

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

1st Legislative Day

June 28, 2000

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise? And our prayer today will be given by Senator Petka. Senator Petka.

SENATOR PETKA:

(Prayer by Senator Edward Petka)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

(Illinois Senate recites the Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Will the Sergeant of Arms please close the door? And may I have your attention, please? And believe it or not, the last time we used this Chamber was in 1975. I happened to be a Member in those days. There may be a few more Members that were serving in those days. Capparelli I know was, and I think Weaver. And we were remodeling the House and the Senate and we came over here - in those days, it was -- it was not called the Howlett Building - and we did our General Assembly here. But I'll tell you one thing: This staff has done a much better job today than they did in 1975. I will tell you that. Happy to see all those smiling faces. We're going to try to make it short and sweet this evening and come in first thing in the morning, and hopefully get something done. So the Communication from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Secretary of State, dated June 22nd, 2000, to the Secretary of the Senate.

Dear Mr. Harry - Enclosed is a copy of Proclamation 2000-323, filed in my office on June 22nd, 2000, by Governor George H. Ryan, calling the Illinois Senate of the 91st General Assembly in a Special Session to commence on June 28th, 2000, at

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5 o'clock p.m., to address the fuel price emergency by considering Senate Bill 1310 for the sole purpose of temporarily suspending the State government's portion of the occupation and use taxes on motor fuel and gasohol for the period of July 1, 2000, until January 1, 2001. A notice and accompanying Proclamation will be mailed to each Member's home address, and a copy shall be mailed to each Member's home district office.

Signed by Jesse White, Secretary of State.

A Proclamation from the Executive.

(Secretary reads Proclamation No. 2000-323)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you. Can we have some peace and quiet?

SECRETARY HARRY:

(Secretary continues reading Proclamation No. 2000-323)

Filed June 22nd, 2000, by George H. Ryan, Governor.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senate is convened into the Fourth Special Session. As has been the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 91st General Assembly and its officers and committee are in effect for the continuous period of the 91st General Assembly, including any Special Sessions. And now we will adopt three organizational resolutions. Resolutions, Mr....

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Resolution No. 1. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The resolution is adopted. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I just was handed a copy of the Resolutions 1, 2 and 3. Are we adopting rules today? And then, if we -- in fact we are, are they the same as the previous rules in Special Sessions that we've adopted with no changes?

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

They are absolutely the same.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

God bless you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Second Resolution. Senator Weaver.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd move to suspend the rules for the immediate adoption and consideration of Senate Resolution No. 2.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now, Senator Weaver moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes

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have it. The resolution is adopted. Mr. Secretary, read the third resolution.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Weaver moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now, all those in favor of Resolution No. 3, signify by saying Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to -- the record to reflect that Senator Klemm will not be with us. He is in the hospital.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise? Better turn your microphone on.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Hello. Let the record reflect that Senator Molaro also is absent today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Thank you. Senator Karpiel, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Karpiel.

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SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to announce that there will be a Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office immediately upon adjournment. I haven't the vaguest idea.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Thank you very much, Senator. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, Senator Weaver moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m., Thursday, June 29th, the year 2000. Thank you.

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