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SENATE TRANSCRIPT

28th Legislative Day

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

The hour of noon having arrived, the regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be in their desk, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be by Pastor John Hamilton, Laurel United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Hamilton.

PASTOR JOHN HAMILTON:

(Prayer by Pastor John Hamilton)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Pledge of Allegiance will be by Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Friday, March 14th; Monday, March 17th; Tuesday, March 18th; Wednesday, March 19th; and Thursday, March 20th.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Butler moves to approve the Journals just read. There being no objection, it is so ordered. WCIA-Channel 3 TV, out of Springfield {sic}, wishes permission to tape the proceedings. And also WEEK-TV Peoria also asks leave to film the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. For those Members that are within hearing distance of my voice, please come to the Senate

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Floor. We have a number of very, very special guests to be presented to the Senate today, and first I will yield the -- the microphone to Senator Shadid and Senator Hawkinson from the City of Peoria.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you very much, Madam President. You know, this is getting to be old hat for Senator Hawkinson and myself. I think it's the fourth year, if I'm not mistaken, that the Manual Rams have won the State Championship. Not only the State Championship... Sorry for the delay. Okay. Thank you. You know, at this time I want to just read a little excerpt from our proclamation for the Manual Rams.

(Senator Shadid reads proclamation)

Folks, how about a big hand for Coach McClain and the Manual Rams?

(Applause by the Illinois Senate)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Thank you, George. You know, four years ago, Coach, George Shadid and I were sitting in Robertson Field House in the first half, and my Silver Streaks had a twenty-point lead in the Sectional Tournament and by half-time you'd already caught 'em. And I've been a Manual fan ever since. And it's been a pleasure to watch this four-year run to the top, not only of our State, but number-one ranking in the nation. And, folks, you ought to pay attention, because this is history. This is the first time we've had a four-time State Champion, the very first time, and unless they make it back for number five next year, and I'm not counting them out, because I've seen a lot of short, quick Manual teams make it down before. But this will be something that most of us will probably never see again. So congratulations, Coach, on a fabulous four years.

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SENATOR SHADID:

I'd like to ask Coach McClain, in a minute, to say a word or two. But before I do, I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize, I think, the biggest fan in basketball in the State, next to Hawkinson and myself, is Senator Watson, who's become a Peoria fan. When it comes up for a vote, we expect your vote. Okay. At this time it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, I think, one of the greatest coaches in the State of Illinois and also in the country, our good friend, Coach Wayne McClain.

COACH WAYNE McCLAIN:

(Remarks by Coach Wayne McClain)

SENATOR SHADID:

One less -- one last comment. USA Today, in Thursday's edition, also named Coach McClain as the number-one coach in the country. And also I'd be remiss if I didn't introduce his son, Sergio McClain - where are you, Serg? - who was named "Mr. Basketball of Illinois". Thank you very much for your time. We really appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

All right. Now we've got another wonderful group. With me today are the Wildcats. I think it's a year for Wildcats, nationally, as well as in Illinois. Both the Class A Champions, the Fourth Place winners were the Lady Wildcats from Warsaw, Illinois. And then their counterparts in the male side, the Man Wildcats went on to win the Class A Championship for 1997. And they're all behind me today. Their school -- the western side of Illinois, and there's no question that Representative Tenhouse and myself feel have -- we have a very long tradition of champions in western Illinois, and this is the first time that either the men or the women have gone beyond the Super-Sectional. So it was a wonderful year for the small community and the small school of Warsaw, Illinois. I'm going to introduce the Class A Fourth Place

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Winners. The Coach is Jerry Jerome, and he's going to introduce the girls to you. Jerry.

COACH JERRY JEROME:

(Introduction of team by Coach Jerry Jerome)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Now, girls, if you'll slide just to the side so we can bring the -- the gentlemen up front. They're just coming around the side. There we go. Now we have the Class A 1997 State Champs behind us for -- and their Coach is Jeff Dahl and Kevin -- oh, shoot, I didn't ask -- Stuckwisch. Okay. Sorry about that. Jeff, would you like to come up and introduce the -- the young men behind me?

COACH JEFF DAHL:

(Introduction of team, and remarks by, Coach Jeff Dahl)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

They called them the "Big Three," and they were. They were great. Well, we just want to say thank you for allowing us to be here. It's a big day for Warsaw to be able to come before the Senate. They've had a chance to meet the Governor and it's been a very special day. Thank you all. Messages from the House. Messages.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the Secretary of State, addressed to the Secretary of the Senate.

This office is forwarding herewith copies of the resignation of Thomas A. Dunn, State Senator for the 43rd Legislative District, effective at the close of business on Friday, March 14, 1997; and the Democrat Legislative Committee's Notice of Vacancy existing in the office of Senator in the 90th General Assembly for the 43rd District, as a result of the resignation of Senator Dunn. Also enclosed is the Democratic Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment of Lawrence M.

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Walsh of Elwood to the Office of State Senator in the 43rd Legislative District, along with his Oath of Office.

Yours truly, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like for the Senate to give a warm welcome to our newly appointed Senator from the 43rd District, Larry Walsh, and his wife, who has joined him for his first day of Session down here. Let's give him a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Welcome, Senator Walsh. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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 673.

Passed the House on March 20th, 1997.

We have a like Message on the following House Bills: 9, 20, 25, 78, 167, 214, 221, 295, 488, 740, 741, 1051, 1105 (1169) and 1197. (Bill within parentheses inadvertently not read into record, but submitted in writing.)

All passed the House, March 21st, 1997.

We have a like Message on the following House Bills: 28, 82, 277, 279, 288, 306, 316, 320, 322, 345, 108, 351, 370, 472, 496, 521, 526, 578, 581, 585, 592, 448, 540, 604, 618, 627, 643, 653, 674, 680, 707, 820, -- or, 847, 898, 909, 940, 978, 995, 1001, 1006, 1009, 1094, 1171, 1177, 1219, 1253, 1279, 1288, 1289, 1311 and 1315.

All passed the House, April 8th, 1997.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Thomas Walsh, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point. If we could have a little order, please. Senator Thomas Walsh.

SENATOR T. WALSH:

Well, I would like to also welcome Senator Walsh. We can never have too many Walsh's, and there is Senator Welch with Senator Walsh. So it'll be nice and confusing around here. With Welch and Walsh it was confusing, but with Walsh, Walsh and Welch, it'll be real confusing. So, welcome, Senator Walsh to -- to the Senate. I also would like to introduce a -- introduce a group that is down here from the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, that has driven down from -- the day. The Westchester Chamber and their friends, led by my very, very good friend, Bill Ernst. So if you'd all stand up and please be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Will you please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. If I could have your attention for a minute. All Members of the Senate, please pay attention. On your desks, or at the moment being distributed, is a Supplemental Calendar, with House bills. It is very important that we pick up the House bills as soon as possible. Get your names on them. Get them down to the Secretary so that your sponsorship can be identified, so they can be assigned to Rules and assigned to committee. This is very important. The sooner -- the sooner we do it, the better. So please look at your desks -- look at the Supplemental Calendar and proceed. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 25, offered by Senator Parker.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 78, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Weaver offers House Bill 108.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 167, offered by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 214, presented by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 279, by Senator Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 306, by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 322, by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 581, by Senators Hawkinson and Shadid.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 585, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 604, by Senator Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 627, presented by Senator Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 643, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 740, by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 741, offered by Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 995, by Senators Hawkinson and Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1006, by Senator Petka.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1051, by Senator Madigan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1171, by Senator Rauschenberger.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1311, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 674, by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 847, by Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1279, by Senator Hawkinson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Halvorson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

I just want to recognize that on both sides of our gallery, we have some parents and children that have come from my town, part of the Parent's March, and I would just like for them to stand, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Will you please rise and be recognized? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 39, offered by Senator Shaw and all Members.
Senate Resolution 40, by Senator Trotter and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 41, by Senator Trotter and all Members.

Senate Resolution 42, 43, both offered by Senator Demuzio.

They're all death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Karpel, for -- Consent Calendar. Senator Karpel, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Madam President. I understand we'll be standing at ease for a while, and during that time, I ask for a Republican Caucus in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

I would have to -- that's always in order, and we will have a Senate Republican Caucus. We are not standing at ease. We're just keeping the -- the Floor open so we can collect paper from the House. We will not be coming back to the Floor. Senator Karpel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

All right, then. Madam President, then we will have a Republican Caucus as soon as we leave the Floor, I guess right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Jones. Oh -- Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Madam Secretary {sic}, you just read in a death resolution, and I would like to suspend the rules for immediate consideration and adoption of that death resolution, so that I might take it home with me this week. It's Senate Resolution 42, I'm told.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Demuzio moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 42. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the

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rules are suspended. Now Senator Demuzio has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 42. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Madam President. I want to introduce another person that has -- was elected out in the south suburbs that we haven't seen for quite some time, but the new Mayor of Dolton, Senator William "Bill" Shaw.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Berman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Would the record reflect that Senator Carroll is absent because of illness in the family?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

The record will so reflect. Senator Demuzio, your light is on. Do you still seek... Okay. Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like the record to show that Senate President Pate Philip is not here this afternoon due to illness. He's -- has a little bit of the flu, but he will be back shortly, as soon as he gets better. And also, Senator Cronin is not with us this afternoon because of official business, but he will be with us tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Record will so reflect. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise? Can we have a little order, please?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Madam President, I just wanted to say, hello, welcome back and you're looking good.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

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Thank you. Senator Klemm, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KLEMM:

Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR KLEMM:

I just thought I -- I'd share that the Republicans have somebody who got elected just a last week, and that's Senator Peterson, as Supervisor of Vernon Township.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

All right. Now, as I indicated earlier, we will have no further business to come before us. We will leave the operations open to accept paper from the House, and that is its only purpose. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

What time will we reconvene tomorrow?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Senator Smith, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SMITH:

...stand -- I stand on a point of -- for for a personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SMITH:

I'd like to introduce to this august Body one of our leading citizens in the City of Chicago, the Right Reverend Father Darryl F. James, who is Rector Messiah of the St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Chicago, and he's former President of the Chicago School Board. Dr. James, stand up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONAHUE)

Will you rise and please be recognized by the Senate. Welcome. Senator Geo-Karis, to answer your question, we will

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reconvene -- or, we will convene the Senate tomorrow at 9 a.m.
9 o'clock tomorrow, on Thursday. The Senate is at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...be in order. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 28, offered by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 167, by Senators Hawkinson, Klemm and O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 221, by Senator Dudycz and also Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 472, by Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 488, by Senator Tom Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Dudycz offers House Bill 578.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 618, by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Bomke offers House Bill 653.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 820, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 909, by Senator Fitzgerald.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 978, Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Sieben offers House Bill 1105.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1219 is presented by Senator Klemm.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 1253, by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further business to bring before the Senate? If not, the Senate will stand adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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