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13th Legislative Day

February 26, 1997

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 18

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please 20  
come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and 22  
will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today 23  
will be given by Pastor Thomas Radtke, Trinity Lutheran Church, 24  
Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Radtke.

PASTOR THOMAS RADTKE: 26

(Prayer by Pastor Thomas Radtke) 28

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 30

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben. 32

SENATOR SIEBEN: 34

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben) 36

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 38

Reading of the Journal, Mr. Secretary. 40

SECRETARY HARRY: 42

Senate Journals of Thursday, January 30th; Tuesday, February 44  
4th; Wednesday, February 5th; Thursday, February 6th; Friday, 45  
February 7th; and Wednesday, February 19th, 1997. 46

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 48

Senator Butler. 50

SENATOR BUTLER: 52

Mr. President, I move that -- excuse me -- the Journals just 54  
read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has 56  
additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 58

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There 60  
being no objections, so ordered. Senator Maitland, for what 61  
purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAITLAND: 63

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. On 65  
a point of personal privilege, sir. 66

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 68

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State your point. 70

SENATOR MAITLAND: 72

In the gallery -- in the President's Gallery, directly behind you, Mr. President, are members of the Illinois Chapter of the National State Teachers of the Year. They have provided each one of you on your desks with a letter, talking about how important school funding is. There is a pin there for all of you from -- from these teachers. And, Mr. President, I'd like to -- to mention each one of them by name, if I might. The 1981 Teacher of the Year was Penny Edwards from Blue Mound; 1983 is Elaine Parker of Aurora; 1984, Kathy Weber of Edwardsville; 1986, Randy Steinheimer of Aurora; 1987 is -- is Chuck Bowen from Pekin; 1989, from Senator Watson's district, is Peggy Allan from Greenville; 1992 is Art Peekel of Palatine; 1994 is Adela Coronado-Greeley from Chicago; and the most recent Teacher of the Year, 1995, Lynn Gaddis from Armington, from my legislative district. Accompanying them is Brenda Holmes from the State Board of Education. I'd like them to rise, Mr. President, and be welcomed by the Senate.

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 90

Will they please stand and be recognized by the Senate? 92

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON: 94

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Cronin is not here today, due to a death in the family. And so I just want to make that announcement. 98

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 100

The record will so indicate. Messages from the House. 102

SECRETARY HARRY: 104

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk. 106

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 108  
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concurrence of the Senate:

House Bill 106.	112
Passed the House, February 19th, 1997.	114
We have a like Message on House Bill 315, which passed the House on February 20th, 1997.	116 117
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	119
Introduction of Bills.	121
SECRETARY HARRY:	123
Senate Bill 1122, offered by Senator Shadid.	125
(Secretary reads title of bill)	127
1st Reading of the bill.	129
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	131
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Senate Resolution 26, offered by Senator Smith and all Members.	137
It's a death resolution, Mr. President.	139
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	141
Consent Calendar.	143
SECRETARY HARRY:	145
Senate Joint Resolution 13 {sic} (16), Constitutional Amendment, offered by Senator Fitzgerald.	147 148
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	150
House Bills 1st Reading.	152
SECRETARY HARRY:	154
House Bill 133, offered by Senator Parker.	156
(Secretary reads title of bill)	158
And House Bill 315, offered by Senator Jones.	160
(Secretary reads title of bill)	162
1st Reading of the bills.	164
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	166
If I could have your attention for one minute. It's the	168

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intention of the Chair to do some 2nd Readings. We don't have 169  
committee hearings till 1 o'clock. So without further ado, on top 170  
of page 2, Senate Bills 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 35. Senator 171  
Klemm. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY: 173

Senate Bill 35. 175

(Secretary reads title of bill) 177

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted 179  
Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 181

Have there been any Floor amendments that we have approved for 183  
consideration? 184

SECRETARY HARRY: 186

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. 188

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 190

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 38. Senator Burzynski. Senator 192  
Burzynski. Take -- take it out of the record. Senate Bill 65. 194  
Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter. Senator Collins, for what 195  
purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS: 197

Point of personal privilege. 199

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 201

State your point. 203

SENATOR COLLINS: 205

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. 207  
Today we have visiting with us a group from Chicago from the Henry 208  
Rucker community service organization, along with the Director, 209  
Mrs. Rucker, who is the Executive Director, and some constituents 210  
from Senator Jones' district and -- and Senator Trotter, Senator 211  
Smith, and my district. They have students here observing the  
Legislature today, and we'd just like for them to stand and be 212  
recognized by the Senate. 213

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:	215
Would they please rise and be recognized by the Senate?	217
Senate Bill 65. Senator Trotter. Take it out of the record.	219
Senate Bill 157. Senator Hawkinson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.	220
SECRETARY HARRY:	222
Senate Bill 157.	224
(Secretary reads title of bill)	226
2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments, Mr. President.	228
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	230
...there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?	232
SECRETARY HARRY:	234
No further amendments reported.	236
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	238
3rd Reading. Senate Bill 162. Senator Peterson. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.	240
SECRETARY HARRY:	243
Senate Bill 162.	245
(Secretary reads title of bill)	247
2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Amendment No. 1.	249
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	251
Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?	253
SECRETARY HARRY:	256
No further amendments reported.	258
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	260
3rd Reading. Senate Bill 180. Senator Peterson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.	262
SECRETARY HARRY:	265

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Senate Bill 180.	267
(Secretary reads title of bill)	269
2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.	271
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	273
3rd Reading. Senate Bill 211. Senator Sieben. Senate Bill	275
211. Senator Sieben. Take it out of the record. Senator	277
Cronin's not here. Senate Bill 38. Senator Burzynski. Read the	278
bill, Mr. Secretary.	279
SECRETARY HARRY:	281
Senate Bill 38.	283
(Secretary reads title of bill)	285
2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.	287
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	289
Have there been any Floor amendments that have been approved	291
for consideration?	292
SECRETARY HARRY:	294
Amendment No. 1, offered by Senators Carroll and Burzynski.	296
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	298
Senator Carroll.	300
SENATOR CARROLL:	302
Thank you, Mr. President. With leave of the Body, I wish to	304
table Senate Amendment No. 1. It is technically incorrect.	305
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	307
Is leave granted? Hearing no objections, Senate Amendment	309
No. 1 is tabled. Senator Carroll. Any further Floor amendments	310
that have been approved for consideration?	311
SECRETARY HARRY:	313
Amendment No. 2, offered by Senators Carroll and Burzynski.	315
PRESIDENT PHILIP:	317
Senator Carroll.	319
SENATOR CARROLL:	321
Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 had been approved	323

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for consideration by the Floor. This would add the other location 324  
that also had a problem with the personal property tax date, 325  
similar to one Senator Burzynski had in his district. There's one 327  
in my district - the Lincolnwood Libraries. And -- and I would -- 328  
that would cover them, as well. And I would move its adoption. 329

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 331

Senator Carroll moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to 333  
Senate Bill 38. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those 335  
opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any 336  
further Floor amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY: 338

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. 340

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 342

3rd Reading. Committee Reports. 344

SECRETARY HARRY: 346

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the 348  
following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-referred 349  
from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare to the Rules 350  
Committee - Senate Bills 704 and 999; referred to the Committee on 352  
Insurance and Pensions - Senate Bill 704; to the Committee on 354  
Licensed Activities - Senate Bill 497; to the Committee on Local 355  
Government and Elections - Senate Bill 999.

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 357

...Hendon, are you ready to make your presentation? Senator 359  
Bowles, for what purpose do you rise? 360

SENATOR BOWLES: 362

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I rise to ask -- to present a motion 364  
to table Senate Bill 617. 365

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 367

That motion is always in order. Senator Bowles moves to table 369  
Senate Bill 716. All those in... Excuse me. 617. All those in 371  
favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have 372

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it. And the bill is tabled. Now, Senator Hendon is going to make a presentation. Senator Hendon. 373

SENATOR HENDON: 375

Thank you, Mr. President. If I could have your attention for one moment. Today we're giving a -- a Recognition to one of the most famous singing groups in America. They're from Chicago, Harvey area. They've had gold records and over forty records on the top charts. And we wanted to present this certification -- Certificate of Recognition from Pate Philip, myself, Senator Shaw, and all Senators in the Illinois Senate. The mighty, mighty Dells, Ladies and Gentlemen. Let's give them a hand. Come on up. Representatives -- any Senator that would like to be in the picture can come on up. And I'll read... President Philip says we don't have time for a song. But they will be here in concert -- they will be here in concert -- they will be here in concert, April 9th. So you could -- you could here them then. And I want my Administrative Assistant Theresa Clay to join us. And this is the State of Illinois Senate Recognition: The Illinois Senate of the 90th General Assembly of the State of Illinois acknowledges Chicago's Hometown Singing Group, THE DELLS, in Recognition of their 7 gold singles, 3 gold albums and 25 charted top 40 hits, which leads Chicago and Illinois in the Rhythm and Blues Music Field and commends their devotion to each other and to the -- quality entertainment. We commend and applaud the success of The Dells; Marvin Junior, Johnnie Carter, Charles Barksdale, Michael McGill and Verne Allison. Offered by Senators Hendon, Shaw, and signed by our President, Senator Pate Philip. So let's give them all a hand. 377  
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MR. CHARLES BARKSDALE: 402

(Remarks by Mr. Charles Barksdale) 404

SENATOR HENDON: 406

Okay. Thank you. Thank you very, very much. And thank you 408



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for your indulgence. God bless. 409

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 411

Committee Reports. 413

SECRETARY HARRY: 415

Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and 417  
Pensions, reports Senate Bills 3, 63, 101, 138 and 193 Do Pass. 419

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and 421  
Welfare, reports Senate Bills 236, 247, 698 and 946 Do Pass; and 423  
Senate Bills 235 and 1030 Do Pass, as Amended. 425

And Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Local Government 427  
and Elections, reports Senate Bills 111, 130, 156, 174, 213, 255, 428  
256, 297 and 437 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 25 Do Pass, as Amended. 429

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 431

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise? 433

SENATOR DEMUZIO: 435

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. Senator Dunn is absent 437  
this week, due to personal business. I would like to have that 438  
entered into the record, please. 439

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 441

The record will so indicate. 443

SENATOR DEMUZIO: 445

Thank you. 447

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 449

If there's no further business to come before the Senate, the 451  
Senate will stand adjourned till Thursday at noon. 452

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