

STATE OF ILLINOIS
92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
REGULAR SESSION
SENATE TRANSCRIPT

96th Legislative Day

May 13, 2002

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 92nd 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 Pastor Scott Kirkman, Mound Road Christian Church, Decatur, Illinois. Pastor Kirkman.

PASTOR SCOTT KIRKMAN:

(Prayer by Pastor Scott Kirkman)

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.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Monday, May 6th, and Tuesday, May 7th, 2002.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Wendell Jones.

SENATOR W. JONES:

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 Wendell Jones moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objections, so ordered. Wendell Jones, for the second time.

SENATOR W. JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, May 8th, and Thursday, May 9th, in the year 2002, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Wendell Jones moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objections, so ordered. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 430, offered by Senators Demuzio and Emil Jones, and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Consent Calendar. House Bills 1st.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 5384, offered by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Don't -- don't get excited. It's my Republican House Member's bill. So don't get excited. Yes, Mr. President, if -- want the record to reflect that Senator Bowles is absent today, as is Senator Silverstein. Both on legislative business, it's my understanding. Obviously, Senator Clayborne is still absent because of illness. I understand he's doing fine. At least that's the report I had.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The record will so indicate. Would like to advise the Members to review the bills on the Order of Concurrences. The sponsors of those bills are advised to file their motions regarding -- to House amendments on Senate bills as soon as possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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Point of personal privilege, Madam President. Just like to announce that Senator Klemm is not here today due to illness. And that Senator Cronin had a family emergency at home and he's not here today, either.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

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

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR LINK:

Today, I have Ashley Eberle, who is from your district in Fox Lake, and she's visiting us today at the Capitol and shadowing me around to see what we're doing in the Senate. And I'd like to give her a Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Welcome, Ashley, to the Senate. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 431, offered by Senator Bomke.

It's substantive, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

If I may have the attention of the -- the Assembly. The Chair would advise the Members to review the bills on the Order of Concurrence. The sponsors of those bills are advised to file their motions with regards to House amendments on Senate bills as soon as possible. Please keep that in mind. Tomorrow morning, Executive Appointments are meeting in Room 212, at 8:30 a.m. And Education is meeting at 9 a.m., in Room 212. Transportation is meeting at 9 a.m., in -- in Room A-1, Stratton Building. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I just have a parliamentary inquiry.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Make your -- your inquiry, sir.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Why are we here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio...

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I mean, it's -- we've been here since 4 o'clock and we haven't done anything. Why are we here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio, I think you've been here long enough to know why you're here. ...Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I must have forgot. Could you refresh my -- my memory? Why are we here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, I wouldn't want to think you have a senior moment, but, anyway, I hope you have a better memory. Is there any further business to come before the Senate? Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Might I say, you look lovely today. Absolutely ravishing. If I wasn't married -- if I wasn't married, Adeline, I don't know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you very much. But I don't steal husbands, only borrow them. Anything further, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Madam President, I was trying to inquire of our -- our team leaders. Are we practicing today? And if so, where at? You know, this is going to be some people's last game. You know, my good friend, Carl Hawkinson, has decided to run for Lieutenant

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Governor. He may come back, but he couldn't play on the team. We should take this game serious, and I hope we're practicing somewhere, sometime today, if we're going to play tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Hendon, I'm sure I'm going to have Senator -- Senator Watson is here. Would you like to respond to Senator Hendon?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes, we've checked on all available fields and they're all just too wet to -- to practice. So, I don't believe we're going to have it. But, Rick -- Rickey's got a special practice at 6 o'clock at -- same -- same place you practiced last week. If you need a ball and a bat, I got -- you can take that with you, too. Just stop by my office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you. I -- I did have a senior moment. I was reminded why we're here. Today is Linda Hawker's birthday. So we wanted to wish her a happy birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Well, we certainly wish Linda a happy birthday. And she doesn't age at all. God bless her. Anything further? Is there any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator O'Malley moves the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 2002.