

STATE OF ILLINOIS
88TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

2nd Legislative Day

July 2, 1994

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Second Special Session will come to order. The Senate will please be at their desks. Out guests in the gallery will please rise. The prayer this morning will be given by Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer given by Senator Geo-Karis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you, Geo. Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, July 1st, in the year 1994, be -- be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, it's so ordered. The Senate will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

SENATOR DONAHUE:

...(microphone cutoff)...have your attention. There will be a Republican Caucus immediately in "Pate" Philip's Office. Republican Caucus immediately. ...(microphone cutoff)...Members -- Republican Members that were in hearing of my voice, we have a Republican Caucus immediately in -- "Pate" -- James "Pate" Philip's Office. Immediately, in Jim -- James "Pate" Philip's

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

If the Members would please come to the Floor, the Senate is ready to reconvene. Second Special Session will please come to order. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you know, we have been negotiating for the last couple of days, and very honestly, we haven't done very well. As you know, in my judgment, the Senate has acted responsibly. We have passed two budgets over to the House. Madigan has refused to call either one of the budgets for a vote. He's -- allegedly has a plan. He has not put his plan into a form of a bill so that we could vote on it in either House. The Governor has put forward at least four compromise suggestions on the budget, which, as you know, the Speaker has turned down all four of them. Now, talking to the Minority Leader and talking to the Speaker, because we, in my judgment, have done our work, I'm going to suggest that we be in perfunctory the next couple of days and let the Members go home and do their work, and I'm going to stay down here and work with the other three Leaders and the Governor and try to work out a reasonable compromise. When we reach what we think is a reasonable compromise, I will try to give the Members at least a twenty-four-hour notice. Call you, come back down, have a look at it, and hopefully vote on it and get out of here. So thank you

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very much, and have a great 4th of July.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. I know we do not like to be here on a holiday weekend, but we are compelled to take care of State business, and I concur with the Senate President that we should be in perfunct and let the Membership go on. But when he went a little further talking about the budgets that were passed as such, the issue is just not that simple. We put several proposals on the table equally as well. We -- we -- we put the proposal wherein all the additional dollars of education should go to education from gaming, which is twenty-five million dollars. We put other proposals on the table so that all the debts, if possible, could be paid. We were opposed to the borrowing, and the -- the debt holiday has been proposed. But I'm quite sure during the course of time, reasonable minds shall come together, and we will come to a resolve on this issue. And I'm quite certain that Senator Philip will want all the Members to come back, but I'm quite certain they will need time to get back, and if a twenty-four-hour notice is ample for -- to give the Members time to come back, I would suggest very strongly that they would be given at least twenty-four-hour notice prior to coming back. But the budgets that were passed must have the input of all Members, and Members on this side of the aisle. I'm quite certain that we will come to some sort of agreement, and it's not a partisan issue. It's a issue that we all, as legislators, must deal with, and hopefully we can come to an accord to see that State government is funded.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further business to bring before the Senate? The Senate will stand adjourned. Tomorrow perfunctory Session at four

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o'clock. The Senate is adjourned.

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