

STATE OF ILLINOIS
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REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

98th Legislative Day

April 10, 2000

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Richard K. Irwin, First Christian Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Irwin.

THE REVEREND RICHARD K. IRWIN:

(Prayer by the Reverend Richard K. Irwin)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Thursday, April 6th, and Friday, April 7th, in the year 2000, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your purpose, sir.

SENATOR WEAVER:

As the Membership can see, on the Order of Secretary's Desk,

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Concurrences -- on the Order of Concurrences, Secretary's Desk, there are many Senate bills with House amendments. I would suggest that the Membership file a motion with the Secretary and we'll react to that in Rules Committee. So, look over the Calendar and get your motions filed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Parker, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PARKER:

For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, ma'am.

SENATOR PARKER:

Well, I have two -- two points of personal privilege. The first one is, Madam President, to welcome Senator Geo-Karis back. We really missed her, and we particularly missed her last week, because without her announcing the ball game, we lost. And so we -- so welcome back, Senator. And also, I do have some constituents with me today from Northbrook. On the Floor with me is Michele Kory and Nicole Senft, and up in the gallery is Michele's mother, Kathy Kory, her sister, Nicole; and Nicole's father, Tom Senft and Mary Beth. And please stand and rise so we can welcome you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Please stand and rise, and we're happy to welcome you to the Senate. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Welcome back, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you very much.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Delighted to see you back. You're president of the "Old-Timers' Club" of me and you, Weaver and Pate. Let me -- on a

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point of personal privilege, if I might.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Go ahead.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

We have a gentleman that's been with us for many years here in the Illinois Senate, person who serves us back here in our cloak room, who's eighty-four today, and that's Al Bietsch. And so I'd like to -- Senate to recognize our eighty-four-year-old birthday guy, Al Bietsch, who's behind me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Al, congratulations and a happy birthday to you. Al Bietsch, happy birthday to you. Messages from the House {sic}.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the President, dated April 10th, 2000.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Please be advised that I have replaced Senator Dillard with Senator Maitland on the Senate Rules Committee effective immediately.

Signed by President Philip.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Dudycz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Madam President. I stand on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, please.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Well, first of all, Senator Geo-Karis -- Madam President, I'm glad to see you're back here in your usual fine form in the Senate. I'm glad to see that you're out of your -- your illness and you're well on your way to recovery, but at this point, I'd like to introduce to the Senate a constituent of Senator Geo-Karis', a volunteer from Winthrop Harbor. She's helping

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Senator Geo-Karis during these times of readjustment, and would the Senate please welcome Molly Maharrey, who's going to be helping Senator Geo-Karis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Molly Maharrey, to the Senate. And thank you. WCIA is asking to videotape. Is there any objection? Hearing none, your request, WCIA, is granted. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy - the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1541; to the Committee on Executive - Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1682 and House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1871; to the Judiciary Committee - Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1268 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1567; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Motions to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 452, House Amendments 6 and 8 to Senate Bill 452, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1339, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1404 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1704; to the Committee on Local Government - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1377; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Motions to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 563 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1508; and to the Committee on Revenue - the Motions to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1249, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1296 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1307.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. An announcement.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Will you state your announcement, please?

SENATOR WEAVER:

We'll be coming in tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. So if you get your motions filed first thing in the morning, Rules will look at 'em and put 'em out to committees for committees tomorrow. So, if you intend to file a motion, get it filed first thing in the morning.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, I guess the question I ask: For all practical purposes then, are we -- finished our business for the day?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Not yet. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, can you kind of tell us what we're going to be doing here, as our Members have been inquiring?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We shouldn't have too long a session. You'll be happy to know that we're coming to the close. Tomorrow at 9 a.m. the Senate is reconvening. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator Wendell Jones moves that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2000. Senate stands adjourned.

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