

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

44th Legislative Day

April 17, 2001

Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. Good morning, Mr. Giles. It's nice that you're in your chair. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in pray today by Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Crawford: "May we bow our heads and lift our hearts. Most gracious and sovereign God. Our Creator and Author and Finisher of our faith. Bless us as we patiently wait upon You. For we can do nothing without You. For it is in You, that we move, and have our being. Empower us this day with Your power. We ask that You will lead us with Your spirit. Ask that You would advise us with Your great counsel. This we kindly and humbly pray. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Hartke."

Hartke - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Feigenholtz, Forby, Lou Jones, Shirley Jones and Charles Morrow are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker. Let the record show today that Representative Ron Stephens is excused."

Speaker Hartke: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 112 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Clerk."

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Clerk Rossi: "Attention Members, attention Members. The Public Utilities Committee that was scheduled to meet today from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room C-1 has been canceled. The Public Utilities Committee, scheduled to meet at 2:00 p.m. today, has been canceled."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Lyons, Mr. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Speaker, just for a short announcement. For those who didn't notice my loving wife, Kieran Celeste Bridget Mahoney, made some homemade Irish soda bread. It's up here in the first aisle. So, I know we're not going to be here long, if somebody would like some homemade Irish soda bread, it's right here. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. The Consumer Protection Committee scheduled for 5:00 today, will not meet, and it will be rescheduled for next week. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We'd just like the Body to recognize with me, that three of our colleagues had birthdays on April the 15th. It's easy to remember their birthday because it's IRS day. So, I wish the Body would extend a happy birthday greetings to the Assistant Clerk, Brad Bolin, who was 22 on April 15th. Representative Ron Wait, who is ageless and also the Honorable Lee A. Daniels had a birthday on April 15th. We had two cakes, Mr. Speaker, but we asked Ron Wait to bring them over. He was delayed, and he ate them both. So, I'm sorry, we don't have any cake to hand out."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd just like the House to join me in wishing Representative Harry Osterman a very happy birthday. I should tell you that young as he is, he has

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lived longer than either Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart or Jesus Christ. So, join me in wishing him a happy... there are cookies in the front and he's willing to share out the balloons that you see on his desk. So, happy birthday, Harry."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if you would indulge me here for a second, I'd like to introduce to you some of the best senior citizens in the United States of America. They're here today from the 46th Legislative District, the senior citizens from my district, please greet them and say hello to them. And I guess they're from Bob Biggins district as well, right Bob?"

Biggins: "Hope so."

Daniels: "Hope so. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I've been asked by our Speaker and of course I join in that, in welcoming once again back to Springfield, former Member of the House, former Member of the Senate, and of course, a distinguished United States Senator from the State of Illinois, Alan Dixon."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. Are you... are you feeling all right today? You have a green... you look a little green today. Might it be the curtains? St. Patrick's Day is gone. You know, while you were gone, they put the green curtains back up."

Speaker Madigan: "St. Patrick's Day never goes away."

Black: "Good point, good point."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention. If you direct your attention to page 4 of the

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Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-First Reading, there are numerous Senate Bills that do not have a House Sponsor. For... So, for those of you who chafed under the five Bill rule, here are some more opportunities for Bill sponsorship. Please be advised that Senate Bill 3 has been picked up and Senate Bills 1505 and 1514. The others are available for Sponsors and with that, the Chair recognizes Mr. Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 immediately after Session."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Acevedo has announced an immediate Democratic Caucus. Please be advised that the Committees will start at 2:00 p.m. Again, for Democrats an immediate Democratic Caucus. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie, but before we do that, Representative Scully."

Scully: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a matter of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Scully: "The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a reception this evening at the Sangamo Club. We'd like to invite all the Members of the House and your friends to come join us and talk about the economic future of our entire state. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen again, we're prepared to adjourn. The Democrats will go to an immediate Democratic Caucus. Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. So those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until tomorrow at 1:00 p.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. To Democrats, the caucus is concerned with reapportionment. That should

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get good attendance."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to create the Drug and Alcohol Impaired Minor Responsibilities Act. Senate Bill 39, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. Senate Bill 517, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to Attorneys Lien Act. Senate Bill 544, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Senate Bill 754, offered by Representative Granberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to building codes. Senate Bill 1166, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act concerning real estate. Senate Bill 1505, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act relating to the uninsured. Senate Bill 514 (sic-1514), offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act in relation to driver licensing. Introduction and First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."