

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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81st Legislative Day

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st 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 the Reverend Gordon McLean, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend McLean.

THE REVEREND GORDON McLEAN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gordon McLean)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please -- remain standing for the Pledge of -- of Allegiance.
Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, February 23rd, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, February 24th, and Friday, February 25th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the Governor.

Executive Order No. 3 (2000). Executive Order Reassigning Functions Pertaining To Administration Of Illinois' Job Training Partnership Act, Workforce Investment Act and Welfare-to-Work Programs.

Signed by George H. Ryan, Governor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

I would ask leave to let Senator Burzynski come up here and introduce two football teams. Leave is granted.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

If I could have the attention of the Members of the Senate. It is my great pleasure, my great honor, to have two of my high schools represented here today. And this is the first one of those. We have the Class 3A State Football Champions, the Byron Tigers. And I'd appreciate it if you'd welcome them here to Springfield today. The -- the Tigers won their championship game over a team by the name of St. Joseph-Ogden with a score of forty-one to eight in the State Championship Finals. It's pretty decisive. This team also went fourteen and 0 this season. Their Head Coach, a guy by the name of Everett Stine, is not able to be with us today. He's kind of like our own coach, Dave Luechtefeld, who is coaching but has retired from the teaching profession, so he's out of town. We do have with us Brad Miller today, who is an assistant coach. But also, I think it's important to point out that this year this football team, the Byron Tigers, scored six hundred and seventy-three points this season. And if you do your math real quickly that's better than a point a minute per football game. So, quite an honor. And, Coach, would you like to make a

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few comments today?

COACH BRAD MILLER:

(Remarks by Coach Brad Miller)

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Coach. And thank you, members. Now we also have another team that's going to be filtering in in just a moment. The Class 2A Champs. Thanks, guys. If I could have your attention once again. This is the Class 2A State Football Champions. Stillman Valley, Illinois. The Stillman Valley Cardinals. Would you please join me in welcoming them to the Senate today? Now, the interesting thing is Stillman Valley and Byron are less than five miles apart. So these kids know each other quite well, and in fact, played during the course of the year, but we're not going to talk about the outcome of that game. But the Stillman Valley Cardinals went twelve and two this year. And certainly went to the State Tournament with one goal in mind and that was to win it. And they scored a twenty-eight-to-zero victory over the Meridian Hawks, which are represented by Senator Duane Noland, right there on the front. And the score was tied in the beginning, but they were able to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. Now, there are a couple of different interesting things here as well. And I was wishing -- one of the players is a young man by the name of Pat Babcock that signed a full-ride scholarship to play football at the U of I next year, but who also just won the State Championship in his weight class for wrestling and is going for, hopefully, a State Championship in the shot put. And along with him we have another State Championship wrestler in this group, a young man by the name of Cody Rudsell, down here on the left end, if I'm not mistaken, who also won in his weight division, a hundred-and-nineteen-pound class. And I would like to introduce to you today, Coach Mike Lalor, who's a second-year Head Coach of Stillman Valley. Coach, do you have any comments?

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COACH MIKE LALOR:

(Remarks by Coach Mike Lalor)

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Coach. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. And, again, thank you and -- to the Stillman Valley Cardinals and the Byron Tigers for making the trip down here today. These young men that you've seen today certainly do exemplify student athletes in our high schools throughout the State. So, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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 bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 3132, 3420, 3500, 3881, 3926, 3995, 4047, 4176, 4231 and 4267.

We have a like Message on House Bills 3538, 3979, 4070, 4348 and 4450.

All passed the House, February 25th, 2000.

A 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 452, along with House Amendments 1, 6 and 8. Passed the House, as amended, February 25th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 660.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

Is offered by Senator Jacobs.

House Bill 988, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 989, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator O'Malley offers House Bill 1744.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1823, presented by Senator Munoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2947, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3032, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3132, presented by Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3406, offered by Senator Petka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3420, Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Cronin offers House Bill 3430.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3485, presented by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3500, Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Sieben offers House Bill 3881.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3926 is presented by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4047, offered by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senator Radogno offers House Bill 4070.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4161, by Senator Ronen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Tom Walsh offers House Bill 4176.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senators Cronin and Sieben offer House Bill 4266.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4347, Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Smith offers House Bill 4483.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4593, by Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Now, if I could have your attention for one minute, and remind everybody there are about three or four pages of House Bills on 1st Reading. If somebody doesn't pick 'em up, they don't end up in Rules Committee and they will stay there the rest of the Session. So I would humbly suggest, if you're interested in -- in having an opportunity with those bills, you better pick 'em up. And secondly, tomorrow I want you to be in -- in -- in good humor and good dress. You all should wear blue shirts tomorrow, because we're getting our photograph taken at 9 a.m. So please be on time. If there's no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Weaver moves the Senate will stand adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. -- whoop! Whoop! Senator Hawkinson, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of announcement.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Make your announcement.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Just a reminder to the Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee that we have a meeting at 1 o'clock in Room 400. It should not be too long.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Okay. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Weaver moves the Senate stands adjourned till the hour of 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 1, the year 2000.

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