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90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

16th Legislative Day

March 4, 1997

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The hour of noon having arrived, the regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in our gallery please rise? Our pastor today -- our prayer today will be given by Pastor Thomas Christell, Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Christell.

PASTOR THOMAS CHRISTELL:

(Prayer by Pastor Thomas Christell)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Sieben. Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, February 26th, and Thursday, February 27th, 1997.

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. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, February 28th, in the year 1997, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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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. 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 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 138.

Passed the House, February 28th, 1997.

Another 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 84, together with the following amendment: House Amendment 2.

Passed the House, as amended, February 28th, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 33, offered by Senator Rea.

It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Chuck Kennedy of the Danville Commercial News seeks leave to shoot still photos. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Republican Legislative Committee's Notice of Vacancy now existing in the office of Senator in the 90th General Assembly

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for the 53rd Legislative District, as a result of the death of Senator Harry "Babe" Woodyard on January 31st, 1997. Also enclosed is the Republican Legislative Committee's appointment of Judith A. Myers, 15673 East 2200 North Road, in Danville, to the office of State Senator in the 53rd Legislative District. Dated February 28th, 1997, and signed by George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

An Oath of Office has also been filed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We will proceed to the Order of 2nd Reading on page 2 of today's Calendars. Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Can we have a little order, please? We're on the Order of 2nd Reading, page 2 of the Calendar. Senator Fawell, you wish to call Senate Bill 16? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 16.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Hendon, on Senate Bill 25? Out of the record. Senator Peterson, on Senate Bill 36? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 36.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Mahar, on 55? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 55.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 56. Senator Mahar. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 56.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 65? Senator Trotter? Out of the record. Senator Parker, on Senate Bill 85? Senator Parker? 83 - excuse me. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 83.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis? Senator Geo-Karis? Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Rauschenberger, on 130? Excuse me. Excuse me. Out of the record. Senate Bill 140. Senator Radogno. Out of the record. Senator Mahar, on 151? Senator Mahar? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 151.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on 156? Out of the record. Senator Dudycz, on 199? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 199.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Carroll? Out of the record. Senator Rauschenberger, on 214? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Mr. Secretary, can we just slow down a little bit until we get a little order on the Chambers? Continue, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 214.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 237. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 237.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. For what purpose does Senator Rea arise?

SENATOR REA:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR REA:

We have, in the gallery back here on my right in the back, the Benton fourth graders from the Grant School from Benton, Illinois. Let's all welcome them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Will our guests please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. 239. Senator Rauschenberger. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 239.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Rea, on Senate Bill 250? Out of the record. 258. Out of the record. Senator Peterson, on Senate Bill 371? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 371.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Fawell, on Senate Bill 381? Out of the record. Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 460? Senator Cullerton? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 460.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 465. Senator Cullerton. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 465.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Syverson, on 473? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 473.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Severns, on Senate Bill 484? Senator Severns? Senator Severns, do you wish Senate Bill 484 advanced? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 484.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, on 495? Out of the record.  
Senator Klemm, on 500? Out of the record. Senator Fitzgerald, on  
516? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 516.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Fitzgerald, on 517? Read the bill, Mr.  
Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 517.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Walsh, on 532? Read the bill, Mr. {sic}  
Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 532.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Walsh, on 536? Read the bill, Madam  
Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 536.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on State Government  
Operations reported -- pardon me, adopted Committee Amendment  
No. 1.



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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. 537. Senator Walsh. Out of the record. 538. Senator Walsh. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 538.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 548. Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 548.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Bomke, on Senate Bill 555? Out of the record. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 556? Senator O'Malley? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 556.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 626. Senator Demuzio. Senator

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Demuzio. Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. Out of the record, he says. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 646. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 646.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Sieben, on Senate Bill 795? Out of the record. Senator Philip, on Senate Bill 797? 797. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 797.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator O'Malley, on Senate Bill 805? Senator O'Malley. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 805.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Financial Institutions adopted Committee Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Mahar, on 816? Read the bill, Madam

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Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 816.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 819. Senator Mahar. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 819.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 844. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. Read the bill, Madam Secretary. Senate Bill 844.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 844.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, on 851? Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 851.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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3rd Reading. Senator Peterson, on Senate Bill 856? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 856.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Jacobs, on Senate Bill 894? Read the bill, Madam Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 894.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Geo-Karis, on Senate Bill -- Senator Geo-Karis, on Senate Bill 1043. Do you wish to move the bill? Out of the record. For what purpose does Senator Sieben arise?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise for the purpose of an announcement. Today at 3:30, on the House Floor, there will be a joint hearing for the House Ag Committee and the Senate Ag Committee. I apologize to the Membership that I neglected to get this properly posted. But it is at 3:30 today. Joint meeting to talk about large livestock facilities in the State of Illinois, and also to talk about the Chancellor's report on Cooperative Extension Service. It is an open meeting. There is no action going to be taken, no specific bills discussed. And it is open to all Members of the Body. Specifically, though, the Members of the Senate Ag Committee will want to attend that. It's at 3:30, on the House Floor. A joint

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hearing of the Senate and House Ag Committees. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Butler arise?

SENATOR BUTLER:

For purposes of an announcement. Excuse me. The Local Government and Elections Committee will reconvene immediately upon the adjournment of this Session, in Room 212. 212, immediately following this Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Dillard arise?

SENATOR DILLARD:

An announcement, Mr. President. In Room 212, at 7:30 tomorrow morning, we're going to have a special Rules Committee meeting to consider a couple of amendments to our rules, which I believe is filed by Senator Cullerton. 7:30, Rules, in Room 212, tomorrow morning.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further announcements? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. I -- I just wanted to inform the last Member that we had requested the court reporter to be there in the morning at 7:30. So I just want to let him know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If I could have the attention of the Body, I'd like to introduce the newest Senator from the 53rd District, Judy A. Myers. She's been the Recorder of Deeds from Vermilion County since 1981 till the present. She received the "Woman of the Year Award" from the Business and Professional Women/Chamber of

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Commerce. She has been the past President of the Illinois County Clerks and Recorders Association. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Purdue University. We'll try not to hold that against her. Not anybody -- not everybody can graduate from the University of Illinois. She's married. She has five children and five grandchildren. Judy, it is a pleasure to have you here. Congratulations and good luck.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

...very much. It's a privilege to be here today. I can't help but think of my good friend, Babe Woodyard, who served so faithfully in this -- this Body, and who was such an effective legislator, and I know that all of your thoughts are with him today. I'm excited to be here. I hope that I can prove that I, too, an effective representative of the people of the 53rd District, and I look forward to meeting all of you, and all of the -- the supportive staff of this Body. And thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome to the Senate, Senator Myers. Is there any further business to bring before the... Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Syverson, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, reports Senate Bills numbered 4, 240, 329 and 956 Do Pass; and Senate Bills numbered 160, 697 and 853 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Madigan, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Bills numbered 124, 423 and 490 Do Pass; and Senate Bills numbered 801 and 802 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Tomorrow at noon is the budget of the Governor of the State of Illinois. So if there's no further business, we will stand

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adjourned until 11:45, Wednesday, March the 5th.

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