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SENATE TRANSCRIPT

93rd Legislative Day

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend Randy Steele, Southside Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Steele.

THE REVEREND RANDY STEELE:

(Prayer by the Reverend Randy Steele)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th, in the year 1996, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports House Bills 2456, 2631, 2649 and 3233 Do Pass; and House Bills 3451, 3578 and 3669 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Sieben, Chair of the Committee on State Government Operations, reports House Bills 2670 and 2861 Do Pass; Senate Resolution 179 Be Adopted; and House Joint Resolutions 22 and 37 Be Adopted.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Deno Perdiou, Director of Legislative Affairs.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the 89th General Assembly, I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below, and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Submitted this date, and signed by Governor Edgar.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages 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 bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 17, 2595, 2632, 2900, 3271, 3309, 3448, 22, 346, 1476, 2206, 2250, 2593, 2859, 3041, 3238 and 3283.

All passed the House, April 17th, 1996.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

There's been a request from the Associated Press to take pictures. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 346, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2593, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2595, offered by Senator Lauzen.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Parker offers House Bill 3238.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3309, by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3395, by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose Senator Demuzio arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I am told, I think, that the Taylorville Junior High is in the President's Gallery with Jeff Grizzell, and I would ask that they be -- if they would stand and please be recognized by the Senate, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Will our guests please rise? 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 Environment and Energy - Senate Resolution 190; to the Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activities - House Bills 2347, 2557 and 2927; to the Committee on Judiciary - House Bills 2621, 3348 {sic} and 3396; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - House Bills 2529 and 3141; to the Committee on Revenue - House Bills 3282, 3549 and 3637; to the Committee on State Government Operations - House Bill 3662; to the Committee on Transportation - House Bills 3349 and 3629.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We'll go to the Order of Senate Bills on 3rd Reading. We have about five or more appropriation bills that should be acted on this morning. Senator Rauschenberger on the Floor? On the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1260. Senator Rauschenberger, do you wish that bill called? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1260.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senate Bill 1260 is a vehicle bill that we'd like to move to the House so that we're prepared as we move forward on the budget process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1260 pass. Those in favor will 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 54, the Nays are none, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1260, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. 1261, Senator Rauschenberger? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is very similar to the

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last one. It's a vehicle that we'd like to move to the House so we're prepared as we move to the final budget. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Rauschenberger, is there -- is there any -- any hypotheses as to when we might -- might see a -- a budget? I mean, these shell bills are -- they're getting like Easter eggs. They're getting a -- they're getting a little -- a little ripe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Hypotheses are -- are kind of difficult to make right now. We're obviously in a -- a very active period of trying to understand what it is the -- the House's vision of the budget are. We certainly are working diligently to try to understand some of their proposals, but I don't have an answer for you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, Senator, would there be any -- any opportunity for us to have -- you know, we'd be glad to help you out in any way that we could in the negotiations and be -- be delighted just to sit down and -- and talk to you about a number of these -- of these issues at the proper time, I suspect.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

And it would just seem to me that, you know, until such time as we do that, it would -- I think that, you know, at least I

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would -- I would urge, you know, the Members to seriously voting Present on these bills, since we don't know what in the world is going to be in them, and we don't know what's going to be in them coming back, and we haven't been part of the process. So...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1261 pass. Those in favor will 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 36, the Nays are none, 21 voting Present. Senate Bill 1261, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. For what purpose Senator DeAngelis arise?

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

On a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

In the gallery to our left we have, with the red jackets, the State Vocational and Industrial Association of America, and included in that group is -- as one of the advisors, is a good personal friend, Carol Muskowitz. Can I please have them stand and be recognized?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 1262, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1262.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

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This, again, is a vehicle bill. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1262 pass. Those in favor will 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 36, the Nays are none, 21 voting Present. Senate Bill 1262, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Is there leave to have Senator Rauschenberger have a -- handle 1263? Leave is granted. Senator Rauschenberger, on Senate Bill 1263. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1263.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

In -- in an effort to vary the shell bills, Senator Weaver has one, and I'd like -- suggest a favorable roll -- roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1263 pass. Those in favor will 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 36, the Nays are none, 20 voting Present. Senate Bill 1263, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Smith, did you wish to call 1674 -- 1574? Excuse me. Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on 1575? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1575.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much. This is one of our vehicle bills to help to keep in the ball game, and also to help to participate in the negotiations. I would urge an Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1575 pass. All those in favor will 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 48, the Nays 3, 3 voting Present. Senate Bill 1575, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Carroll, on 1576? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1576.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. This would then, I think, make it a shell necklace, with all the shells going over to the House, and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1276 {sic} (1576) pass. Those in favor will 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 36, the Nays are 17, 3 voting Present. Senate Bill 1576,



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having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Philip asks leave that Senator Rauschenberger handle 1922. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Bill 1922.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

This bill is not a shell bill. It contains the introduced and passed-out-of-committee budget of the Office of the Governor of the State of Illinois. I'd urge a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1922 pass. Those in favor will 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. Senate Bill 1922, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. On page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Constitutional Amendments 2nd Reading. Senator Watson, on SJR-A 3. Read the amendment, Mr. {sic} Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

...Joint Resolution No. 3, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 3, as amended)

2nd Reading of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator O'Malley, on SJR Constitutional Amendment 7. Read the amendment, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Joint Resolution 7, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 7, as amended)

2nd Reading of the constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. The Chair would like to announce that Doris Price will be available in Room 222A until 5 p.m. today in order to assist any Member in making any changes requested in coverage on insurance and related matters. So if you have any concerns about your insurance, Doris Price will be in Room 222 -- 122. Excuse me. 122A. Until 5 p.m. today. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

It's not on this point. I had a -- a inquiry of the Chair, if I might. We are going to read all of the constitutional amendments. I am told that that took about an hour yesterday. Is -- is that -- is that about the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

No. I don't think it'll take that long. Some are a little longer than others, but this, in essence, will be finalization of action today. So if anyone has other things they must attend to, they may leave. 10 o'clock on Tuesday we will reconvene, though. 10 o'clock on Tuesday. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the -- of the Senate. Purpose of an announcement. That we'll be coming back on Tuesday at 10 a.m. We will probably have a short Republican Caucus, come back out on the Floor, and do the constitutional amendments, up or down. So, hope that everybody would be here Tuesday on time, because we'll take up those three or four constitutional amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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For what purpose does Senator Smith seek recognition?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President. Is it a possibility that - I kind of overstepped myself, here for a moment - hear -- that the Bill 1574 might be heard at this time? Or should I wait? Can I -- I'm asking...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We're not on that order of business at this time.

SENATOR SMITH:

I can't. Okay, then.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH:

We'll just wait. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Lauzen, do you wish SJRCA 18 read the second time? Madam Secretary, read the amendment.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 18, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 18, as amended)

2nd Reading of the constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. For what purpose Senator Jacobs arise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Just as a point of announcement, if I could, Mr. President. We will have a Democratic Caucus Tuesday at 10 a.m. also. We would respect -- respectfully request that our caucus be given a little more time, because we're going to have to look that over. So it will be a little longer than a few minutes, as far as we're concerned, on Tuesday at 10.

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Very good. Senator Dillard, on SJRCA 25. Senator Dillard, do you wish... Madam Secretary, read the amendment.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 25, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 25, as amended)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. For what purpose Senator Demuzio arise? Senator Demuzio? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I have another group from Christian County that's also with us today in the President's Gallery. Another group from Taylorville Junior High with -- Annette Spears is -- I guess, is their teacher. So I would ask that they would rise and be recognized by the Senate. Welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Our guests please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Petka, on SJRCA 27. Read the amendment, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 27, Constitutional Amendment, as amended by Senate Amendment No. 1.

(Secretary reads SJRCA No. 27, as amended)

2nd Reading of this constitutional amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. For what purpose Senator Watson arise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege, and an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

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Okay. Next Tuesday, due to the fact that we're going into Session at 10 a.m., we have changed the time for the Audit Commission meeting. The Audit Commission will be meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd, in Room 122B, and the subject matter is the discussion of Senate Bill 542. The other announcement is to remind the Members of our softball game with the -- the House, that will be April 30th, and we plan next week to try to get together and, if time permits, to have a practice.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With the leave of... Excuse me. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 191, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 192, offered by Senators del Valle and Smith.

And Senate Joint Resolution 90, offered by Senators del Valle and Smith.

They're both substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any of the resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Adjournment resolution. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 91, offered by Senator Dudycz {sic} (Geo-Karis).

(Secretary reads SJR No. 91)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Geo-Karis moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 91. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Geo-Karis moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 91. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution's adopted. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, pursuant to the adjournment resolution, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, April the 22nd -- 23rd. Excuse me.

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