

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PERFUNCTORY SESSION

JANUARY 30, 1975

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

2. The Senate will come to order. Prayer by Reverend Eugene  
3. L. Bungay of St. Joseph's Church, Prairie du Rocher, Illinois.  
4. Father Bungay.

5. REVEREND BUNGAY:

6. (Prayer given by Reverend Bungay)

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

8. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

9. SENATOR JOHNS:

10. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the  
11. Journal of Wednesday, January the 29th, 1975, be postponed  
12. pending arrival of the printed Journal.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

14. Heard the motion. All those in favor say Aye. Those  
15. Opposed. The Ayes have it. Committee reports.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns  
18. the following to committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Energy -  
19. Senate Bill 61; Appropriations - Senate Bill 60; Education - Senate  
20. Bill 68; Executive - Senate Bill 71; Finance and Credit Regula-  
21. tions - Senate Bill 72; Judiciary - Senate Bill 64 and 73; Local  
22. Government - Senate Bills 66, 67, and 69; Pensions, Personnel and  
23. Veterans Affairs - Senate Bill 70; Revenue - Senate Bill 65.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

25. Message from the Governor.

26. SECRETARY:

27. To the honorable members of the Senate, 79th General Assembly:  
28. I have nominated appointed the following named persons to the  
29. offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and  
30. confirmation of these appointments by your honorable Body.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

32. Executive. Introduction of bills.

33. SECRETARY:

1. Senate Bill No. 74 introduced by Senator Davidson.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. 1st reading of the bill.
4. Senate Bill 75 introduced by Senator Davidson.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. Senate Bill No. 76 introduced by Senators Knuppel, Partee,
8. Donnewald, Rock, Bruce and Joyce.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. Senate Bill No. 77 introduced by Senator Schaffer.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. 1st reading of the bill.
14. Senate Bill No. 78 introduced by Senator Bell.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill 79 introduced by Senators Bruce, Roe, Sommer
18. and Bloom.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. 1st reading of the bill.
21. Senate Bill No. 80 introduced by Senator Bell.
22. (Secretary reads title of bill)
23. 1st reading of the bill.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
25. Is there any further business to come before the Senate?
26. Stand at ease for just a moment prior to adjourning, but I might
27. remind the members that we will reconvene Tuesday at 10 a.m.,
28. February 4th and then immediately go into Executive Session to...
29. strike that. We will go into a Committee of the Whole hearing
30. on the Tax Relief Bill for the aged. Introduction of bills.
31. SECRETARY:
32. Senate Bill No. 81 introduced by Senators Harber Hall, Nimrod,
33. Clarke, Harris, Mohr, Howard Mohr and Graham.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

3. Senator Harber Hall.

4. SENATOR HALL:

5. Mr. President, this bill just introduced is an approach to  
6. Senior Citizen Property Tax Relief and it's rather comprehensive in  
7. nature. I think it bears the scrutiny by all members of the House,  
8. along the same lines that a previous bill introduced and discussed  
9. yesterday would have. And I would ask for unanimous consent to  
10. suspend the rules and place this bill in a position for a Committee  
11. of the Whole to scrutinize on Tuesday, February 5th.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

13. Senator Rock.

14. SENATOR ROCK:

15. Well, I would point out that this is not a Regular Session  
16. in...insofar as we've advised the membership that it would be in  
17. the order of a Perfunctory Session. And it just seems to me that  
18. that kind of motion, frankly, is out of order. I, for one, would  
19. object.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

21. Senator...Senator Harber Hall.

22. SENATOR HALL:

23. Well, Mr. President and fellow Senators, I would recall for  
24. you who are serving, the few of you here, who are serving from the  
25. last Session and last year that several and primarily two individual  
26. pieces of legislation were discussed and simultaneously and together.  
27. One, more or less, a Republican proposal and one, primarily, a  
28. Democrat approach to Senior Citizen Tax Relief. I believe that...  
29. that we should continue this process of taking the best efforts of  
30. both sides in this case since it is divided up that way previously  
31. and appears to this...at this time and...and let...let the entire  
32. Body consider two well thought out proposals and...and see how they  
33. can be improved individually and then decide which is the best in

1. total for final approval. So, I would ask the Body to proceed  
2. with placing this in a position of consideration next Tuesday,  
3. and point out also at the same time that to my knowledge, this  
4. is not a Perfunctory Session.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

6. Well, the...Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Well, I don't think anybody is disagreeing about the fact  
9. that there are certainly and can be alternatives to the question  
10. of tax relief. What I am suggesting, however, is that you have  
11. requested unanimous consent. I, for one, am going to object. I  
12. object.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

14. I...I think that Senator Rock's point is well taken. Senator,  
15. had the...had the proposition been put before the Body as of yes-  
16. terday, I think that your point would be well taken. However,  
17. being today and with the absence very...the many absentees today,  
18. I think it would be a little out of order to recognize your motion.  
19. It is a Regular Session. This...I...I'm saying that I don't feel  
20. that there are enough people present to act on your motion.

21. Senator Graham.

22. SENATOR GRAHAM:

23. I think where we really are here. It's not fault of those  
24. who are here that those who are not here are absent. I think the  
25. business before us is a motion made by Senator Hall. I think this  
26. is not, I don't think, I know, this is not a Perfunctory Session  
27. and Senator Rock is within his prerogatives to object to the motion  
28. made by Senator Hall. However, I think that Senator Hall's thought  
29. behind this is...should be well taken. The contents of Senator  
30. Hall's bill were discussed last year at some great length because  
31. they were proposed in a series of amendments to your 2715, I believe,  
32. Senator Rock. Now, gentlemen, let's don't get off to the bad  
33. start of either of us being placed in a position that we are against

1. apple pie and motherhood or that we are not for Senior Citizen's  
2. Relief. I happen to be in accord with the feeling expressed in  
3. the bill sponsored by Senator Rock. I do have a feeling, however,  
4. that some time could be made available next week to hear this, and  
5. Senator Rock, I...I think many people probably know what the fate  
6. of this bill is going to be. Be that as it may, the votes are  
7. there to do whatever you want to do with it if and when it is...  
8. survives a Committee of the Whole hearing or gets up on the order of  
9. 3rd reading. I think so that we do not create an atmosphere that  
10. has been generally created by other legislative Bodies this year  
11. by signing off in a sea of confusion. Why don't we get this thing  
12. out and have it in a open hearing next week. You can deal with  
13. it. You've got the votes over there. We know that. I'd ask you  
14. to withdraw your objection.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

16. Senator Rock.

17. SENATOR ROCK:

18. Senator Graham, I would accede to almost every request that  
19. you make and you know that, but this one, I object.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

21. Introduction of bills. Senator Nimrod.

22. SENATOR NIMROD:

23. A point of order. The Senator has made a...

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

25. State...state your point.

26. SENATOR NIMROD:

27. ...The...the Senator has made a request for a vote on a  
28. particular bill and we might have an objection. Can he not call  
29. for a roll call vote?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

31. Well, the Chair has ruled that it is out of order. He can  
32. appeal the ruling of the Chair. He's not requested that as yet.

33. SENATOR NIMROD:

1. Well...well, I don't...what's the...what's the ruling of the  
2. Chair? He's out of order?  
3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
4. The Chair...the Chair has ruled that Senator Harber Hall's  
5. motion was out of order.  
6. SENATOR NIMROD:  
7. Why?  
8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
9. Because of the absenteeism in the...in the Body in the  
10. Chamber today.  
11. SENATOR NIMROD:  
12. What does that have to do with the...with the...with the...  
13. with the vote?  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
15. All right. Is...is it your request, then Senator, that we  
16. take a roll call?  
17. SENATOR NIMROD:  
18. It's my request that we...that Senator who request a roll  
19. call that he be offered that opportunity. Yes, Sir.  
20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
21. Just...just...Senator Rock.  
22. SENATOR ROCK:  
23. Well, I...I don't...I...I think Senator Nimrod probably is  
24. correct. The fact is that there was a request for unanimous consent  
25. to suspend the rules, and I objected to that, and at that point,  
26. there was no motion made.  
27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
28. That is correct. There has been no motion made, and I  
29. recognize Senator Harber Hall.  
30. SENATOR HALL:  
31. The motion, and I reiterate, the motion is for...  
32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
33. As I recall...

1. SENATOR HALL:  
2. ...I would like a roll call on the motion to suspend the  
3. rules.  
4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
5. All right. That...that would be proper. The question is  
6. shall the rules be suspended for the purpose of advancing Senate  
7. Bill...Senate Bill 81 to the order of 2nd reading. The voting  
8. is open. Those in...those in favor of suspending the rules would  
9. vote Aye. Those opposed - No. The voting is open. Senator  
10. Buzbee.  
11. SENATOR BUZBEE:  
12. Concerning the roll call, Mr. President. How many votes does  
13. it take?  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
15. It takes thirty.  
16. SENATOR BUZBEE:  
17. Thank you.  
18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
19. Have all voted who wish? Take the roll. The Ayes are 12.  
20. The Nays are 12. The motion fails. Introduction of bills.  
21. Senator Graham.  
22. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
23. Be...it seems to me, before we possibly get into any other  
24. arguments or discussions would be a better word with regard to  
25. the absenteeism, it has been assumed that there is a quorum of  
26. the pre...of the Senate present, we are, in fact, in business.  
27. Is that not true?  
28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
29. That's correct.  
30. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
31. Okay.  
32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
33. Introduction of bills.

1. SECRETARY:
2. Senate Bill No. 82 introduced by Senator Vadalabene.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill 83 introduced by the same sponsor.
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. Senate Bill No. 84 introduced by the same sponsor.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bill.
10. Senate Bill 85 introduced by the same sponsor.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. 1st reading of the bill.
13. Senate Bill No. 86 introduced by the same sponsor.
14. (Secretary reads title of bill)
15. 1st reading of the bill.
16. Senate Bill 87 introduced by the same sponsor.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. 1st reading of the bill.
19. Senate Bill No. 88 introduced by the same sponsor.
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 1st reading of the bill.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
23. Is there further business to come before the Senate?
24. Senator Davidson.
25. SENATOR DAVIDSON:
26. I'd like leave of the Body and I've spoke to the chief
27. sponsor of Senate Bill 24 to...permission of the Body to become
28. a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 24.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
30. So ordered. Is there further business to come before the
31. Senate? Senator Bell.
32. SENATOR BELL:
33. Well, Mr. President, fellow members of the Senate, I've been



1. sitting here for the last few minutes contemplating whether to  
2. make these comments in reference to our recent action this morning  
3. concerning the so-called Senior Citizen legislation and the attempt  
4. on the part of Senator Hall to move forward a program from this  
5. side of the aisle to be able to be considered at the same time next  
6. week along with, ostensibly, the Lt. Governor's program. And I...  
7. I think some of the actions that...that we, as a Body, took here  
8. this morning, we should take a look at in reference to where we're  
9. going in this Senate, the 79th General Assembly, because of the  
10. attitude that seems to be starting to build and I think that the  
11. people of the State of Illinois in our legislative districts during  
12. the past several years and very heavily here in November addressed  
13. themselves to this kind of politics as usual. Now, it should seem  
14. to me rather obvious and I would think actually if you think about  
15. it that it would seem obvious to you also that there can be more  
16. than one approach to tax relief for the senior citizen and that  
17. rather than ram something for political purposes down the throat  
18. of...of this side of the aisle and bring it into position to shove  
19. it down the throat of the Governor of the State of Illinois to  
20. make your point that you, in fact, may win because you got the  
21. troops to do it. But, I say to you that with this type of attitude,  
22. you will, in fact, lose because you will alienate further the  
23. people of the State of Illinois, not because tax relief is bad,  
24. certainly, it's needed. It's badly needed, but this attitude is  
25. not what the new business of politics should be. You know it and  
26. I know it. Thank you.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

28. Is there further business to come before the Senate?  
29. Senator Nimrod. What...for what purpose do you arise?

30. SENATOR NIMROD:

31. A point of information. I have a couple of resolutions.  
32. There's a matter of time and I was going to hold them until next  
33. week. If we are a regular committee...if I put in resolutions,

1. can I move them on ahead without referring them to committee?  
2. They are congratulatory resolutions. May be handled today or not?  
3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
4. Oh, I think we possibly could if they're here.  
5. SENATOR NIMROD:  
6. Oh, I was going to hold them until next week because I just  
7. assumed we...we were not going to get into that, but I was just  
8. told that there is a...a matter of a problem on one of these where  
9. there's a meeting coming up with the Chamber and I would like to  
10. take care of it if we can.  
11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
12. Resolutions.  
13. SECRETARY:  
14. Senate Resolution No. 10 introduced by Senator Nimrod.  
15. Congratulatory.  
16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
17. Senator Nimrod.  
18. SENATOR NIMROD:  
19. Mr. President, I move for the...it's a congratulatory resolu-  
20. tion for...there's two of them there and I'll just mention both  
21. of them. One is for the Chamber of Commerce 50th Anniversary in...  
22. in the Village of Skokie. Oh, the next one. And the other one is  
23. for the 50th Anniversary of the...of The News which is a newspaper  
24. serving a township in...in my community...in my district.  
25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
26. Motion by Senator Nimrod to suspend the rules for the  
27. immediate consideration of the resolution. All those in favor  
28. say Aye. Those opposed - No. The Ayes have it. Senator Nimrod.  
29. SECRETARY:  
30. Mr. President, Senate Resolution No. 11 introduced by Senator  
31. Nimrod. It's congratulatory.  
32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
33. Senator Nimrod moves for the immediate adoption of the

1. resolution. All those in favor say Aye. Those Opposed. The
2. Ayes have it. Is there further business to come before the Senate?
3. Senator Hall moves that we adjourn until Tuesday, February the 4th
4. at 10 a.m. The Senate stands adjourned.
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