the 3rd -- June 3rd.

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