

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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SENATE TRANSCRIPT

44th Legislative Day

May 8, 1995

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 19

The regular Session of the 89th General Assembly will please 21
come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and 23
will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our prayer today 24
will be given by the Pastor Kirk Heldreth, Compassion-in-Action 25
Ministries, Naperville, Illinois. Pastor Heldreth.

PASTOR KIRK HELDRETH: 27

(Prayer given by Pastor Kirk Heldreth) 29

PRESIDENT PHILIP: 31

Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by 33
Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben. 35

SENATOR SIEBEN: 37

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben) 39

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 41

Reading of the Journals. 43

SECRETARY HARRY: 45

Senate Journals of Wednesday, April 26th; Thursday, April 47
27th; Monday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 2nd, 1995. 48

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 50

Senator Butler. 52

SENATOR BUTLER: 54

Madam President, I move that the Journals just read by the 56
Secretary be approved, unless some Senator had additions or 57
corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 59

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There 62
being no objection, it's so ordered. Senator Butler. 63

SENATOR BUTLER: 65

Madam President, I move that reading and -- and approval of 67
the Journals of Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th, in the 68
year 1995, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals. 69

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 71

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Senator Butler moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Woodyard, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports House Bills 1490 and 1651 Do Pass.

Senator Butler, Chair of the Committee on Commerce and Industry, reports House Bills 398 and 1693 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 41.

Adopted by the House, May 4th, 1995. It's a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. McLennand, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 807.

Passed the House, May 4th, 1995.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Further Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate 89th General Assembly,

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I have nominated and appointed the following named person to the 124
office enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and 125
confirmation of this appointment by your Honorable Body. 126
Respectfully, Loleta Didrickson, Comptroller.
Dated May 4th, 1995. 128
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 130
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(Secretary reads title of bill) 142
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(Secretary reads title of bill) 146
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(Secretary reads title of bill) 150
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(Secretary reads title of bill) 154
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(Secretary reads title of bill) 158
House Bill 1470, by Senator Cronin. 160
(Secretary reads title of bill) 162
House Bill 2094, by Senator Cronin. 164
(Secretary reads title of bill) 166
Senator Rauschenberger offers House Bill 2403. 168
(Secretary reads title of bill) 170
Senator Weaver offers House Bill 2404. 172
(Secretary reads title of bill) 174
House Bill 2465, by Senator Watson. 176
(Secretary reads title of bill) 178
House Bill 1270, by Senator Butler. 180
(Secretary reads title of bill) 182

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And Senator Petka offers House Bill 1437. 184
(Secretary reads title of bill) 186
1st Reading of the bills. 188
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 190
Is there any further business to come before the -- the 192
Senate? Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise? 193
SENATOR DONAHUE: 195
Thank you, Madam President. I think that it would be very 197
appropriate that if -- if the Senate could have a moment of 198
silence in honor of VE Day, and the surrender of the German Army. 199
So I just would ask that request to the President. 200
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 202
So ordered. Will you all rise. 204
(Moment of Silence) 206
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 208
Senator Weaver. 210
SENATOR WEAVER: 212
Thank you, Madam President and Members. It wasn't my 214
privilege to serve in Europe, but after watching all the TV today 215
on VE Day, I wondered -- and I thought I'd saved a newspaper that 216
I had received while serving out in the Pacific, on May the 8th, 217
1945. I dug -- I brought it with me today. Very brief. But this 218
is about all the news we ever got in the Pacific. But, it's the 219
German surrender and Truman's announcement and just a little bit 220
about what went on in -- in the surrender ceremonies. But, I was 221
happy that I started looking through my old brief case and came up 222
with this, because it's fifty years old today. 223
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 225
Thank you, Senator Weaver. I'm sure it was a very memorable 227
day in your life at that time. Senator Thomas Dunn. 229
SENATOR T. DUNN: 231
Well, thank you, Madam President. I want to say thank you to 233

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Stanley Weaver and to his era of Americans that served this 235
Country at great sacrifice. I don't think anyone understands the 236
personal sacrifice that goes into going to war unless you've had a 237
family member who has been there, whether it be man or woman. In 238
World War II, my uncle served as a foot soldier with Patton in
France and Germany. My father served in the Navy, receiving the 239
distinguished flying cross. My mother-in-law served in active 240
duty as a nurse in the Navy. And my father-in-law served as an 242
active duty Navy man in World War II. So, for all those 244
sacrifices, I'd like to say thank you to Stan Weaver's era for
America. 245

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 247

Thank you, Senator Dunn. Senator O'Daniel. 249

SENATOR O'DANIEL: 251

Thank you, Madam President. I also served in the South 253
Pacific during World War II and at this time when they surrendered 255
in Europe, I was in Batanges in the mountains south -- south of 257
Manila. Just got back from the hospital being wounded when we --
we jumped on Luzon Island. Brings back a lot of memories. I know 258
we were looking forward then to getting help from Europe to get us 260
home, and then we went along. But the big -- big thing in World 261
War II for me was when President Truman dropped the Atomic Bomb. 262
We -- we were already being briefed as where we were going to be 264
jumping on Japan, in October. So, you know, I -- I thought at the 265
time President Roosevelt died that probably I'd never get home, 266
but if it hadn't been for President Truman I wouldn't have got 267
home, because it would have been tough when we went into Japan. 268
But it is fifty years ago. It's -- course I know I don't look 269
that old, but I -- I was there. And it's great to be here today 270
too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS) 272

Thank you, Senator O'Daniel. Anyone else? Being a veteran 274

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myself of that war, I can appreciate your service and Senator 275
Weaver's service. Is there any further business to come before 276
the Senate? If not, Senator Raica moves the Senate stand 277
adjourned until noon, Tuesday, May 9. We stand adjourned until
Tuesday, May 9th. Tuesday, noon, May 9. 12 noon, Senator Demuzio. 278

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