

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

42nd Legislative Day

May 6, 1997

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

(Prayer by Senator Adeline Jay Geo-Karis)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance? Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, April 30th; Thursday, May 1st, 1997.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

...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. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports House Bills 231, 353, 468, 480, 661, 729, 978, 1007, 1048, 1193, 1293, 1374, 1500, 1641 and 1651 Do Pass; House Bills 768, 1250, 1375, 1883, 1916 and 2161 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health and

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Welfare, reports House Bills 447, 619, 635, 918, 1080, 1294, 1342, 1344, 1446, 1486, 1699, 1707 Do Pass; and House Bills 202, 604, 725, 1279 and 2059 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...been a request by the Associated Press to take still pictures today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message for the Governor by Deno Perdiou, Director of Legislative Affairs, May 5th, 1997.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 90th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below, and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1089, offered by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1696, offered by Senator Philip.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolutions 64, 65 and 66, all offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

They're all congratulatory {sic}, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. Any further business to come before the

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Senate? If... Senator Watson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Unfortunately, the individual I was going to mention is not on the Floor. I understand he's in his office. But Senator Klemm, one of the Boilermaker Caucus members, of which there's five former Purdue Boilermaker graduates on the Floor of the Senate, his birthday was yesterday. And we want to acknowledge that, wish him well, and we have -- for the Members and staff is cake, down here in front. And, Senator Klemm, we are -- welcome to the Floor, and happy birthday, and there are -- there's cake for you and all the Members. And we wish you well.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege, Senator -- similar to Senator Watson's. Sunday was a historic day in Illinois. As you remember, your predecessor, Phil Rock, it was his birthday, as well as Neil Hartigan's. Twenty-eight years ago a colleague of ours used to very anxiously celebrate...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Can we have some peace and quiet? Kind of hold it down to a mild roar. Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Twenty-eight years ago, when he started in this Rotunda, a Member used to celebrate his birthday with great fanfare, telling everybody his age, and having cake and everything else. Now that time has gone on and he's gotten a lot older, we're down to maybe a few cookies and he's not sure he even remembers his birthday. In fact, his wife scooted him away for the weekend and -- you know, didn't bother to tell him where they were going for his birthday, probably realizing he may not remember, by the time he

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got to the airport, where it was they were supposed to be. So we won't say how many years it is, but we'd like to also wish, as of last Sunday, Art Berman a very happy birthday.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Syverson, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Watson forgot to mention that there is cake available down here for those to partake on behalf of Senator Klemm. Second of all, do we have a -- are committees going to meet immediately upon adjournment?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we please have some peace and quiet? I can't even hear the question. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. The question was: Are committees going to meet immediately upon adjournment?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

That is correct.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Make your announcement.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

This morning we recessed the Insurance Committee at noon from this Chamber to reconvene at 5 o'clock this afternoon, in Room 212. We are changing that reconvening of the Insurance Committee -- Insurance and Pensions Committee to Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, in Room 212. The Insurance and Pensions Committee will

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reconvene at 4 o'clock, in Room 212, on Thursday afternoon.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARROLL:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR CARROLL:

I understand there's someone even cheaper than Berman who's in celebrating a birthday, 'cause there's no cake or cookies or anything, but we understand that our colleague Lou Viverito is having his birthday today, and we'd like to wish him a happy birthday.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

If there's no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stand adjourned until noon, Wednesday, May 7th.

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