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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

81st Legislative Day

March 5, 1996

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Robert Low, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Petersburg, Illinois. Pastor Low.

PASTOR ROBERT LOW:

(Prayer by Pastor Robert Low)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

(Pledge of Allegiance inaudible)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Illinois Information Service has asked permission to videotape today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, February 28th, and Thursday, February 29th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objections, so ordered. ...now going to yield the Chair to Senator Jacobs for the request of introduction of a special person. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

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

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I have a young man with me here today, David Collins, who has been a teacher in the Moline public schools since 1962. He has written sixty-three books for children, primarily biographies. His 1995 book on Casimir Pulaski, which many Senators have received, has been recognized by the National Junior Historian Guild. He has been cited by the United Nations and the Junior Literary Guild. David Collins was named Illinois Teacher of the Year by the Illinois VFW in 1988. Casimir Pulaski, as David will tell you, was a role model. And incidentally, I might just add that David is fourteen years old, having been born on leap year in 1940. I give you David Collins, author/schoolteacher. David.

MR. DAVID COLLINS:

(Remarks by Mr. David Collins)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...I could have your attention. Once again we have a distinguished guest. And I'd like to have your attention for Senator Parker to present her distinguished guests. Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

Thank you. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I am very honored to have the Northwestern representatives from the football team and the President and Coach here. They are in my district, so I -- I'm claiming them and adopting them. So I'm very proud of that. And we want to recognize Northwestern, and particularly the football team and the grand achievement that they gave to our State. We have so many stories that are not good news so often that we hear, and here is one of a Cinderella team that has done a wonderful job, that won the hearts of not only Northwestern University fans, but those hearts from all over the State, and we're very proud of them. And we want to thank them for coming down here and we would like to honor them. So thank you very much, team. I would like to introduce the President of

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Northwestern University, and that is President Bienen.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BIENEN:

(Remarks by President Bienen and introduction of Coach)

COACH GARY BARNETT:

(Remarks and introductions by Coach Gary Barnett)

(Presentation to Senator Philip)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 2649.

We have like Messages on House Bill 2626 and House Bill 2809. All passed the House, February 29th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Bills 1419 and 1640 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Bills 1473, 1633, 1749 and 1777 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports Senate Bills 1490 and 1671 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1669 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 171, offered by Senator Demuzio.

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It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Well thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to say that Senator Dillard is not here today, and he is on official business in his district.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2631, offered by Senators Lauzen and Barkhausen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Petka offers House Bill 2649.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2796, Senator Demuzio -- that's House Bill 2796.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2809, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like the record to also reflect that Senator Molaro is at a funeral today of a child of a close family friend, and that Senator Bowles and Senator Garcia are also absent today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Page 5 of today's Calendar, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. Senator O'Malley, do you wish to go back to 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment? Senator O'Malley seeks leave. Any objections? No objections.

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House Bill 226 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator O'Malley.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 226 requires charter schools to get the approval of the local school board prior to applying for or accepting grants from public sources, whether they be federal, State or local.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any discussion? Any discussion? If not, all those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bills 2nd Reading, on the top of page 2. Senator Madigan. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 1258. Senator Parker. Senator Parker. Believe it or not, we're waiting for the computer to keep up. It appears that it -- it takes twenty seconds, so we're going to have to wait for it to catch up with us. Senate Bill 1264. Senator Peterson. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1264.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1278. Senator Geo-Karis. Senate Bill 1278. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill. We're going to have to pause for a minute to wait for the computer to catch up. Senate Bill 1319. Senator Weaver. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1319.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1338. Senator Weaver. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1338.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1357. Senator Dudycz. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 1360. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 1360.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. ...Bill 1361. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1361.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1388. Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1388.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1391. Senator Mahar. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1391.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1408. Senator Luechtefeld. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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...Bill 1408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1408. Senator Luechtefeld. Excuse me. Senate Bill 1463. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 1463. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1463.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1494. Senator Fitzgerald. Senate Bill 1494. Senator Fitzgerald. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 1405 {sic} (1504). Senator Petka. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 1681. Senator Bonke. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1681.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1772. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1772.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1783. Senator Viverito. Senator Viverito. Senate Bill 1783. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1783.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1811. Senator Bomke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1811.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Have there been any other Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1820. Senator Clayborne. Read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. On the top of page 4, Senate Bill 1883. Senator Rauschenberger. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 1902. Senator Karpziel. Senator Karpziel. Senate Bill 1902. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1902.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1917. Senator Bomke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1917.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

3rd Reading. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1883; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1278.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a House joint resolution constitutional amendment of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 32.

Passed the House, February 29th, 1996.

(Secretary reads HJRCA No. 32)

1st Reading of the resolution.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Any other further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 6th.

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