

STATE OF ILLINOIS
90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

71st Legislative Day

January 28, 1998

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will 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 Father Elia, from the (St. Sharbel-) Maronite Catholic Church of Peoria. Father Elia.

FATHER FAOUZI Y. ELIA:

(Prayer by Father Faouzi Y. Elia)

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Senator Sieben, for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, January 14th, and Thursday, January 15th, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 363, along with House Amendment No. 1.

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Passed the House, as amended, January 27th, 1998.

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 45.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 45)

Adopted by the House, January 27th, 1998.

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...motion to suspend the rule for the immediate adoption -- consideration and adoption -- HJR 45. Leave is... Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue has moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 45. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Donahue has moved for the adoption of Senate {sic} (House) Joint Resolution 45. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules -- resolution is adopted. The following Senators have been appointed as the Committee of Five from the Senate to await upon His Excellency Governor Jim Edgar, and invite him to address the Joint Assembly: Senator Burzynski, Senator Myers, Senator Tom Walsh, Senator Hendon, and Senator Larry Walsh will be the Escort Committee. ...what purpose Senator Demuzio arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. For excused absences: Senator Margaret Smith is not with us because of illness; and Senator Severns is not with us because she is back in the hospital taking her treatments and most likely will miss this week. Thank you.

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The record will so indicate. All Members are encouraged to immediately proceed to the House for the Governor's State of the State Message. The Senate will stand at ease until the hour of 1 o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senate will reconvene. ...Chair will allow Senators Fawell and Cullerton to introduce the Girls' Volleyball Team State Champions from St. Francis High School, of Wheaton, Illinois. So please pay attention to Senators Fawell and Cullerton, who are going to be making the introductions.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you very much. Will the team please enter? Ones my size please come to the front. John, would you like to come up here with me and do the honors? The reason I am allowing John to invade my territory is that John is an alumni of St. Francis, and I felt it was only fitting that he join me with this. I have the great pleasure of introducing the St. Francis Volleyball Team, of girls. They are the State Champions for the Class A volleyball teams, and I would like you all to welcome them with a Senate applause. The Coach is Peg Kopec. She is the -- she has coached these girls, as I said, to be the winners of the Class A Volleyball Team, and I will turn the mike over to her to introduce the girls individually.

COACH PEG KOPEC:

(Remarks by Coach Peg Kopec)

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SENATOR FAWELL:

John, would you like to say?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. I'm very proud of my high school that I graduated from many, many years ago. My sister is very active in the school and helps -- and my brother-in-law help -- helping coach, and I'm real proud of them. And I hope that they come back next year as well. Thank you.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you much, girls, and we do have a resolution that we will present to you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Geo-Karis, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

On a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

We're delighted today to have in the audience, upstairs in the gallery - and I believe it's the Democrat side of the gallery, 'cause they didn't know where to go - two very distinguished people. One is Ira Feldman, a very outstanding lawyer, and he's from Glencoe, Illinois. He's a -- a constituent of Senator Katherine -- Kathleen Parker. And he has with her -- with him, rather, Nathalie Benouaich, B-E-N-O-V (sic) (U)-A-I-C-H, from Paris, France, who is an intern in the law offices of Wildman, Harrold. And she is a candidate for judges' school in France, and she is here to -- she is here to see the Governor speak. And unfortunately I missed it because I was fogged in until now, and we're delighted to have Attorney Feldman and Nathalie Benouaich with us today.

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Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized?
Welcome to Springfield. Senator Bomke, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Please help me welcome Olek Sabadosh, an exchange student from Ukraine, along with his sponsor, Skip McCumsey, from Streator, Illinois. They're behind the President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Oleksandr Sabadosh, who -- who comes from a part of Ukraine that my -- both of my parents also are from. And welcome to Springfield. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has accepted the Governor's specific recommendations for change, which are attached, to a bill of the following title, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1485.

Adopted by the House, January 27th, 1998.

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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 - Conference Committee Report 1 to House Bill 263; and to the Committee on Judiciary - the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 363.

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Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1253, offered by Senators Burzynski, Jones and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1254, by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1255, by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1256 is offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1257, Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1258, presented by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House {sic} Bill 1259, Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House {sic} Bill 1260, by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Rauschenberger offers Senate Bill 1261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House -- Senate Bill 1262, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1263 -- or, Senate Bill 1263, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1264, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1265, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1266, Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 1267, Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1268, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1269.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1270 is offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1271, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1272, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1273, Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1274, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1275, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1276, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1277, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1278, Senator Lawrence Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1279, by Senator -- Bill 1279, by Senator Thomas
Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1280, is Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1281, Senator Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

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Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 145, offered by Senators Smith and Jones and all Members.

Senate Resolution 146, by Senator Thomas Walsh.

Senate Resolution 147, by Senator Thomas Walsh.

Senate Resolution 148, by Senators Demuzio, Jones and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 149, by Senator Lawrence Walsh.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

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Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 20, offered by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Mahar, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAHAR:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. The Senate Environment and Energy Committee will meet at 3:30 in Room 400. And Room 400 is a change, so I would ask the Members of the Committee to take note that we'll be meeting in a new location - Room 400 at 3:30 - for the purpose of -- of one conference committee report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Madigan moves the Senate stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Thursday, January 29th.

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