

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

HB1038	First Reading	2
HB1731	First Reading	2
SR0224	Resolution Offered	1
SR0225	Resolution Offered	1
Senate to Order-Senator Halvorson		1
Prayer-The Reverend Gary Cook		1
Pledge of Allegiance		1
Journals-Approved		1
Messages from the House		1
Remarks concerning Senator Margaret Smith		3
Committee Reports		6
Adjournment		10

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guest in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Gary Cook, First Assembly of God, Bunker Hill, Illinois.

THE REVEREND GARY COOK:

(Prayer by the Reverend Gary Cook)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journals of Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators or a -- has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Hunter move to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 224, offered by Senator Demuzio and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 225, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

They're both death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 69, together with House Amendment No.  
1.

Passed the House, as amended, May 20, 2005.

I have like Messages with respect to Senate Bill 478 with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 511, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 599, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 768, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 780, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 966, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1119, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1230, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1234, with House Amendment 1; and Senate -- Senate Bill 1626 {sic} (1627), with House Amendment 1; and Senate Bill 1638, with House Amendment 1.

Which all passed the House, as amended, May 20, 2005.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1038, offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1731, offered by Senator Forby.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Wendell Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR W. JONES:

A point of personal privilege, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State -- state your point.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I'd like to introduce my Page for a Day. I've had a Page now three days in a row. I think that's a record, because they keep bidding on these things back in my local district. I'd like to introduce Joseph Roberti, a sixth-grader from Quest Academy in Palatine, who is with me at my desk and his father, Joe Roberti is in the gallery. Please give them a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

SENATOR SHADID:

A -- make an announcement or...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SHADID:

Senator Silverstein will not be able to be here today, because of personal reasons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Shadid. The -- record shall so reflect. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I would like to -- send a sincere thank you to those who attended the late Senator Margaret Smith's visitation tribute and funeral this past weekend. A special thank you to President Jones and all current/former Members of both Chambers, President Phil Rock, Mayor Richard Daley, former U.S. Senator Carol Moseley Braun and all of the Chicago Aldermen, Congressmen, Treasurer {sic} Roland Burris and other elected officials of the State. She was truly a wonderful woman. She was a pioneer of faith-based politics before it was fashionable, consulting God in all matters. By the tone of the service, we know that Senator Smith represented the 3rd District -- with pride and dignity and she will be missed. Any memorials for Senator Smith can be sent to her church -- Bethsaida Baptist Church and I have the address if you need it and if you have any questions our Health and Human Services Committee staff person, Nia Hassan can assist you with that. Thank you all for giving Senator Smith a grand homecoming.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Hunter. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Madam President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I served with Margaret Smith and Margaret Smith was probably one of the least offensive persons and one of the smartest women we ever had in this Senate. I can remember when she presented a

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

resolution in honor of Harold Washington when he won over Jane Byrne and Margaret's husband had been in the Senate before and then she took his place after he died. But she was a very bright, articulate person who had -- had her old little Cadillac and would ride back and forth and then later on when she became ill she survived her illness and I can tell you, she was probably one of the smartest women we ever had in the Senate and I lay tribute to her as being a nice person, very polite, very civic-minded and very civil person and I, certainly, wish her joy when she's up there in Heaven with her family, meeting my family and they're probably asking her, what am I doing and she'll probably tell them, she's doing all right, don't worry about her. But that's -- that was Margaret Smith. God rest her soul and God bless her and her family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you, Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Risinger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RISINGER:

Point of personal privilege...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you. Every so often something very special happens. This year we had a very special basketball team from Richwoods. They ended up 38 and 0. They won the Class AA High School Basketball Tournament. They set a record for the most wins. They're in the balcony behind us, but I'd like to -- I'd like to read their names: We have the Manager, Jolene Wells; we have player, sophomore, Alex Starks, -- Bianca Ward; we have junior, Jacq Richmond, Jewel Sanders, Hanna Reising and we have Assistant Coaches Ralph Gallo, Todd Hursey and Tom McGhee. Would you please help me welcome them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Althoff -- oh, Senator Risinger.

SENATOR RISINGER:

I'd also like to recognize their Head Coach. He's back in Peoria, still coaching. He was recognized in one magazine as the Illinois Coach of the Year and in another magazine as the

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

National Coach of the Year. So, please do a round of applause for him also.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Congratulations to the coach. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Madam President. I have with me today a guest, Amy Kraabel, who is constituent from Johnsburg, Illinois, and is here to learn the process of what we do in Springfield. May we welcome her, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Hopefully you'll learn something, can let the rest of us know. Senator Viverito, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VIVERITO:

Madam President, I'd like very much, if I may, to introduce two of our Pages here from the Liberty School. We have Elisabeth Shinstine and Anetka Kiluk. Would you please give them both a very warm welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Madam President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. Today in the gallery I have with us a gentleman by the name of Bill Hinkle and I have discovered that Senator -- Wendell Jones and myself have this gentleman much in common and he originally comes from Carlinville. He's from -- here from Fort Lauderdale, Florida trying to get some tips to take back to the Florida Legislature to -- to help them in their budget crisis. So, I'd like a warm welcome for Bill Hinkle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

Will our guest in the gallery please rise? Welcome to Springfield. Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Antechamber. Rules Committee immediately. Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

Announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Commerce and Economic Development Committee - Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1866; Refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1856, Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 232 {sic} (233), Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 383, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 768, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1931; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1353, Floor Amendment 5 to House Bill 325, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 945, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 46, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 478; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to -- to House Bill 398, Floor Amendments 4 and 5 to House Bill 511, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 788, Floor Amendments 5 and 6 to House Bill 2531, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 159, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 232, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1698 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2091; refer to Higher Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 463; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 101 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 966; refer to Insurance Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 920; refer to -- Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 6 to House Bill 350, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 369, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1469, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1588, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3415, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

3874, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 4030, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1180, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 53, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 57, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 100, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 241, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 468, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 477, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 511 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1230; refer to Labor Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2137, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1267, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 143 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 411; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 930, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3498, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 139 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 158; refer to Local Government Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 27, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 2500 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3800; refer to Revenue Committee - Motions to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 79 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 309; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Resolution 60 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 635 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 780; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1123, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 54, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 66, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 127, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 210 and a Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1119.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

Announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR FORBY:

Labor Committee will meet in Room 400 at 9 a.m. Tuesday, 9



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SHADID:

Make an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SHADID:

3:30 p.m., Transportation meets, Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Point of announcement, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HAINE:

The Insurance Committee will meet today at 2:30 p.m. in Room 400. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. A -- a -- an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Tomorrow morning, 9 a.m., Licensed Activity in the Stratton Building, A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Garrett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GARRETT:

Thank you, Madam President, for purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR GARRETT:

I'm -- there are two meetings that I'm going to be announcing. Tomorrow, Health and Human Services, 9:30, Room 400 and State Government today at 3 o'clock, Stratton Building, A-1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR HARMON:

The Senate Revenue Committee will meet today at 3 p.m. in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Crotty, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CROTTY:

For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Today at 2:30 -- Local Government will be meeting in the A-1 Building {sic} in the Stratton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you. Senator Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Madam Speaker, Education -- Madam President, excuse me. Education will be meeting this afternoon at 2:30 in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Madam President. The Housing and Community Affairs Committee will meet today at 3:30 in A-1 in the Stratton Building.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Madam President. Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Committee on Commerce and Economic Development will meet

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

46th Legislative Day

5/23/2005

tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. in Room A-1. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Madam President, I have two announcements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Okay.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Should I make 'em both at the same time or be recognized twice?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Whatever you want, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

You can make 'em both at the same time.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Well, first of all then, we'll do it chronologically.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Okay.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

The Executive Committee will meet at 3 p.m., today in Room 212. The Judiciary Committee will meet right after that, in the same room and that, we'll say, would be 3:30. So Judiciary will meet at 3:30 in Room 212. Executive meets at 3 o'clock in 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Thank you.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HALVORSON)

Senator -- oh, okay. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 24th. The Senate stands adjourned.