

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

116th Legislative Day

December 1, 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 Father Eugene Costa, St. John Vianney Church, Sherman, Illinois. Father Costa.

FATHER EUGENE COSTA:

(Prayer by Father Eugene Costa)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will you still -- will you remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance? Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

May I have your attention for a sad, sad announcement? And maybe -- maybe you're all aware by now, but our wonderful friend, Senator Butler, passed away last night, at 1:30 a.m. So in deference and in respect for him, we will just simply do paperwork today. We're not going to do anything substantial. We will try to do that -- I have spoken with the Minority Leader, Senator Jones; he concurs. We don't have any of the details. As soon as we do have the details, we will see that all the Members will receive those details. But we aren't going to do anything substantial at all. We'll do it on Tuesday and -- Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, November 18th, and Thursday, November 19, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the

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Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Geo-Karis moves the approval of the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could -- could -- could I... Can we have some peace and quiet, please? Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

Behind you, in the Speaker's Gallery, is Reverend William E. and Mrs. Stark, from Mattoon, Illinois, in my district, and I'd like...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will they please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Communications.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Communication from the Secretary of State, dated November 23rd, 1998.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith copies of the Democratic Legislative Committee's Notice of Vacancy existing in the Office of Senator in the 90th General Assembly for the 4th Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Earlean Collins. Also enclosed is the Democratic Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment of Kimberly A. Lightford, 1700 South 7th Avenue, Maywood, to the Office of State Senator in

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the 4th Legislative District, along with a copy of the Oath of Office.

Yours truly, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

A similar Communication, dated November 30th, 1998.

Dear Mr. Secretary - This office is forwarding herewith copies of the Republican Legislative Committee's Notice of Vacancy existing in the Office of Senator in the 90th General Assembly for the 27th Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of Peter Fitzgerald, effective November 16, 1998. Also enclosed is the Republican Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment of Wendell E. Jones, 557 West Gilbert Road, Palatine, to the Office of State Senator in the 27th District, along with a copy of his Oath of Office.

Yours truly, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

Communication from Senator Farley.

Dear Mr. Secretary - It is with great respect and admiration for this Senate Chamber and all those who serve, I submit my resignation as Senator effective immediately.

Sincerely, Bruce A. Farley.

A Communication from the Minority Leader, dated November 30th, 1998.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Please be advised that I am appointing Senator William O'Daniel as Senate Democratic Caucus Chair for the 90th General Assembly. This appointment is effective immediately.

Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

...Hegarty photographer for the WICS-TV has requested permission to take photographs. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Senator O'Daniel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Mr. -- Mr. President, for purpose of an announcement. Senator

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Clayborne is absent today because of a health problem with his father. His father's receiving a kidney transplant today and he'll be here tomorrow if everything goes well. And also, while I'm here, immediately after Session, there'll be a Democrat Caucus in Senator Jones' Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Thank you, Senator O'Daniel. There will be a Democratic Caucus immediately at the conclusion of this morning's Session in Senator Jones' Office. Senator O'Daniel, what purpose do you rise again?

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

For purpose of an announcement: The Democrat Caucus has been canceled already. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Karpiel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Since the Democrat Caucus has been canceled, I would like to announce that the Republicans will have a caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Republican Senators will be reporting immediately to the Senate President's Office for a caucus immediately upon adjournment. Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. Senator Dillard has filed a motion with respect to Senate Bill 1707.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Senator Philip, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and

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Gentlemen of the Senate. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Yes. We now have with us the new Senator from the 27th District, Wendell Jones, who I would like to introduce. He is replacing Peter Fitzgerald. Senator Jones, very nice to have you here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Welcome, Senator Jones. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Yeah. I've been cutoff before. I'm getting kind of used to it in my old age. But, Wendell, it's very, very nice to have you here. I know you went through a -- a tough process. In my opinion, they've done the right thing and you will reflect on your district extremely well. Glad to have you aboard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jones, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. I know it was a very tough decision for her, but I want the Body to welcome a new Member to our -- our side of the aisle, one who promises to do great things. She will follow in the footsteps of her predecessor. Let's all give a warm welcome to the newly appointed and newly elected Senator, Senator Kim Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Welcome, Senator Lightford. Seth Perlman from the Associated Press requests to take photographs. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the

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following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Education - Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1707 and House Bill 3814.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. Senator Parker has filed a motion with respect to House Bill 2370. Senator Luechtefeld has filed a motion with respect to House Bill 3129.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Mr. Secretary, the Chair requests that these motions be printed on the Calendar. So ordered. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Bomke moves the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2nd. The Senate stands adjourned. Just a reminder for the Republican Members: There is a caucus immediately in the Senate President's Office. Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately.

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