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SENATE TRANSCRIPT

93rd Legislative Day

April 21, 1998

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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 the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Philip Chiles, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Chiles.

THE REVEREND PHILIP CHILES:

(Prayer by the Reverend Philip Chiles)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If I might make a short comment. Reverend Chiles, believe it or not, used to be on the Senate staff, and it goes to show you that once in a while our employees go to much bigger and better things. And congratulations, Reverend. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, March 31st; Wednesday, April 1st; and Thursday, April 2nd, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the -- 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 Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Absent today are Senator Garcia, on legislative business, and Senator Cullerton, for surgery again. Now, I don't know what that means, but apparently he's not playing ball, so we may have a chance to win. I -- I just don't know.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports House Bills 2299, 2473, 2557, 2748 and 3181 Do Pass; and House Bill 2580 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from Joseph A. Spagnolo, State Superintendent of Education, dated April 16th, 1998.

Enclosed with this memorandum is the sixth report detailing applications for waivers and modifications of mandates contained in the School Code and administrative rules. This report contains seventy-eight waiver applications that are subject to review and consideration by the General Assembly. I believe three of these requests -- or, merit serious review and recommend that you disapprove these. A description of each of the requests follows.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

House Bills 1st Reading. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1335, offered by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2375 is offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator O'Malley offers House Bill 2474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2555, presented by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2593, by Senator Larry Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2688, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2696, Senator Molaro.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Hawkinson offers House Bill 2710.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Fawell offers House Bill 2746.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2805, Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2944, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3034, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3135, offered by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3202, by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Berman offers House Bill 3262.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3286, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Tom Walsh offers House Bill 3395.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3399, by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 3406, Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Radogno presents House Bill 3446.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3559 is offered by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3575, by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Watson offers House Bill 3626.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3665, by Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3778, by Senator Cronin.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

It would be very much appreciated by the Chair if you could subdue your conversations so that we can hear the -- the Secretary of the Senate. Senator Maitland, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you -- thank you very much, Madam President. Members of the Senate, today visiting with us in the gallery -- today visiting with us in the gallery today is Alison Mouton and her class of twenty-five French exchange students and their chaperons. Miss Mouton is a former resident of my district and now lives in Leone, France. This is the -- I believe, the fourth year that the exchange -- this is the fourth year that the exchange students have been with us, and I'm delighted to -- to have them here. They are attending Central Catholic High School, University High School, Normal Community High School and Normal Community West in Bloomington-Normal. The purpose of their trip to Springfield is

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-- is to let the students see firsthand what they've learned about Lincoln and how American government works. With them also today is Miss Lois Mills, who is a former legislative aide from my office of a couple or three years ago. And, Madam President, I'm, once again, happy to welcome our French exchange students to the Senate. Would ask them to rise and please be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. We certainly welcome the exchange students from France and hope that you enjoy your tour of duty. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise, sir? False alarm. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

May we have your attention, folks?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you. We've let the -- the weeks slip away from us, and -- and now tomorrow night is -- is the deadline, of course, for the softball game. And I know we've had two weeks off and I see a lot of guys have been working out and they've lost some weight and they're in good shape, so I know you've taken it pretty serious. So tomorrow night, 5:30, the softball game. We're making our list now of the people that we'd like to see play. And we've got a list of those that -- that we hope you have a hot dog and enjoy the game. Anyway, it's -- the Regional Commerce and Growth Association, out of St. Louis, has sponsored the game again this year for -- this'll be the eighth year, and -- and each time that they've sponsored it, we've either won or -- or we tied one, thirteen to thirteen. And I still don't sleep at night thinking about that one. But we've got to -- we've got to get ourselves together and start thinking about this and start

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focusing on this game. I know a lot of you are concerned, as I am, about the -- the outcome. So we've got people here that we need to talk to about playing. If you get a chance tonight, why, get yourself loosened up a little bit. We'll have tickets for all of us to sell. As you know, we raise money here that goes to a local charity here in Springfield, and it makes the game all worthwhile for -- for some people here in Springfield that end up with a considerable amount of money from the House and the Senate. And it's at 5:30, and it's at Lincoln Park, diamond number one. And I've got tickets and John Cullerton will be circulating tickets on the Democrat side, and I'll have them over here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

What -- where exactly is it located, Senator?

SENATOR WATSON:

It's the same park that we've always played, on the north end of town.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

North end of town.

SENATOR WATSON:

Lincoln Park.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Baseball game tomorrow: the Senate and the House. We have lost a couple of players from injuries, and we urge you all to be there at 5:30 tomorrow. Yours truly will be commentating the game, and we hope that we will be successful again. Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. It's been brought to my attention that Senator Cullerton is on the disabled list, and so we're going to need someone from the Democrat side of the aisle to help us with this. And I see Senator Shadid waving his hand and he'd be glad to do it, I'm sure, and I appreciate George's assistance.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 187, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Just a moment, please.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 188, by Senator O'Malley and all -- and all Members, as is Senate Resolution 189, 190 and 191.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 192, offered by Senators Parker and Lauzen.

And Senate Joint Resolutions 60 and 61, offered by Senator Cronin.

They're all substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Bomke moves that the Senate stands adjourned until noon, Wednesday, April 22nd. Noon tomorrow.

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