STATE OF ILLINOIS 90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGULAR SESSION SENATE TRANSCRIPT

78th Legislative Day

February 24, 1998

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Kevin Wolfe, Christian Church of Pawnee, Pawnee, Illinois. Pastor Wolfe.

PASTOR KEVIN WOLFE:

(Prayer by Pastor Kevin Wolfe)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

...had a request from Channel 20 and Channel 3 to film the proceedings today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, February 17th; Wednesday, February 18th; Thursday, February 19th; and Friday, February 20th, 1998.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Senator Welch, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WELCH:

Mr. President, I would like the record to reflect that Senator

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Bowles is ill and is unavailable to be here today.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. May I have your attention for —for one minute, please? May I have your attention, please? The Senate's going to stand at ease until we return from the services. And the bus will leave at 12:30 from Monroe Street, north door of the Capitol. So be on time. We're going to leave it open in case some of our Members come late and wish to get on the roll call. So with that, the Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senate will come to order. Senator Donahue, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Simply to state for the record that Senator Weaver is absent today due to the death of his wife.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The record will so indicate. Messages, Mr. Secretary. SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 3-5(b) and (c), I am hereby appointing myself to replace Senator Stanley B. Weaver as a Member and Chairperson of the Rules Committee, effective immediately.

Dated February 24th, 1998, and signed by President Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Is there any other business to come before the Senate? Is there any other business? Seeing none, the Senate will adjourn till tomorrow, Wednesday, at noon. The Senate stands adjourned.

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