

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - EIGHTH DAY

DECEMBER 17, 1972

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 John B. Brandt - death in family;  
Representative Robert E. Brinkmeier - no reason given;  
Representative Richard A. Carter - no reason given;  
Representative Otis G. Collins - illness;  
Representative John H. Conolly - no reason given;  
Representative Lawrence DiPrima - no reason given;  
Representative Mrs. Robert C. Dyer - no reason given;  
Representative Bernard E. Epton - no reason given;  
Representative Raymond W. Ewell - no reason given;  
Representative W. Joseph Gibbs - no reason given;  
Representative Richard O. Hart - no reason given;  
Representative Gene L. Hoffman - no reason given;  
Representative Thomas R. Houde - illness;  
Representative Louis Janczak - death in family;  
Representative Harold A. Katz - no reason given;  
Representative Charles F. Keller - no reason given;  
Representative Edward L. Kipley - no reason given;  
Representative John Henry Kleine - no reason given;  
Representative James G. Krause - illness;  
Representative Ed Lehman - illness;  
Representative Robert E. Mann - no reason given;  
Representative Peter J. Miller - no reason given;  
Representative James D. Nowlan - no reason given;  
Representative James Philip - no reason given;  
Representative Leland H. Rayson - no reason given;



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Representative Matt Ropa - no reason given;  
Representative Gale Schisler - no reason given;  
Representative Joseph G. Sevcik - no reason given;  
Representative Isaac R. Sims - no reason given;  
Representative John W. Thompson - no reason given;  
Representative James VonBoeckman - no reason given;  
Representative Gale Williams - no reason given.



Hon. W. Robert Blair: "All right, the Special Session will be in order. The invocation will be by Doctor Johnson."

Johnson: "We pray. Almighty God, gracious Father in Heaven, You who have placed the star on high, the day star on high. You have once more started the night and restored another morning to your World. We ask you now for grace to live out another day of our life, with meaning and purpose. Open our eyes to the wonders of your love which surround us on every side. Help us to see anew the goodness which is revealed in your creation and in your keeping. Above all, grant us a renewed vision of your truth, so that by your spirit of wisdom, we may avoid all false choices this day, and walk unhaltingly on this path you would have us follow. When we are in doubt or in uncertainty, give us the sense to ask you for guidance and direction. This is the day which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad. We pray in the name of Him who's coming we remember, the season of light and joy, the prince of peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Roll Call for Attendance. Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, would the records show that Representative Graham is excused because of illness. Excuse me, Mr. Speaker. Because of a death in his family."

Hon. W. Robert Blair: "Yes, the Journal will so indicate." Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Collins."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the Special Session stand



in recess until the hour of 12:00."

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 Special Session is in recess." Now we're back in the Special Session. Messages from the Senate."

F. B. Selcke: "Message from the Senate, by Mr. Wright, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I'm directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution the adoption which I'm instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit. Senate Joint Resolution #3. Resolved by the Senate of the 77th General Assembly, State of Illinois, at the First Special Session thereof, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that when the two houses adjourn on Sunday, December, 17, 1972, they stand adjourned 'Sine Die'. Adopted by the Senate December 17, 1972. Kenneth Wright, Secretary."

Blair: "All right. Now, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Hyde."

Hyde: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the Senate Joint Resolution #3 which ah.. adjourned the Special Session Sine Die. So, ah.. I now move concurrence in Senate Joint Resolution #3."

W. Robert Blair: "All right. Ah.. Gentleman from Union, Mr. Choate."

Choate: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Certainly, I'm going to vote to adjourn the



Special Session. But, before I vote to adjourn the Special Session, I want to clearly and emphatically point out that as far as I'm concerned this House of Representatives, sometime in the late hours of yesterday, discharged its duties by bringing about as far as I'm concerned an effective answer to the question which we were called here to consider which is a property tax freeze. I'm saddened and I'm dismayed that the Senate did not see fit to give this important question the consideration which I think it was deserving. And to say that it needs further study, I would like to point out that the bill in its entirety is a little over a half a page. If they had objections as far as some of the language, would have been a simple matter to amend it. You know it and I know it. But as I've said before, I'm proud that this House did.. This House did confront this important question and as far as I'm concerned brought about a realistic solution for a period of one year so that the broader scope of tax reform could be studied during that time and maybe once and for all bring a meaningful end as far as the taxpayers are concerned to this question. And now Mr. Speaker, I would like to advise this House that I'm pre-filing for the next session of the General Assembly the bill which we passed yesterday and if it needed any amendments, we'll prepare them. And I would like to say to any member of this



House that if they desire to be a co-sponsor, they might put their name on it."

W. Robert Blair: "Gentleman from Christian, Mr. Tipsword."

Tipsword: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House."

I'm very pleased to hear that Representative Choate is offering this bill which we had sent to the Senate again for our consideration in the.. in a Session that is to come. I'm very.. very disappointed that the Senate did not take time to read a one-page bill. I'm very disappointed that they had to send that bill to committee without giving it a hearing which would really have taken only a few minutes in the Senate if they didn't know what it was. In fact, I'm informed of some of the remarks that were made about the bill. It's obvious that they ah.. hadn't read it. Because there were some remarks about ah.. this would cause a raid on the State Treasury and I think everybody in the House was well-informed that the last of the levies have already been filed. That the last of the assessments have been finalized. And there couldn't have been a raid on the State Treasury in the one year's time. And we certainly are coming back here in January when we could work out anything for the future to give these people of the State of Illinois, tax reform. I just hope that the bill that is being prefiled today by Representative Choate, the same bill is not agained comissioned or



committed to death in the Senate. And I hope that for once they start to realize that taxes are an issue in the State of Illinois. And an issue that must be resolved. And that we must have reformation and tax relief for the people in the State of Illinois and not just on the State level but all levels of government. And that excessive spending wherever it may be must be farroted and ended so that the people of the State of Illinois can pay for only that government that they want and that they need and can get the services that they really deserve and that we should show them in both Houses the respect which the people of this state deserve. And I commend this House for the respect that it has shown to the people of the State of Illinois. I commend Representative McCormick for the bill that he put in. For Representative Choate in the amendment that he provided and for the fair consideration it received in the House.. the General Assembly of Illinois."

W. Robert Blair: "Any further discussion. All right.

Question's on the Gentleman's motion to concur in the adoption of SJR 3. All those in favor say 'aye'."

Members: "Aye".

W. Robert Blair: "Opposed, 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Special Session's adjourned sine die."

