

83RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

FEBRUARY 28, 1984

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks. Will our guest in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by Father Eugene Weitzel of St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

FATHER EUGENE WEITZEL:

(Prayer given by Father Weitzel)

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY:

Wednesday...Tuesday, February the 7th, 1984 and Wednesday, February the 8th, 1984.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Luft.

SENATOR LUFT:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT:

Heard the motion as placed by Senator Luft. Any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Motion carries. It's so ordered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

For what purpose does Senator Rock arise?

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Due to the...to the, obviously, inclement weather, some of the members are still en route, and I would suggest that for those of us who have braved the storm and have our dog sleds parked outside that perhaps we ought to stand in Recess until the hour of three-thirty to afford those members an opportunity to get here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

You've heard the motion. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Secretary has asked the...to get the paper work going while we're still open. Is there...is there any objection? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary...he has changed...the Secretary has changed his mind and indicate he'll do it at three-thirty. Senate stands at Recess till three-thirty.

RECESS

AFTER RECESS

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will come to order. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY:

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 107, 110, 111, 112 and 113, and they're all congratulatory or commendatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 109.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 444 offered by Senator Kelly. It's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 445, by Senator Kelly. It's congrat-

ulatory.

Senate Resolution 446 offered by Senator Becker, and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 447 introduced...offered by Senator Savickas and all Senators, and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Senator Darrow, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DARROW:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask leave to be added as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1385.

PRESIDENT:

Senate Bill 1385. You've heard the Senator's request. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. It's so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 448 offered by Senator Vadalabene and all Senators. It's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 449, by the same sponsors...it's congratulatory.

And the following five resolutions are offered by Senators Geo-Karis, Philip and Rock, and they are Senate Resolutions 450, 451, 452, 453 and 454.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Senator Marovitz, for what purpose do you arise at Senator Luft's desk?

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

I'd like leave to be added as a cosponsor to an outstanding piece of legislation, Senate Bill 1385, sponsored by our President.

PRESIDENT:

The Senator has asked leave to be shown as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1385. Leave granted? Leave is granted. It's so ordered. Introduction of bills, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 1441 introduced by Senators Berman and Lechowicz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1442 introduced by Senator...Barkhausen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1443, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1444, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1445, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1446, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1447, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1448, Senator Nedza.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1449, Senator Jerome Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1450, by the same sponsor.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1451, Senator Johns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1452, Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1453, by the same sponsor.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1454, Senators D'Arco and Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1455, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1456, Senator Egan, Rock, Savickas, Bruce, Demuzio, Hall and Johns.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1457, by the same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1458, Senators Rock and Lenke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1459, Senator Netsch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1460, Senator Bloom.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1461, Senator Jerome Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1462, Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT:

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

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President...Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to be added on as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1385.

PRESIDENT:

1385. The Senator has asked leave to be shown as a co-sponsor. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene, are you...Senator Geo-Karis, you found another gem?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Yeah, I think so. I'd like to be...Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to be added as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1458. Thank you.

PRESIDENT:

1458. That's a good one. I recognize it. Senator Geo-

Karis has asked leave to be shown as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 1458. Leave granted? Leave is granted. Committee reports.

SECRETARY:

Senator Vadalabene, chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration, reports out House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 2 with the recommendation for adoption.

Senator Vadalabene, chairman of the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration, to which was referred the Governor's Message of January the 11th, 1984 and February the 7th, 1984, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent to the following appointments.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Mr. President, I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Governor's appointments set forth in the Governor's Message of January 11, 1984 and February 7th, 1984, and the Comptroller's appointment set forth in the Comptroller's Message of February 6th, 1984.

PRESIDENT:

All right, you've heard the motion as placed by Senator Vadalabene that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The Senate is now in Executive Session. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of January 11, 1984, I will read the sal-

aried appointments to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veteran Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be director of the Department of Children and Family Services for a term expiring January 21, 1985, Gordon Johnson of Springfield.

To be director of the Department of Insurance for a term expiring January 21, 1985, John Washburn of Chatham.

And to be director of the Department of Public Aid for a term expiring January 21, 1985, Gregory L. Coler of Springfield.

And to be assistant director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs for a term expiring January 21, 1985, Stephen L. Selcke of Springfield.

To be superintendent of State Police for a term expiring January 21, 1985, Laimutis A. Nargelenas of Pawnee.

And to be State Fire Marshal for a term expiring January 21, 1985, Harold L. Schmeilski of Peoria.

And to be a judge on the Court of Claims for a term expiring January 20, 1986, Andrew M. Raucci of Chicago.

And, Mr. President, having read the salaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll call unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.

PRESIDENT:

All right, you've heard the request of Senator Vadalabene. Is there objection? Hearing none, leave is granted, Senator.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

...thank you, Mr. President. Will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT:

Yes, and the Chair would like to reflect, and I know Senator Philip feels the same way, we want to thank the mem-

bers who did make it through this inclement weather. We are here in the unique exercise of our constitutional responsibility to advise and consent to Gubernatorial appointments, and the appointments that are before us are, frankly, important for the operation of government and that's why we are here. Question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 30 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. The majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of January 11th, 1984, I will read the unsalaried appointments to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority for a term expiring January 14, 1985, Arthur F. Quern of Evanston.

And to be a member of the Illinois Housing Development Authority for a term expiring January 12, 1987, Louis Troglia of Oak Brook.

Mr. President, having read the unsalaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll call unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.

PRESIDENT:

Is there objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

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PRESIDENT:

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SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. With respect to the Governor's Message of February 7th, 1984, I will read the salaried appointment to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veteran Affairs and Administration recommends that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Illinois Commerce Commission for a term expiring January 16, 1989, Susan C. Stone of Urbana.

To be chairman and member of the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board for a term to be determined by lot, Martin Wagner of Urbana.

And to be a member of the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board for a term to be determined by lot, Edna R. Krueger of Elgin.

And to be a member of the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board for a term to be determined by lot, Wesley A. Wildman of Evanston.

Mr. President, having read the salaried appointments, I now seek leave to consider these appointments on one roll call unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.

PRESIDENT:

Is there objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Will you put the question as required by our rules?

PRESIDENT:

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SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yeah...well, I'm not going to make any comment...

PRESIDENT:

Okay.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Mr. President, with respect to the Comptroller's Message of February 6th, 1984, I will read the unsalaried appointment to which the Committee on Executive Appointments, Veterans' Affairs and Administration do recommend that the Senate do advise and consent.

To be a member of the Merit Commission for the Office of the Comptroller for a term expiring January 15, 1990, John F. Whitney, Jr. of Chatham.

Mr. President, having read the unsalaried appointment, I now seek leave to consider this appointment on one roll call unless some Senator has objection to a specific appointment.

PRESIDENT:

Is there objection? Hearing none, leave is granted.  
Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Mr. President, will you put the question as required by

our rules?

PRESIDENT:

The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nomination just made. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 30 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nomination just made. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The Senate does now arise. Introduction of bills, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 1403...1463 introduced by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And Senate Bill...1464, by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT:

Further business to come before the Senate? I understand Senator Bloom has a resolution. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 455 offered by Senators Bloom, Dawson, Carroll, DeAngelis and Smith.

(Secretary reads SR 455)

PRESIDENT:

Senator Bloom.

SENATOR BLOOM:

Thank you, Mr. President and fellow Senators. That was

Donahue and not DeAngelis; Bloom, Dawson, Carroll, Donahue and Smith. First, I would like to add Senator Smith as a co-sponsor of Senate 495. A brief trip down memory lane, as you may recall, last May we had 495, the hospital cost containment bill, on 3rd reading, and by a special resolution we put it on the Order of Final Passage and set up a select committee with the power to appoint a technical advisory panel of representatives of the various parties with a direct interest in this. There has been progress, it has been slow. On the 23rd of February, the Illinois Hospital Association finally sent to us their proposal, a draft...draft legislation, pardon me, on cost containment. The Medical Society has now taken a position and they will be putting in their draft legislation. Senator Carroll and I have met with representatives of the administration and they are interested in this process. The technical advisory panel has come up with some concepts to change 495, which as you may recall we said all along was not written in granite. We just wanted the provider groups to understand that the problem was not just, as they put it, government underpayment but rather that the system was out of control. I think that by virtue of the Hospital Association putting in their own legislation which would set up a cap on hospital revenues and by virtue of the Medical Society coming up with a proposal not unlike the California model that now we have the basis to proceed with something that could provide a compromise. If that can be done, then we can be about our business this Spring without having various provider groups and other groups', lobbyists coming down and distracting us. The technical advisory panel is making progress. It's not as fast as we'd like but the progress is there. The...the chairman of the technical advisory panel has gotten consensus on certain key issues. Now, we have to harmonize these various ideas and come up with a draft...excuse me, come up with proposed amendments to 495,

and I believe that by putting off the reporting date until the 17th of May that we will come up with something that every member of this Body can live with. I think that we've taken an unprecedented move in passing this resolution, putting this bill on the Order of Final Passage and that a clear message has been sent to both the provider groups and those elements in other parts of government that we are going to get a handle on this, and I would seek your support in putting the reporting date to the 17th of May. Answer any questions; otherwise, I think it's pretty thoroughly explained. Thank you.

PRESIDENT:

All right, Senator Bloom has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 455. Is there any discussion on the motion to suspend? If not, all in favor of the motion to suspend indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now, under consideration is the adoption of Senate Resolution 455. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like the record to indicate that Senator Barkhausen, Senator Coffey, Senator DeAngelis, Senator Fawell, Senator Grothberg, Senator Macdonald, Senator Rupp are not here because of inclement weather. Also Senator Hudson is convalescing with a ankle injury. I'd like the record to indicate that, please.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Netsch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you. Because of the absence of so many of our

committee members and the fact that a few of the individuals who were asked to testify at the Revenue Committee meeting are not here for the same reason that Senator Philip just described to his missing members, inclement weather, what we will do is, Senator Etheredge and I will simply go up and explain to any of those who have arrived that we will not be having full testimony today but the other members of the committee are excused from attendance.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like for the record to show that because of the inclement...weather Senator Berman, Senator Bruce, Senator...Collins, Senator Chew, Senator D'Arco, Senator Demuzio,...that he was driving and he got turned around and couldn't get here so far...Senator Buzbee, Senator Johns, Senator Jones, Senator Jeremiah Joyce, Senator Iechowicz, Senator Nedza, Senator Newhouse, Senator Sangmeister and Senator Zito are all absent because of the inclement weather.

PRESIDENT:

All right, the record will so reflect.

SENATOR HALL:

...and Senator Dawson, also.

PRESIDENT:

The record will so reflect, and I have just received word that Senator Demuzio is approaching the building, finally. Senator Egan, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR EGAN:

Well, in deference to those in Chicago that could not come today, I just want to tell everybody, I came early yesterday, and that's...I beat the weather.

PRESIDENT:

Any further business to come before the Senate? With

leave of the Body, those who arrive before the close of the business day at six o'clock will certainly be entitled to be added to the roll call. The roads are just miserable. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, along with Senator Egan, I just want to let him know that I came up from the south in the eye of the hurricane for four and a half hours.

PRESIDENT:

Yeah, right. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, don't feel so bad, I took the plane to Peoria because mine was cancelled twenty minutes before it was suppose to leave, went to Peoria, then I rented a car, so it cost me about another hundred dollars to get here last night...by eleven-thirty at night.

PRESIDENT:

I...I think that's a matter you ought to take up directly with Senator Philip. I'm sure he will reimburse you immediately. Senator Philip doesn't have any story. I...I was with him this morning. Any further business? If not, Senator Vadalabene moves that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning and the Session will be short and sweet, I assure you. 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.