

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

81st Legislative Day

March 3, 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 the Reverend Michael Deutsch, First Baptist Church, Ashland, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND MICHAEL DEUTSCH:

(Prayer by the Reverend Michael Deutsch)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, February 24th; Wednesday, February 25th; and Thursday, February 26th, 1998.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Parker.

SENATOR PARKER:

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 Parker moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Senator Berman has -- just -- excuse me. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President.

Dear Mr. Secretary - I am hereby resigning my position on the Senate Rules Committee and pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-5(b) and (c), I am hereby reappointing Senator

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Weaver a member and Chairperson of the Rules Committee, effective immediately.

The Communication signed by President Philip.

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...Senate will give Senator Berman their attention. He has some guests he would like to introduce to the Senate. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, as our guests are filing onto the podium, the -- the people that are behind me is a group from Samara, Russia. They have been invited to join us today by the Illinois Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation and the Heartland International. These are civic leaders, organizational leaders, from Samara, Russia. Samara is southeast -- I will say about a hundred and fifty miles southeast of Moscow. In Samara, they produce cars, planes, spacecraft. This delegation is visiting Illinois for twenty-two days on a program, of what is called "job shadowing", to identify what they and their colleagues in Russia do compared to what we in Illinois do. They -- hope to learn how to establish and operate community organizations and they are looking for ways to provide social services without relying on government. That sounds pretty good. I think they could teach us a few things along those ways. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm very pleased and I invite you to greet this delegation from Samara, Russia. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Illinois Senate. We also -- if the President would come forward. This is President Weaver. This is Mr. Ovsyanikov. I won't try to repeat that one. This gentleman is presenting to President Weaver a photograph of Samara for our memory of their visit to Illinois. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We have very little to do this morning. Are there any

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announcements? If there's no further business... Excuse me.  
Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR LINK:

Today -- today is a momentous occasion in our Chamber. Someone has reached a milestone that I know very few of us in this Chamber have reached yet. But I'd like us to join in wishing a very happy, happy half a century to Senator Larry Walsh today. And that we could join him for cake in this big occasion of his. And I know we'll all feel the same when we reach that day. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Happy birthday, Larry. The Senate will stand at ease. There'll be a Rules Committee meeting right away and we'd like to get that report read in. So that will be the only other business that we will conduct this morning. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Klemm. Excuse me.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well -- thank you, Mr. President. I just thought that the supporters of the Illini basketball team would want to probably buy lunch for the graduates and the alumni of Purdue University that made your -- your co-championship of the Big Ten possible, and that's Senator Myers and Senator Mahar and Senator O'Malley and Senator Watson and Senator Klemm. So if you see us around and you want to rejoice about the success of Illinois and the basketball program, I know you'll want to show your appreciation to the Purduites and buy us something or other. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Senator Klemm, we certainly appreciate Purdue's efforts Sunday. Was a great ball game. Thank you. ...be a Rules Committee meeting in the anteroom.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bills 1833 and 1834 Do Pass, and Senate Bill 1473 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports Senate Bills 1208, 1225, 1280, 1290, 1365 and 1702 Do Pass; Senate Bills 1203, 1244 and 1286 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bills 1348, 1398, 1402, 1410, 1412, 1415, 1488, 1520, 1563, 1590 and 1682; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bills 1246, 1247 and 1892; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 1265, 1451, 1463, 1567 and 1854; to the Committee on Executive - Senate Bills 1243, 1321, 1496, 1583, 1591, 1592, 1593, 1594, 1750, 1751, 1860 and 1895; to the Committee -- re-referred from the Executive Committee to the Committee on Rules - Senate Bill 1498; referred to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bills 1393 and 1894; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - Senate Bills

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1420, 1710, 1728, 1901, 1919; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 1323, 1386, 1425, 1427, 1432, 1506, 1557, 1664 {sic} (1646), 1835, and Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 172; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 1251, 1271, 1272, 1274, 1275, 1276, 1447, 1625 and 1585; re-referred from the Committee on Licensed Activities to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1554; referred to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Senate Bills 1306, 1307, 1565 and 1642; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bills 1315 and 1372; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 1349, 1370, 1458, 1566, 1568 and 1867; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills... Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills 1347, 1350 and 1555; to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bill 1502; re-referred from the Committee on Transportation to the Rules Committee - Senate Bill 1213.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose Senator Demuzio seek recognition?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Want the record to reflect today that Senator Shaw is absent due to illness, and Senators Carroll and Collins are absent due to personal business this week.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The record shall so reflect. For what purpose Senator Viverito seek recognition?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Mr. President, point of privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR VIVERITO:

We have a very special day, as we heard just a few moments ago about somebody that's celebrating his birthday. And his family,

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who has not been in the Senate Floor - and this is the first time they came down - I think they're ready to support him and to wish him some happy birthday greetings. Senator Walsh.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Congratulations, Senator Walsh. Are there further announcements, or anyone seek recognition? Senator Walsh.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

Mr. President, point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR L. WALSH:

I would just like to say, Ladies and Gentlemen in the Senate, since I have taken over Senator Tom Dunn's position about a year ago, it truly is a remarkable place for State government and all of you are truly good friends, and I've enjoyed this past year tremendously. So, with my family today -- yes, I am fifty years old and... But anyway, I look forward to many, many more years of working hand in hand with everybody down here. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Happy birthday, Senator, and welcome, to your family. Is there further business to bring before the Senate? If not, the Senate -- Senator Peterson moves that the Senate stand adjourned until noon, Wednesday, March the 4th.

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