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SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - SIXTH DAY

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10:55 O'CLOCK A.M.

THE HONORABLE W. ROBERT BLAIR, SPEAKER

IN THE CHAIR



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A Roll Call for attendance was taken and indicated that all were present with the exception of the following:

Representative Tobias Barry - no reason given;

Representative Otis G. Collins - illness;

Representative Bernard E. Epton - no reason given;

Representative Donald A. Henss - resigned;

Representative Thomas R. Houde - illness;

Representative James G. Krause - illness;

Representative Ed Lehman - illness;

Representative James D. Nowlan - illness;

Representative John W. Thompson - no reason given;

Representative Gale Williams - no reason given.



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The Special Session will be in order.

The invocation will be by Doctor Johnson."

Doctor Johnson: "We pray. Lord you have ever been served by busy men and women, who like Issaih and Paul and Lydia spent and were spent doing the business of their Lord. We thank you for busy people everywhere, who make up long ranks of People of conscious, who march straight and steady to the business of your world and live on the satisfaction of work well done. Forgive us, Lord, when we tend to take their efforts for granted, and then fill us here today anew with a joy of laboring faithfully in our own calling. Give us eyes to see the greatness of an ordered world which is kept orderly by the things that we do. Let us not grow small in our outlook, smug in our own decency, proud in our own talents, hard on those who seem to get done less than we might expect. Above all, never let us grow forgetful of your word and will for our life. Keep us from becoming too preoccupied that we do not walk daily through the gate of prayer to your heart and will. Hear us now oh Lord, who labored for us in creation, and who now continues to labor for us as you uphold all things by your power. Amen."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Roll Call for attendance. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I now move that the Special Session stand in recess until the hour of 11:45."



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the gentleman's motion, say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The motion carries."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, we'll go back into the recess of the Special Session. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Special Session of the House do stand in recess until the hour of 2:25 PM this afternoon."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of the gentleman's motion, say 'aye', the opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the motion is carried."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The House will be in order. The gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, ah... I now move that the House stand in recess for thirty minutes for purposes of a Republican Conference. The Republicans to go to Room 212 immediately."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Democratic Members to come to Room M-5, is that clear, immediately and then we will get back into Regular Session I would assume."



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Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, all right. We opened up the Special. Ah.... Ah.... O'kay, we recessed the Special until 3:30.

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, the Special Session now will be in Order, and on the Order of Motions, appears the Motion with regard to House Bill 1 and 2, in which the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Johnson, Mr. McCormick."

McCormick: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We in the Special Session of the General Assembly were charged by the Governor of Illinois to give consideration to some eleven-twelve million people in the State of Illinois in an attempt to stop the ever increasing rise in Real Estate taxes and we are focusing it on something that is very important to every citizen of this State. Now, we had one hearing in the Revenue Committee on this Bill and it lasted five or six hours, and every Amendment that was suggested at that Committee, I agreed on, but let me tell you something, not a person that was opposed to this Bill came into that Committee with any amendments prepared for consideration and there has been no other Committee Meetings to finish or finalize any work on this Bill. And I think it's so important that we in the General Assembly assume the responsibility of making a good Bill out of this. I'm not trying to tell you today that this Bill should be passed or has to be passed in the exact



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wording that it is. I'm asking you one hundred and seventy some odd members of the General Assembly to take this Bill out of Committee and place it on the Floor in the Order of Second Reading and consider and understand what it does and take amendments that is necessary to make it a good Bill, so that we in this General Assembly can at least go home and tell the People that we were interested in one thing for one time in our lives to help all the People of Illinois, and I would move, Mr. Speaker, that this Bill be removed from the Committee and placed on the Order of Second Reading."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The gentleman from Cook, Mr. B. B. Wolfe."

B. B. Wolfe: "Ah.... point of parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker. Ah... the reference... the resolution referring the Bills or the Motion referring the Bills, I believe we referred this to a Joint Committee of the House and Senate. Is that.... Am I correct in that?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "No, the Joint Resolution simply calls for Joint hearing by each House Body, so it's not a joint committee."

B. B. Wolfe: "So in effect, we have a separate meeting of the House Committee to House Revenue Committee, considering the House Bills as well as the Senate Bills that were sent to that Committee."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "No, the House Committee simply have before it those House Bills that I referred to it, which I



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think were House Bills 1 through 8 or 7."

B. B. Wolfe: "So, we're not on any joint rules of the House and Senate. We're on the House Rules that were adopted by the Special Session."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "That' right."

B. B. Wolfe: "Now, I don't see the Motion on the ah... Calendar for today."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "It's down on the special calendar at the bottom of the page, the lower left-hand corner."

B. B. Wolfe: "Oh, excuse me, I see that now. Now, what vote... this is an ordinary discharge, then, of one of our standing committees, with respect to their consideration of the Bill, is that correct?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Yes."

B. B. Wolfe: "It takes what, 89 votes?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Yes."

B. B. Wolfe: "Thank you."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Ah, the gentleman from Lawrence, Mr. Cunningham."

R. D. Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I shall be proud to vote for this splendid proposal. If somehow, somewhere, we would find enough votes to pass this Bill, we would give a very grand and deserved Christmas present to all of the harassed homeowners in the State of Illinois. It is incomprehensible to me that the Municipal League and one or two misguided Park Forest



Districts, have some objection to this Bill. I would respectfully urge any that have doubts about this to recognize the number of exceptions, the number of safeguards that are put in the Bill to safeguard all of the units against the imagined disasters, the theoretical disasters that would befall these districts in their imagination. These advocates of ever higher property taxes. Now those taxpayers in Illinois, if the Bill fails, need look no farther than the mirror to find who is responsible for its fail. Tragically, the fate of this Bill may well have been sealed on November 7. The one man who can save the Bill has not raised a single finger to do so. There isn't a one of you in the room that has been approached by that man to vote for the Bill. This self-appointed and elected champion of the taxpayers of Illinois has struck out in his first time to come to bat in the People struggle to hold the property tax line, but happily in this world and in this House, each man writes his own record and I would ask each of you that have any doubts about this matter, and have any thoughts of caving into the special interest that opposed the Bill to remember that back in your district, there are a great many homeowners who are watching to see how you vote. I'll be proud to vote 'aye'. I urge you to do likewise. In so doing, you'll strike a blow for the kind of government that we believe in and give the relief to which they are entitled to the taxpaying property owners of Illinois."





Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Yourell."

Yourell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I must say in all honesty, that there are many reasons why I'm going to support Mr. McCormick's bid to discharge Committee and bring this Bill to the Floor of the House for the consideration of all of the Members, but I think most importantly, we have to consider one thing and that thing is what I've been talking about for a long, long time in this forum. You all know what that is. All I've been reading in the news media and listening to and hearing on the electronic press, is the fact that the only reason we're here is to consider a pay raise for ourselves and that the tax freeze is not even going to be discussed. So once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, the press and the media are absolutely in contradiction with the action being taken at this moment. I say to the People of the State of Illinois that they better stop believing what they read in the newspapers and listen to on the radio and hear on television, and instead pay attention to actual goings on that are taking place today. Now you all have heard and you've read that we're not here to consider anything but our own benefits, which are tax increases for our own salvation. But we are right now considering a Motion to discharge a Committee so that we can consider this most important tax freeze Bill. So again, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press, take notice, that once again you are 100% wrong."



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The gentleman from Cook, Mr. Randolph."

Randolph: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise to support Representative C. L. McCormick's motion to discharge the Revenue Committee from consideration of House Bill 1 and 2 of the First Special Session. We need to delay consideration of these Bills no more. Everyone in the State of Illinois should be agreed that the homeowner, the renter and the farmer of this State need tax relief. These two Bills drafted to permit us to do this in a responsible way, by taking advantage of the Federal Revenue Sharing Act. The issues are clear to all of the Members of this Body, but it's time we brought them to the floor of this House for Public debate, reported by the media so that our constituents can see who is for tax relief and who for permitting a constantly increasing burden."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "I'm wondering if the Chairman of the Revenue Committee would yield for a question or two?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, ah... he will yield for a question or two. You will appreciate the fact that that's not the ordinary procedure."

Shea: "I understand."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, go ahead."

Shea: "Mr. Randolph, we had hearings that lasted some six or seven hours ah... on Monday a week ago, the fourth. At that time, we only talked about House Bills 1 and 2, and the Governor's proposal also had five other Bills in it



that would have given some relief to schools that we have never talked about. At that time, you as Chairman, said we would have further hearings; one in Chicago and one down here. Now you called me and informed me that you wanted to cancel the meeting in Chicago. There were a number of People from the area there that wanted to testify on this Bill. Could you tell me why the meeting in Chicago was canceled."

Randolph: "Yes, the meeting in Chicago was canceled due to numerous number of the Committee Members and witnesses who had conflicts on that day and unable to attend the meeting in Chicago, and I did call you and suggested that we postpone it. But now, our time is running out. Next week is Christmas week. Let's get along and bring these two Bills, 1 and 2, out on the Floor of the House so we can ah... study the suggested Amendments to these two Bills and try to take some action."

Shea: "Well, at the time we had.... could you tell me the Members who couldn't make it on Monday, the 11th?"

Randolph: "Well, particularly the two sponsors of the legislation, ah... Representative Krause, the majority leader and others were unable to make it, and with the poor attendance on the membership, I thought it wise to cancel it and that's why."

Shea: "Well, could you tell me why we didn't have a meeting of this very important legislation ah... on the 14th, on the morning of the 14th?"



Randolph: "I can have a Committee meeting of the Revenue Committee at any time, and I'm sure the members would pass this legislation out of the Committee. All it would do would be delay it, putting it on the calendar a day or two later, by the time we reported back, and I'm anxious to get away from here as well as many of the other members."

Shea: "Well, the first three people that were proponents of this Legislation, had twenty-one or twenty-two amendment."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "One moment. For what purpose does the gentleman from McLean, Mr. Hall, arise?"

Hall: "Mr. Speaker, you've been generous in the matter of ah... inviting questions, and this is against the Rules of the House. We're not.... this is not debatable, and I suggest that this questioning cease."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Your point's well taken. Ah.... All right, you desire to proceed with your balance of your time?"

Shea: "Yes."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Without questions."

Shea: "Ah.... now will the Sponsor of the Motion yield for a question?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, he indicates he will do that."

Shea: "C. L., at the time of the hearing on this legislation, as you know, there were amendments suggested by you, amendments suggested by Director Lenhausen, and by Mr.



Scott. Are those amendments available now for the Members of this Body?"

McCormick: "Most of the amendments are drawn and, Jerry, if I might be as informal as that, will be ready for you when you're ready to discuss this Bill on Second Reading. Now you know, as well as I do, and if I might comment side-ways here, if we're out of order, that we heard for six or seven hours testimony on the Bill. Every amendment by a legitimate organization that said they wanted it amended, we accepted it and will accept it on Second Reading, just like we said we would do. Now, I objected... I thought we should have had a vote on the Bills then you know we couldn't because you started to raise the objection of a quorum at that meeting. You know that honestly there was not a quorum at present and because Senator Daugherty and the Chairman agreed to hear them anyway, you didn't address any further remarks to it. And all I want, Jerry, is not a commitment for anybody to vote for this Bill. All I would like to do is get it out on the Floor of this House to consider the amendments that we've all agreed on and amendments that I'm sure that you would be willing to help work out and give the people of Illinois a chance to think that we, as a Legislature, are interested in them."

Shea: "Well, C. L., again, or Representative McCormick, thank you, as I remember there was a quorum of House Members were present. I know all the Democrats were present. I



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know you were present. I think all the Republican members were present. And some of the questions that bothered some of us were the fact that the School Districts under the Bill as it's presently proposed would or could lose a lot of school aid."

McCormick: "That's like I told you, we were willing to accept amendments that would correct that, and some are prepared and some people now have them ready for that."

Shea: "But if we would have had that meeting up in Chicago on the 11th, I'm sure that some of those amendments could have been offered."

McCormick: "Well, Jerry, that's true, but that's just like saying that if Governor Ogilvie had received eighty thousand more votes, he would have been elected; but we didn't have it, and now the thing is, we've got it in our hands and we should do something with it. Now, if we don't have the votes to take it out from the Floor of this House today, I'm willing right on the spot, right then, to say the Bill is dead and that we won't consider the homeowner in this State anymore this Session, and I'm ready to support Roscoe Cunningham or your's or anybody else's motion to adjourn and go home. But I think that during this session, since we're costing People money to be here, that we should at least bring it down on the Floor of the House, spend thirty minutes or an hour or whatever time it takes to consider these Amendments and then see what the People in this House think about it."



Shea: "Well, what I can't understand, Representative McCormick, is this is basically the same proposal that you had last June and then it was changed substantially, and I'm... the changes were made but then there still needs to be 21 or 22 amendments to the Bill."

McCormick: "Look, Jerry, as you might note, the amendments that I accepted last summer in my Bill was accepted because at that time because it was my Bill. Now, then, this Bill was prepared and you know it was, as part of the Governor's program for ah... a freeze on taxes, and ah... I felt that it was the duty of you and your members and Paul Randolph and these members to decide what they wanted the Bill to look like when they got done, and not just take an attitude like maybe I'm wrong, I think you have, that you just don't intend to have any freeze on anything, no matter whether it's good or bad, see. I call upon you for good faith and bring it on the Floor to Second Reading and let's work it out to where it's good."

Shea: "We can't do that in Committee."

McCormick: "Well, I think you can do it better out here on the floor, where everybody in the State will have a better access to what we're doing."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "The gentleman from Cook, Mr. Douglas."

Douglas: "Mr. Speaker, I don't pretend to be able to counter-balance the eloquence of Representative McCormick and Cunningham who say that they are speaking for the little man in the homeowner in the State of Illinois. But I think



it's necessary that someone have the guts to rise to his feet on this floor and speak for the silent majority of the members sitting in their seats, who hesitate to speak out against taking this issue from Committee because of their concern that this might be construed that they are against a tax freeze. I would like to oppose the idea of bringing this from Committee. I would like to be, as far as I know, up to now, the one person who will say on this Floor, the fact of political light, that this issue was brought up during a political campaign to some extent although I do not question the intent to some extent for political expediency, that the members of this House are sitting here today because we are blessed with the fact that a Special Session was called and we have to debate this on the Floor. I think it would be a terrible error. I think that we are sitting and talking about an enormously bad piece of legislation at this moment. We all know that there are enormous numbers of unanswered questions relating to this Bill. We all know that as experienced members of this House, that those issues cannot be debated effectively and democratically on the Floor of the House. The pretense that we are debating it in the eyes of the People because it's on the Floor is a sham. The fact of life is, is that it did not receive the attention it deserved in Committee, where People could testify and be heard on the Bill and I would like, as one member of this House, to admit publicly that even though I in



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principle favor a tax freeze, and have been subjected to the same kinds of pressures as all the rest of you, that it would be a sham and it would be foolish for us to bring it out on the Floor where it would not receive the kind of attention that it deserves, where it would hang up this House for endless hours and days where it would not pass any House, or if it did pass, it would only be because enough People felt that they had to do it because of the fact that the People of the State of Illinois were looking on, and I urge those of you in the silent majority sitting in your seats, to have the courage to vote this down, bring it up in January. It will have the same effect if it passes in the Next Session and it will not, in any way, affect the timing and I think we need the support and courage of those of you to vote this down. Bring it to Committee where it belongs, where it can get the proper kind of attention in the 78th General Assembly."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Boone, Mr. Cunningham."

L. Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, I move the previous question."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All those in favor of the gentleman's Motion, say 'aye'. Opposed 'no'. All those in favor of the gentleman's motion, vote 'aye', and those opposed 'no'. Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record." Question, there are 89 'ayes' and 56 'nays', and the gentleman's motion to ah.... move the previous question prevails. Now back to the .... Gentleman from Cook, Mr. B. B. Wolfe, what's your point?"



B. B. Wolfe: "Doesn't a motion to limit debate take a 2/3rds vote of the House?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, the gentleman's point is well taken. Ah.... it requires two-thirds vote, and the gentleman's motion ah... did not prevail. All right, now the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Maragos."

Maragos: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor to the Motion and Sponsor of the Bill yield to several questions? Mr. McCormick, were you one of the gentlemen that refused to come to Chicago on December 11 to participate in the Revenue hearings?"

McCormick: "I simply stated on the Floor of this House and on the podium and I look at you and Jerry right in the face when I did, that we had seven hours of testimony and we had every individual that wanted to testify before this Committee. And that we had heard only these two Bills. And that I didn't think it was necessary to have another meeting in Chicago to let the same group of People talk about the same Bills. And that's exactly what I told you and that I could not come to Chicago on Monday, and that I did not do."

Maragos: "Well, we had the second day, December 5, which we could have stayed in Springfield and decided these Bills and discuss them. Why did you and the Chairman of the Committee decide to postpone it to December 11, when..."

McCormick: "I didn't talk to the Chairman on that."

Maragos: "Isn't it a fact that the effective date of this



Bill, even if we pass them today, will be not a Christmas present as was said by your previous Speaker on your side of the aisle, but rather the fact that these will not become effective until after June or July or many other fiscal periods of the various communities throughout the State. Is that correct?"

McCormick: "If we passed the Bill, when we get it out here on Second Reading and if we get it worked out right, then it will be the determination of this General Assembly when the effective date will be and it will be according to the number of votes that we have to make it effective, and you know that, Repre....."

Maragos: "No, that is not correct, I believe, Mr. McCormick, and I'm asking you again, if we pass the Bill today, or we pass the Bill in March, when the effective date of these Bills because of the fiscal periods of the municipalities involved, be the same?"

McCormick: "Oh, I would say you're probably right, yes."

Maragos: "That being, the case, the members of your aisle are saying that we are giving the people a Christmas present, when the fact is that we will not be giving a Christmas present either this year, or maybe not even next year?"

McCormick: "We will be giving them the one thing that we haven't done in this General Assembly in fifteen years. We would be giving them hope, that maybe we or someone up here in Springfield cared about them instead of sticking our fists



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in their pockets and taking every nickel that they've got away from them day by day."

Maragos: "I'm always impressed by your oratory, Mr. C. L. McCormick. You are a wonderful orator."

McCormick: "Thank you."

Maragos: "But let us not kid and use a manner with the People and taxpayers of the State of Illinois. I still asked you what is the rush? When we pass this Bill in March, after due and proper consideration, or if we pass it tomorrow, the same effective date will be, and the benefits will be the same effective date for the taxpayers of the State of Illinois."

McCormick: "But let me ask you this question in rebuttal. Then that was some of the same questions that you asked about the one in June. Remember?"

Maragos: "No."

McCormick: "You didn't want to help them in June. Now you don't want to help them in December, and you won't want to help them in March and you know you won't."

Maragos: "That is your conclusion, not mine, Mr. McCormick. The question I asked you in Committee was, why was it the same Bill that you had in July, being brought from the Table without calling a Special Session, and you did not answer me properly. Why don't you take that Bill in the Regular Session now. Why don't you take that Bill out of the hopper from the Table and maybe it would be a better Bill than this one here."

McCormick: "I would have been happy to do that, but I didn't see how we could get away from the Governor's call on the Special Session. I talked to the Speaker in his office and his legal advisor, why couldn't we just take my Bill that's on the Table and we couldn't do it because the Governor had made a special call and we couldn't do that and you know that."

Maragos: "Mr. McCormick, but I see no effort on your part during the Regular Session that we are still meeting in to call your Bill out of Table."

McCormick: "Maybe if this Bill fails to get the consideration that we need, we should take that one from the Table then next and consider it, Mr. Speaker."

Maragos: "Mr. Speaker, I now will speak on the issue if I may."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right. One moment, now. For what purpose does the gentleman from Macon, Mr. Borchers arise."

Borchers: "Mr. Speaker, I've been under the impression that a motion to the previous.... well, it's not debatable."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "No, this is a Motion to discharge from Committee. It's not a Motion to suspend the rules. Yes, you're still on."

Maragos: "Mr. Speaker, I'm amazed at the duplicity by certain Members of this House in trying to fool the taxpayers of this State. I'm amazed, I say, because they've got to wave a carrot, where in fact they are giving us some poison. They are saying they are giving tax relief to



the taxpayers of Illinois and they certainly are not. And they're giving an ill-considered package to the People of the State of Illinois, only to make political propaganda and not do it in a true Christian spirit and try to give these People the help that they need. Time and again, as a Member of the Revenue Committee, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I have attempted to ask the proper questions, to get the proper amendments, to work day and night to give the People in the State of Illinois the proper relief and that has been denied me, because the Chairman and other Members of the Revenue Committee of both sides of the Rotunda on the other side of the aisle have refused to cooperate to give proper consideration to this package of Bills. I think this package should be passed, but not in the form it is now. And I say to you, let us come back in January in the new Session and let us pass this package in March with the proper amendments because I do believe in a tax freeze, but not when you give them a package that is not a tax freeze, but is a tax bamboozle. And I ask, Mr. Speaker and Members, to vote against this particular motion to take it out of Committee, because they made a laughing stock of the Committee and they did not have the hearings and they're going to make a laughing stock of the People of the State of Illinois when they say that the Bill is suppose to reduce and freeze taxes. Let us not be buying this package at this late hour as everyone is ready to go home for a Christmas vacation.

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And I say to you, they are not acting in good faith. And let us not be a party to that. Thank you."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Londrigan."

Londrigan: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to support this legislation. Don't applaud too early over there. The taxpayers certainly are entitled to some relief. I doubt if they are going to get much, if any, but at least the promises here, and I will support it. I do resent the political statements made from the opposite side and its duplicity. Where were you on the sales tax abolishment on food and medicine. Representative McCormick, you rose on this floor and almost killed it yourself. You and the Revenue Committee of Republicans voted 8 to 7 against it. Every Republican against it, and every Democrat supported the abolishment of the sales tax on food and medicine. Where were you giving the tax relief at that time? When it came to the Floor in the same kind of Motion. Eighty-seven Democrats for and not one Republican would get up and give the People some tax relief. Now that you no longer have a Governor, it's the thing to do on that side. Well, you're giving relief all over the place. But where were you the last two years? You voted against every tax relief measure. Now we are not going to do the same. Hopefully, maybe now you'll join us and we will give the People some tax relief and I support it."



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Kane, Representative Hill."

Hill: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think we should recall just a few things that happened last June in regards to a Bill similar to this that C. L. McCormick had. At that particular time, if you will recall, I believe we got a hundred and four votes, for that piece of legislation. I voted for that piece of legislation and I was very upset when C. L. McCormick got up on the Floor and had that piece of legislation tabled, and I'll tell you why I was upset. Because it had more than 89 votes. And if you will recall with 89 votes, it would have affected every taxing body in the State of Illinois with the exception of the corporate rates of those municipalities that are under homerule. So you see, this has been used, not to an advantage, but that time they figured it would be to an advantage, not to pass that piece of legislation and use it later on in the campaign in a political vein. Now, I haven't seen this reported in any of the newspapers or in the news media, television or radio, but we're spinning our wheels here today on this piece of legislation that is not as good as that Bill that was in front of us in June, and if we wanted to help the People at that time, or if we want to help them now, that deal should never have been tabled, but as I say, that was used in a political vein, and I'm sorry that the Sponsor of that piece of legislation tabled that Bill





because the People would have benefited from it, and recall... recall for the last six months I have heard the Republicans campaigning saying that it was the Democrats opposed to this, but we had 89 votes and it would have passed the House and the taxpayer would have benefited from it, only that corporate rate of municipalities under Home-rule. Only that would not have been affected. But every other taxing body would have. And I resent.... I resent the implication that it's only the Republicans that want to help the taxpayers in the State of Illinois, because I voted for that Bill. I helped give it a hundred and four votes, and we had eighty-nine, and we could have benefited the People, but we Tabled that piece of legislation and defeated the purpose of it. Thank you."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Sangamon, Mr. Dave Jones."

Jones: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The taxpayers are expecting us to support this legislation. I just opened a letter which asked me to support the bill and offers to help to get support for the same. And briefly it says, 'we're not in your district, but just across the road from it, and therefore have interest in it. I would have time to help any way that we can to get this law passed and will be willing to devote time to see it done. Waiting for your favorable results. Thank you. Wilmer and Jeanette Johnson, Rural Route 1, Nokomis, Illinois.' Now, these are People who not only wanted us to support



it, but they are willing to get out and help on it, so in every way we should vote yes on this Motion."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative B. B. Wolfe."

B. B. Wolfe: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I spent that 6, 7 hours with the Revenue Committee on December the fourth, and I think there is only one question before this House. And that is, how are we going to treat our standing committees, with respect to any Bill and any legislation referred to those Committees? And I was amazed that the Chairman of a very important Committee, on what is a very important question, states on the Floor of this House, that he supported a Motion to discharge that Committee when the Members of that Committee have not had time to consider the twenty-one, twenty-two or twenty-three amendments offered by the proponents...."

A. Telcser: "Representative Borchers, for what purpose do you rise, Sir?"

Borchers: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to read the Rule in relation to putting the previous question, which has been presented to this Floor, from our Rules and in relation to Robert Rules of Order. I read...."

B. B. Wolfe: "I think he's out of Order, Mr. Chairman. The Speaker has already ruled on the Motion for a previous question on my point of order that...."

A. Telcser: "Representative, let the gentleman state his point and then I'll see what he wants."



Borchers: "I'd like to read from our own rules. 'The previous question shall be put in this form. Shall the main question be now put, and until it is decided shall preclude all amendments or debate when it is decided that the main question shall not be put. The main question shall be considered, still remaining under debate' and then under Roberts Rules of Order says, 'Revise, shall govern the House in all cases in which they are applicable, and which they are not inconsistent with the standing rules and orders of the House'. And I maintain and suggest that this does not inconsistent the Motion that was put by one of the Members in relation to putting the... voting on the previous question."

A. Telcser: "The Speaker had ruled, Representative Borchers, that the ah.... Motion to move the previous question was defeated, and that is the ruling of the Chair at this moment, Sir. Representative Wolfe, would you proceed Sir."

B. B. Wolfe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We heard the witnesses for the proponents of this Legislation and I would like to say to the Members of this House, there isn't a single Member of this House, not a single member of this House, whether he be a Republican, a Democrat, or an independent, who does not favor a quote 'tax freeze' and some of us even favor a tax roll back for the homeowner, real estate taxpayer. Now we heard these expert witnesses, and many of the Members of the Revenue Committee asked very



important questions of these witnesses, who did not have the answers available at that hearing and who promised to furnish the Members of our Committee the answers to these very important questions, concerning (1) how will the Revenue sharing be distributed in the State of Illinois?; (2) what benefit will the individual taxpayer receive from this Revenue Sharing program?; and (3) will we in the freeze cause a shift of taxes to some other sources of Revenue and thereby defeat the purpose of the quote 'tax freeze' unquote? These questions have not been answered to my satisfaction, nor to the satisfaction of the Members of the Revenue Committee. Mr. C. L. McCormick, our colleague is now telling this House that a horribly written piece of legislation, and that's all that's before this House, not the concept of a tax freeze, not the idealogy that we want to put dollars back in the taxpayers pockets, but the specific Bills, House Bill 1, House Bill 2 are in shape for consideration by this Legislative Body of a 177 Members when the Revenue Committee of 17 Members could not agree on the package and did not consider the Amendments nor adopt any of the amendments and he wants this written on the floor of this House in Second Reading. An impossible legislative task as he well knows. Now if you want to give the taxpayers a Christmas gift, and if you want to put tax dollars in their pockets, House Bill 4267, which rolls back the Real Estate taxes for two and a half million homeowners in the State of Illinois, withheld in



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the Revenue Committee, on a vote of 8 to 6, on strictly party lines, because the quote 'funds' were not available for this kind of tax relief. Now the Revenue Sharing funds are now available and a different posture can be taken and this House could vote out immediately by a discharge of the Committee and a call from the Table of that Bill, tax relief to every homeowner in the State of Illinois and utilize those Revenue dollars for refund to these taxpayers. Now, I'm telling the House that my position is that the Committee has not fully considered these Bills; that they are not in proper form to present to this House; that one of their own witnesses testified before the Committee; there was no emergency and we could effectively do this job before March 1 of 1973. So, if there is no emergency and if the Committee has not completed this work, then why discharge the Committee that is considering this very important package. And I would vote no to discharge the Committee."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative J. J. Wolf."

J. J. Wolf: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. As the gentleman from Kane said previously, it is not only the Republicans who are looking for giving the taxpayers some break, and I would certainly welcome the support that was given before and from other Members on the other side of the aisle to help support this Motion. Now one of the previous Speaker's raised the phoney question of supporting



the removal of Sales Tax on food and drug, and it really isn't pertinent to this question, but I would like to answer that he knows as well as everybody else in this House, that before there was any Federal Revenue Sharing money available and of course, since it is available now, we can't give the taxpayers both the property tax relief and I'd be very happy to vote for the removal of a sales tax on food and drugs, if he will reintroduce it during this next session, and if we can't find enough money in the Federal funds available, we've got a new Governor whose got a magic formula and he knows where five hundred million dollars are, and I'll support it."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Christian, Representative  
Tipsword."

Tipsword: "Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a Bill that is very close to the hearts of many of us in here. Many of us have some concerns about it. In fact, I just had occasion to review some of the things that I know are problems with the present Bill that is before this House. But I've had some real surprises out of this issue of tax freeze. I don't think many of you would be surprised to know that I'm very much for a tax freeze, and I think we can have one in the State of Illinois. But there has been some surprises on all of the Bills that have been presented. I remember very well, the one last June. And one of the first surprises I had on that was when we had 89 votes and the Sponsor, said 'no', we are



not going to take it for just those taxing districts that would be affected. I tell you it was important to me. It would have affected every taxing district... or every taxing unit in the district I represent. but one. And it affected many of the People in that taxing unit and other taxing units in which they found themselves residents. And it was very important to them, but I was surprised, at that time, it wasn't declared passed, but we were still not too many votes shy of passing it by a three-fifths majority, and then later on, we thought we had those votes. I went to Representative McCormick, many of us did, and said, please call it again. Let's pass it. We can still pass it. And I was very surprised to find out that he was reluctant to call it back to have it passed and it was not passed at that time. Consequently, tax freeze hung over. Then, I was rather surprised when we got a special session for it. I was very pleased. That Bill, by the way, from last June, as has been mentioned before, is still on the Speaker's Table, and I was very surprised when I got here and found out that ah... this Bill Number 1, that is filed here in the Special Session, is not the same Bill as the one we had last June. Now I recall that one last June was prepared by the taxpayers federation. There's been some amendments to it and it was in pretty decent shape. It took care of about half of the big problems that are arising from the People who testified before us a week ago last Monday. There would have been



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about half as much work to have done on it to get it in shape to satisfy most of the taxing units in the State of Illinois until they felt they could live with it. But nevertheless, we didn't get that Bill, and I'm surprised it hasn't been brought off the Table in the Regular Session. Thus, surprised again. I heard the Sponsor of the Bill, when we had our Committee meetings, say I'll take any amendment. Well, I won't. Any amendment could make this a tax freeze bill in name only, with a heading of it saying this is a Bill to freeze taxes in the State of Illinois and the body of it saying, but we're not going to freeze anything. We're going to accept everybody. We're going to give them all the exceptions they want. We are not going to reduce real estate taxes in the State of Illinois. Well, I'm not willing to accept everyone of them. I think there are amendments we need to clean this Bill up and put it in shape so that you can live with it, the State can live with it, the Counties can live with it, the cities can live with it. It will hurt, but they could live with it, and so could the special taxing districts. I don't think we ought to give them all the relief that everyone of those units seem to want, or we aren't going to have any tax freeze. So, I was surprised then. I got a surprise a week ago last Monday. I set here for 6-1/2 hours listening to witness, and then I was told that they had four witness to hear, so we're going to meet in Chicago, the next Monday. At that very time, I spoke





to my Chairman, my very good friend, and I said, 'I've got to go to Chicago on Wednesday. Representative Alsup who is also a Member from downstate has to go to Chicago on Wednesday, is there any possibility of doing it on Tuesday, so that I don't have to go up on Monday, come back home, and go back up on Wednesday?' He said 'no, because there are so many witnesses that we couldn't disrupt their schedule.' I said 'fine, I'll be there on Monday'. I saw the Chairman again last Thursday. We talked about it again, and he said 'it's on Monday'. And I said, 'Fine, I'll see you on Monday in Chicago.' Where's the delay? I keep hearing we've been delaying. We've been available for every Committee hearing. There have been no delays. The only delay I know, is not having it voted on last June, when we could have passed it or accepting a passage for most of the taxing units. Anybody who had amendments were willing to bring them into our meeting on Monday, even those who had testified here before us here on... on the Monday a week ago, but they weren't even given the opportunity to bring those amendments in. We didn't come in here and have a meeting yesterday, like we were told we were suppose to have, so I got surprised again. Let me tell you something else. When I went home a week ago last Monday, all that we had done was heard witnesses here, been told that we were going to hear more. There had been discussion of the Bill. There had been no motions made on the Bill while



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I was here. There had been no vote taken and I got home and turned the television set on, and I only live a half hour away from here, and already my television set was saying the Bill is dead. The Sponsor said the Bill is dead. He's been interviewed and the Bill's dead and it's been killed. I said, 'Boy, is that a surprise to me.' It was just as alive as it could be when I last heard a witness a half hour ago. Three days later, I pick up a newspaper and there's another news release saying the Demccrats are killing the Bill, and the Bill's dead. We hadn't even had another Committee meeting on the Bill yet. We had one scheduled the following Monday, which then never took place. I don't want to go home tonight and be surprised again and see an article in the newspaper or on the television, that says the Democrats are over here killing the tax freeze Bill. Not this Bill does have holes in it and it does need to be changed, and I think we should judiciously consider amendments to that Bill. If you don't want to consider them in Committee, then I'm willing to consider them here on the Floor of the House. You want to stay. I wanted to stay two or three weeks ago, and a lot of the Membership wanted to stay two or three weeks ago and get our work done. If you want to stay here at Christmas time, that's fine. I'm going to vote to bring this Bill out on the Floor of the House. I don't know why we need to discharge Committee. I think if our Committee would meet for one day, we could bring



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it out on the Floor of the House, and have it here with Amendments and have it in shape for us to consider in a lot less time. But I'm going to vote for it and I hope I don't see another article in the Newspaper or another article on television, saying that the Democrats of this House are killing tax freeze, because that's the only purpose of this whole debate is to get that kind of story out, and I'm getting a little sick and tired of it. I worked for it. I will continue to work for it, and we want to have a good Bill out of this, and I think that we can. If you insist in doing it in this fashion, in a haphazard manner and rushing it through this House, without having due consideration, well, maybe we can exercise an amendatory veto and put it in shape sometime. Thank you very much."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ewell."

Ewell: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm, too, am going to rise in support of ah.... this particular motion to discharge. Ah... we were summoned down here in November, approximately November the 26th, and we've done nothing but spin our wheels. We've heard pious remarks from astounding legal scholars, telling us that the Bill is not perfect. I suggest to you that we never pass any perfect legislation, but I think we can work this Bill into shape on this particular floor and I think we can make it do exactly what we want it to do. I think it's the duty of this Body to sit here and try to do something



constructive for the taxpayers of the State of Illinois. Because, if I am correct, in my assessment of this meeting of the General Assembly, the only thing we're going to do is pass the pay raise for some judges and go home. I suggest that we're not even concerned about the State office holders, because here's fellows who have already spent fifty thousand, a hundred thousand, and a half million dollars to get the job, and for us to sit here and naively tingle our imaginations with the thought that they're just really salivating for a raise of five or ten thousand dollars; I suggest this is ridiculous, and would confound the minds of even the most ah... infantile of a child. I think that we ought to sit here and do our work. I think that we ought to earn our particular money. And I for one, I'm in favor of a pay raise for the legislators, but I think we ought to earn it, and I think if we have to sit here until November or until December the 26th in order to give the taxpayers a break, I think we're doing the right thing. I think it's an error for the Democrats on this side of the aisle to think we are the custodians of all morales, all intelligence and all ability to legislate for the People of the State. I think we ought to discharge the Committee, and I think we ought to whip this Bill into shape and sent it over there on the other side of the aisle, to the minds on concrete over there and let them tussle with it for a while. I'm all for it. I think we ought to do our job and support C. L. McCormick."



A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Union, Representative Choate."

Choate: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I voted for Representative McCormick's tax freeze Bill in the last Regular Session, and I can readily recall in the last most recent campaign in the State of Illinois, when the Governor proposed the tax freeze bills, which we are considering here today, and I'm going to read briefly from a statement that I made at that time that said that I commended Governor Ogilvie for his initiative in attempting to bring relief to the property taxpayers of the State of Illinois, and I repeated that I had voted for a property tax freeze in the past and that I fully and firmly expected to do so in the future. And that the program the Governor had proposed will substantially change the pattern of taxes within the confines of the great State of Illinois, and that some people will end up paying less taxes and some People will end up paying more taxes. And I think that it's important that we know specifically who will pay more, and who will pay less before we act. There's no data available. There's no data available now that I know of, on who pays what proportion of the property taxes in Illinois. I've seen figures, my friends, which indicate that the proportion of the property tax borne by residential property ranges from a low or ten percent in Putnam County to almost seventy-five percent in DuPage County. Because of these differences in the location of different kinds of properties, the effect of the Governor's



program would vary across the State. And I think that these differences should be made clearer before we act. School districts will be affected, most by the Governor's program, because the School Districts receive more than sixty percent of the total property tax revenues. Schools will receive no money from Federal Revenue Sharing, and in this program, the Governor said that only a substantial increase, quote 'a substantial increase' in State school aid will be possible next year. I think.... I think, my colleagues, that we need to know specifically how substantial that increase will be in the field of education, before we cut our school districts the normal increases revenues they received from new construction and economic growth. State-wide, almost fifty percent of the property taxes paid on income producing property, approximately twenty-two percent of the sales tax is paid by business, and only twenty percent of the income tax is paid by business. They shift from reliance on the property tax to reliance on the sales and income tax, will result in a shift in who pays, who pays the taxes in Illinois. This program of property tax relief has far reaching implications. It will change the way we have paid for public services in Illinois for the past one-hundred and thirty years. Before we act, I would insist that all implications be specifically spelled out. I want to know specifically who will pay more, and who will pay less. I don't want the People of my district paying more. I



want to know who will be helped and who will be hurt. The history of 'tax reform' in this country indicates that the special interest never seems to be hurt and that the average taxpayer always winds up paying more. That's been the history of tax reform. I want to make sure that that doesn't happen. Reform is reform only. If the burden is lightened on those least able to pay, the person who depends on the hourly wage, the moderate and low income families of the State of Illinois. And one other thing that I want to make sure of. I want to make sure that when we pass a tax freeze, that it will be constitutional as far as our courts are concerned. I want to make sure of this to the very best of my ability. Too often, we have seen far reaching and important legislation passed out of this House and out of the Senate and signed into law by the Chief Executive, only to see it taken to the Courts and for it to be said no, it is not properly written or no, it is not constitutional. These are the hazards of rushing through an important measure such as this. And one of the other things that have compelled me to take the stand that I am taking today is because of the passage in the Senate just a couple of hours ago of Senate Joint Resolution 2. And I want to read that Resolution to you, because it's going to be before this Body after this action sometime today. And it says 'Where a complex package of Bills that would freeze real estate taxes in Illinois has been introduced in the General Assembly, and it goes



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through the far-reaching importance of this piece of legislation that we're starting and it says that there does exist an economic and fiscal committee in Illinois, empowered to make economic and fiscal studies when asked to do so by the General Assembly. And it asks us to join with the Senate in asking this important commission to study this important question, and according to testimony that we've heard here today, there's no real rush. The taxpayer, if he's going to benefit, the taxpayer if we're going to give him true reform, the taxpayer that we want to help, can be helped just as equitably, just as fairly and just as much and probably more so if we deliberate, if we study in depth, if we take the right approach, if we do it the way that we want to do it, and help the People of the State of Illinois that we stand up here every day of every Session and say these are the People we want to help. And then the Session adjourns and it isn't brought about. I'm saying to you that it's time that we quit being hypocritical, that we erase the word 'hypocrisy'; that we truly indicate to the People of this State that once and for all, we want to bring about reform as far as taxes are concerned. I'm saying to you that I dare say, there's not a Member of this Legislature, and there has not been a Member of either political party, that has campaigned for any office in this State, but what they've gone throughout their area and throughout the boundaries of this State, and they have mentioned in all of their speeches, before

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all the groups that they appear before, yes, I am in favor of tax reform. Yes, I want to do something about the tax burden of the People of this State. We have all been guilty of it. And I'm saying to you, that the People are going to watch us, but I'm also saying to you that there's no need - there is no need to again - hood week if you want to call it that or shadow box if you want to call it that or any other venacular that you might want to attach to it and say yes, we're going to do it today. And you know and I know, because of the testimony that has taken place, that it's not going to be effective until March or April or somewhere along there, and if we rush through this in a hasty manner, my friends, we're going to find out that again, as we have done in the past, we're not going to do - we're not going to do what we have pledged to a great multitude of People in the State of Illinois. We are not going to do what we have pledged to them, that we would do. And I say to you - I say to you that we should take an indepth study, that we should continue to have hearings, that we should pay attention to all of these suggestions made by other governmental agencies - school districts, park districts, various other agencies of government throughout the State of Illinois who have said that they want to be a part of helping us make this the type of tax reform that we should enact. I know - I know, after I made this statement, supporting the Governor and lauding him for the forthrightness of



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his statement and saying that it should be done. Some of the news media throughout the State of Illinois and I quote said that Clyde Choate was the only - the only Democrat - the only Democratic leader in the State that had supported the Governor's program and I support it today, but I'm saying to you that there is not any need - there is not any need to be hasty. I know that probably - I know that probably tomorrow, the press is going to say that I attempted to scuttle it. Well that isn't true and I daresay that any reporter that's listening to this, I daresay that I want you to take - I want you to take my word in the context of which I have said. I am for a property tax freeze, but I am not at this juncture now ready to rush through it and find only that we've got to come back at a later date and to try to clean up - try to clean up again a piece of legislation that we rushed through. That we could have taken an indepth study of; that we could have taken the advice and consent of all of these learned people throughout the State of Illinois who have offered their assistance to us, and if this is what we're going to do, that's what we're going to do if we rush today. You and I know that we can bring the same relief in the month's to come after due deliberation and consideration of this important question and do it once and for all and quit banding it about in a political arena or a political football field, and I'm going to vote 'present', Mr. Speaker, when it comes to time to discharge



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this Committee, because I think - I think that it should stay and I'm not going to vote to discharge it because I think it should be given the consideration for which I've just mentioned, and I would ask you to record me as voting 'present'."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative R. Hoffman."

R. Hoffman: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I think at this hour here, we've had here extended debate and I think everyone in their own mind knows exactly how they feel on this issue. It's an important thing to the People of the State of Illinois. We're invested with the responsibility to consider all aspects of it, and I think we should have an opportunity to bring it now before the Assembly, so I thereby move the previous question."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman has moved the previous question. All those in favor, signify by saying 'aye', the opposed 'no'. The gentleman's motion prevails, and the Gentleman from Johnson, Representative McCormick, to close the debate."

McCormick: "Ah... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think everybody has had something to say about this Bill. I think I can adequately answer every reference to it in an emotional sort of a way on the floor of this House, but this legislation is too important to the People of Illinois, so I just simply ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

A. Telcser: "Question is, shall the House Revenue Committee be discharged from Special Session Bills No. 1 and 2? All



those in favor of the gentleman's motion to discharge, signify by voting 'aye', the opposed by voting 'no'.

Record Representative Choate as voting 'present'. Gentleman from Cook, Representative Shea."

Shea: "You vote me present please?"

A. Telcser: "Record Representative Shea as voting 'present'. McLendon 'present'. Maragos 'present'. Lenard 'present'. Berman 'present'. Gentleman from Cook, Representative Downes."

Downes: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I arise to explain my vote. I am a member of the Revenue Committee. I came down here December the 4th to listen to what had to be said about these Bills. There were many People down here to testify from throughout the State and a lot of men had to leave for the simple reason that they had meetings that night. And the Chairman of this Committee promised that there would be a meeting held in the City of Chicago and another meeting held in the City of Peoria. I received two letters at home during that week advising me that there would be a Committee held on the 19th floor of the State Building in the City of Chicago. On Friday afternoon, I received a phone call telling me that the meeting had been canceled. I asked the little girl that called me why, and she said I can't answer. Now I'm in favor of a tax freeze. I'm not in favor of the tax freeze that's wrote in this Bill. I think these other officials should have a chance to appear before



the Committee and to express their opinion as to why they are for or against the Bill. I think this should be studied further. This can be done next year, early in the year. The taxpayer will get the same break, he's going to get if we vote on it now, and I'm going to ask to be recorded to vote 'no'."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Craig."

Craig: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I've heard about tax reform from many sessions in this General Assembly. Not long ago, we had a new Constitutional Convention and this Constitutional Convention was sold to the People of the State of Illinois on the basis of the press and everybody here that voted for it, which I wasn't one then. But they sold the Public on the idea of tax reform. Our tax in Illinois was antiquated, it wasn't modern, it wasn't with the times, and that's what the People of Illinois went to the polls to vote for - a new Constitutional Convention, hoping to send a group of knowledgable people - supposedly they were suppose to know all the answers to all question, and they voted for a new Constitutional Convention to send them down here and to get tax reform. They were suppose to be nonpartisan people. They were suppose to be the most knowledgable people from all walks of life that you could find in the State of Illinois, and they sent them down here and grappled for, I think, a hundred days or maybe a little more, and spent a lot of time and a lot of our money and they came up with nothing so far as tax



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reform. Now if they spent a hundred days and that was one of the prime issues and that was one of the prime issues in that Constitutional Convention was for, they spent a hundred days. And in last session we had Bills in here and we couldn't get it done then, because the Governor called a special session. They'd draft up a Bill real quick and as I understand it, there were three witnesses and they had 20 amendments to this Bill that was before they would be for it. Now I would like to freeze tax real estate taxes too. I'd like to freeze a lot of things like your expenses, but if I did that as a farmer, there would be some ground that wouldn't be plowed. There would be some ground that wouldn't be planted. Now there's a lot of questions to be answered on this proposal and if they couldn't do it in the Constitutional Convention in a hundred days, I think it's kind of foolish to think we can do it in three, four or five days. I vote 'no'."

A. Telcser: "Record Representative Craig as voting 'no'."

Record Representative Carroll as voting 'present'.

O'Hallaren 'present'. Garmisa 'present'. Record Representative Thompson as voting 'present'. Representative Ike Sims 'present'. Harold Washington 'present'. Gene Barnes 'present'. Ray Welsh 'present'. Alsup 'present'. Carrigan.... Representative Carrigan, do you seek recognition, Sir? Record Representative Carrigan as voting 'present'. Davis 'present'. Laurino 'present'. Madigan.. Mike Madigan 'present'. Colitz 'present'. Did I get



everybody? Representative Leon 'present'. Merlo 'present'. Lechowicz 'present'. Anyone else? Representative Brandt 'present'. O'kay, have everybody voted who wished? Take the record. On this question, there are 97 'ayes', 24 'nays'.... Representative Maragos, for what purpose do you rise, Sir? 24 present. O'kay, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Maragos, has requested a verification of the affirmative roll call. Representative McCormick, for what purpose do you rise, Sir?"

McCormick: "Ah.... Mr. Speaker, is it, I may be wrong, but isn't it customary that you first poll the absentees before you verify the roll call."

A. Telcser: "If you wish, Sir."

McCormick: "I would like to request that, because I think that ah.... I was going to ask for a verification anyway, because I did want this roll call verified regardless."

A. Telcser: "O'kay, ah.... as a point of information, the roll call now stands at 97 'ayes', 24 'nays', 24 voting 'present' and when the Clerk polls the absentees, he will be calling the names of those Members who indicated they wish to vote 'present', simply because on the roll call sheets, it will show them not voting. Will the Clerk please read the absentees."

F. Selcke: "Alsup. Arrigo. Barnes. Barry. Berman. Boyle. Brandt. Carrigan. Carroll. Choate. Colitz. Otis. Collins. Corbett. Davis. DiPrima. Epton. Fary. Flinn. Garmisa. Hart. Gene Hoffman. Houde. Juckett. Kipley.



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 Leon. M. Madigan. Maragos. Markert. Mclendon.  
 McPartlin. Merlo. Nowlan. O'Halleren. Redmond.  
 Ropa. Shea. Ike Sims. Soderstrom. Stone. Jack  
 Thompson. Art Thompson. VonBoeckman. Harold Washington.  
 Welsh. Williams. Frank Wolf."

A. Telcser: "And again, I want to remind those Members who wish to be recorded as voting 'present', the Journal will show you as voting 'present', although the Clerk just read your name on the absentees. All right, Representative Maragos has just requested a verification of the affirmative roll call. Will the Members please be in their seats while the Clerk reads the names of the affirmative roll call."

F. Selcke: "Anderson. Bartulis. Blades. Borchers. Bradley. Brenne. Brinkmeier. Burditt. Caldwell. Campbell. Capparelli. Capuzi. Clabaugh. Phil Collins. Conolly. Cox. L. Cunningham. R. Cunningham. W. Cunningham. Day. Duff. Dyer. Ewell. Fennessey. Fleck. Friedland. Gibbs. Giorgi. Graham. Granata. Hall. Hamilton. Hanahan. Harpstrite. Hill. Hirschfeld. R. Hoffman. Holloway. Houlihan. Hudson. Hunsicker. Hyde. Jacobs. Janczak. Jones. Kahoun. Karmazyn. Keller. Kennedy. Kleine. Klosak. Kosinski. Lehman. Lindberg. Londrigan. Ed Madigan. Mann. Matijevich. McAvoy. McCormick. McDevitt. McMaster. Meyer. Kenny Miller. Peter Miller. Moore. Murphy. Neff. North. G. O'Brien. Palmer.





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 Schisler. Schoeberlein. Sevcik. Shapiro. Simmons.  
 Timothy Simms. Springer. Telcser. Terzich. Tip sword.  
 Tuerk. Waddell. Wall. R. Walsh. Walters. Washburn.  
 J. J. Wolf. Yourell. Zlatnik. Mr. Speaker."

A. Telcser: "Representative Redmond, record the Gentleman as voting 'aye'. Now are there questions of the affirmative roll call? Gentleman from Cook, Representative Maragos."

Maragos: "Representative Brinkmeier."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative Brinkmeier on the floor? I don't see him on the Floor. Take him off the roll call."

Maragos: "Representative Conolly."

A. Telcser: "He's in his seat."

Maragos. "W. J. Cunningham."

A. Telcser: "He's right across the aisle from you."

Maragos: "Representative Fleck."

A. Telcser: "He's on the Floor, Sir."

Maragos: "Representative Gibbs."

A. Telcser: "He's in his seat."

Maragos: "Representative Kahoun."

A. Telcser: "He's standing in the back by his seat."

Maragos: "Representative Kleine."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative Kleine on the floor? Take him off the roll call."

Maragos: "Representative Lehman."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative Lehman on the floor? Take him off the roll call."



Maragos: "Representative Mann."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative Mann on the Floor? Representative Mann? Take him off the roll call."

Maragos: "Representative P. J. Miller."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative.... There he is, Sir, on the Floor."

Maragos: "Representative North."

A. Telcser: "He's in his seat."

Maragos: "Representative Pappas."

A. Telcser: "Is the gentleman on the Floor? Take him off the roll call."

Maragos: "Representative Phillips."

A. Telcser: "Is Representative Phillip on the Floor? Take him off the roll call."

Maragos: "Representative Sevcik."

A. Telcser: "He's on the Floor, Sir."

Maragos: "Representative Williams."

A. Telcser: "The gentleman is recorded as not voting."

Maragos: "Representative Hamilton."

A. Telcser: "Representative Hamilton on the floor? Take him off of the roll call. I see Representative Mann has returned."

Maragos: "Did Representative Mann vote 'affirmative'."

A. Telcser: "You questioned his vote, I don't know. Yes he did."

Maragos: "Representative Rose."

A. Telcser: "He's in his seat."



Maragos: "Representative Washburn."

A. Telcser: "He's in his seat."

Maragos: "I have no further questions."

A. Telcser: "Record Representative Flinn as voting 'aye'.

Record Representative Calvo as voting 'aye'. Representative Soderstrom wishes to vote 'aye'. Representative Caldwell, wishes to know how he is recorded?"

F. Selcke: "The gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

A. Telcser: "Record him as voting 'present'. Representative Mann, for what purpose do you rise, Sir? How's the gentleman recorded?"

F. Selcke: "The gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'"

A. Telcser: "Record the gentleman as voting 'present'."

F. Selcke: "Let me check it out. I've got 93. 93 'ayes!'."

A. Telcser: "On this question, there are 93 'ayes', 23 'nays', 26 answering 'present', and the gentleman's motion to discharge the House of Revenue Committee from Special Session Bills No. 1 and 2, prevails. Representative Mann? Representative Mann just ask to be recorded as voting present. Representative Simmons, for what purpose do you rise, Sir?"

Simmons: "Mr. Speaker, I move to vote by which ah... this motion carried be reconsidered."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Palmer."

Palmer: "Mr. Speaker, I move to Table this."

A. Telcser: "Gentleman has moved that the vote by which Special Session Bills 1 and 2 were discharged from Revenue



Committee be reconsidered. The gentleman from Cook, Representative Palmer move that motion lie upon the Table. All those in favor of the gentleman's motion to Table, signify by saying 'aye'. The opposed 'no'. The gentleman's motion prevails. Gentleman from Cook, Representative Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I now move that the Special Session stand adjourned for.... stand in recess for a period of thirty minutes."

A. Telcser: "All those in favor of the gentleman's motion, signify by saying 'aye', the opposed 'no'. The Special Session is recessed for thirty minutes."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Now, we're back into the Special Session. Ah.... the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Johnson, Mr. McCormick. For what purpose do you rise?"

McCormick: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to have ah.... House Bills 1 and 2 read a Second time and advanced to Third Reading. I have talked this over with Representative Choate and then tomorrow they will be withdrawn back to Second Reading for Amendments. I would appreciate having that done."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, ah.... gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "Mr. Speaker, this goes back to the question of 1290 that Representative Telcser, when he was the temporary



Speaker ruled on that this wasn't on the Calendar and it made it impossible to take a vote on it. Is that right?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Ah.... with what Mr. Telcser did, do you say, is that right?"

Shea: "This Bill was taken from Committee today and to be placed on the Calendar on the Order of Second Reading, first legislative day. The motion...."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "It's been my ruling in the past with regard to this particular question that once I've ordered a matter placed on the Calendar on the Order of a Reading that that's where it is even though it might not be actually printed there on the Calendar. Now his motion earlier today on which he prevailed was that the matter, that those bills be discharged from the Committee and placed on the Calendar on the Order of Second Reading. Now, this Body did this today and it is on the Calendar on the Order of Second Reading, even though it's not printed there."

Shea: "All right, but it would go on the Calendar in the Order of Second Reading, first legislative day. Is that correct?"

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "No. No. When they come out, they go on the Order of Second Day."

Shea: "The rules say they go on first."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, my ruling is as I've stated, you want to refer me to the Rule you are talking about?"



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Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "I refer the Speaker's Parliamentarian to Rule 46, that says that 'all bills must remain on the Calendar on the Order of Second Reading for one legislative day before they may be called on that order'."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, I'm operating under Rule 79, which is the Motion to discharge and ah.... the Chair has ruled in the past that on Motions to Discharge that when they carry, that the Motion to Discharge takes the Bill out of Committee and on the Order of Second Reading, Second Day, and ah.... that's where we are."

Shea: "Mr. Speaker, I respectfully remind you that the Motions in the past that have been part of our journals has specifically asked to have a Bill discharged and placed on the Order of Second Reading, Second Legislative Day. The Motion that Mr. McCormick advanced earlier in the day asked merely to have the Bills discharged from Committee and placed on the Order of Second Reading, with no mention of Second Legislative Day."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Well, I said that it's placed on the Order of Second Reading, Second Day. That's where the Bill is now... where those Bills are now." Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "Mr. Speaker, are you saying that at the time that the Motion of Mr. McCormick was allowed, you made the Statement that those Bills were to be placed on the Order of Second Reading, Second Legislative Day?"



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Hon. W. Robert Blair: "I'm saying that they now are on the Calendar on the Order of Second Reading, Second Day."

Shea: "Thank you."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, the gentleman.... the Bills having been on that order of business, the Clerk will read them a Second time."

F. Selcke: "House Bill No. 1. A Bill for an Act to freeze advalorem property taxes and to amend an Act in connection therewith. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments. House Bill 2. Bill for an Act to authorize the General purpose units of local government to refund a portion of property taxes collected for such units of local government each year. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Any amendments from the Floor? Third Reading. Now, the understanding for the record is that there are Amendments here that are proposed to these Bills that you are going to bring them back tomorrow when we reconvene our Special Session for the Order of Second Reading for persons to consider. All right. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Mr. Speaker, I now move that the Special Session stand in adjournment until the Hour of 10:55 AM."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the gentleman's motion, say 'aye', the opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the motion prevails."

