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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

72nd Legislative Day

February 26, 2002

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd 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 Pastor Price, Springfield Church of Christ, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Price.

PASTOR JOHN PRICE:

(Prayer by Pastor John Price)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno. Reading of the Journal. Senator Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Friday, February 22nd, in the year 2002, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Jones moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There's no objections. So ordered. Illinois Information Service has asked permission to film the proceedings. Is permission granted? Leave is granted. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the Secretary of State, dated February 25th, 2002. To the Honorable President of the Senate:

Sir - In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bill from the 92nd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections:

Senate Bill 1264.

Signed by Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, 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 3776.

Passed the House, February 21st, 2002.

We have like Messages on House Bills 3714, 3729, 4073, 4200 and 4947.

All passed the House, February 22nd, 2002.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Let the record reflect that Senator Ronen is not here due to illness, and Senator Silverstein is absent due to personal business.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 337, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 338, by Senator Shadid and all Members.

Senate Resolution 339, by Senator Hawkinson and all Members.

(Senate Resolution 340 submitted in writing but inadvertently not read into the record.)

And Senate Resolution 341, by Senator Bomke and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

And Senate Resolution...

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, let the record show that Senator Weaver will not be with us today because of illness.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 342, offered by Senator Rauschenberger. It's substantive.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Let me correct the record. Senator Silverstein is not here due to medical reasons.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. We have a special treat today. We have the Christ the King School, who are the State Basketball Champs. And believe it or not, Patty Schuh, who works on our side of the aisle, -- son is the star player, Will. So I'm going to ask Senator Bomke to come up here - that school is in his district - and make a presentation and introduce the team. Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you. It is my pleasure to introduce you to the eighth-grade 8A State Boys Basketball Champion. They're from Christ the King School, here in Springfield. If you'll... The -- the team includes - and I'll -- I'll read the names: Pat Corcoran, Jonathan Brent, Alex Reavy, Steven Milburn, Connor Sestak, William Schuh - this is Patty's son; he's a short 6'7" eighth grader - yeah, the -- the NBA is already scouting him - Eric Seelbach, Dane Zentgraf, Bobby Rakers, Cullen Manning, Ted

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Starkey, Chris Hillebrenner, James Davis, Jeffrey Knudsen -- Knudsen, excuse me. The Cougars are coached by John and Tom Sestak. John? Coach John, would you like to say a few words?

COACH JOHN SESTAK:

(Remarks by Coach John Sestak)

SENATOR BOMKE:

Before I turn 'em loose, we'll get a picture here. But I do want to recognize, behind the Republican side of the aisle, the rest of their classmates, the eighth-grade class from Christ the King School. Will you please stand? And let's give 'em a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hawkinson, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, Madam President. For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your purpose.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet at 1:30 or immediately upon -- adjournment of the Senate in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet at 1:30 or upon conclusion of this morning's Session. Thank you. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Tom Walsh, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Bills 1840 and 2253 Do Pass.

Senator Dillard, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bills 1732, (17)33, 1761, 1813, 1814, 1900, 1997, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267 and 2302 Do Pass; and Senate Bill 1695 Do Pass, as Amended.

And Senator Syverson, Chair of the Committee on Public Health

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and Welfare, reports Senate Bills 1656, 2004, 2071, 2201 and 2202 Do Pass; and Senate Bills 2189 and 2224 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Turn to page 2, and we're going into 2nd Reading, on the top of the page. Senate Bill 929. Senator Donahue? 929. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 929.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any...

SECRETARY HARRY:

The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments approved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1524. Senator Bomke? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1524.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1550. Senator Myers? Senate Bill 1550. Senator Myers. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1550.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments from the Floor?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1624. Senator -- I'm sorry. Senate Bill 1558 {sic} (1588). Senator Noland? Senator Noland? Senate Bill 1558 {sic}. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1588.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1624. Senator Watson. Senator Watson? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1624.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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3rd Reading. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3714, offered by Senators Hawkinson and Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3771, presented by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Munoz offers Senate Bill -- or, House Bill 4073.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4092, Senator Lightford.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4200, by Senator Obama.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4947, by Senators Dillard and Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Petka moves that the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon -- Senator Petka?

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you very much, Madam President. Before we adjourn, I just wanted to place in the record that Senator Weaver is not here today because of an inner ear infection.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Petka moves the -- the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of noon, Wednesday, February 27, 2002. Stand adjourned.