

Speaker Blair: "The House will be in order. The invocation will be by Dr. Johnson."

Dr. Johnson: "We pray. Those were terrifying moments, O God, when your servant Jonah, sank, as the sea engulfed him, and he cried out urgently and desperately and repeatedly, perhaps as he had never prayed before. In Your mercy, O God, as covenant, you snatched him from the yawning jaws of death. There are people in this State and Nation, Almighty God, who cry out with the same urgency. Hear them when they cry for relief, for justice, for fair treatment, for compassion. When their cries are legitimate, cause us, your servants in government to hear them. When their petitions are just, cause us to heed them. When their plight becomes anguish let us respond as your servant, that we may reflect in our actions, not only Your justice, but also Your mercy. And, now, give these men and women, O Lord, the physical strength, the emotional vigor and the mental stamina, requisite to the duties of life before them, the rest of this day. And, at its end take them to their respective homes in safety and bring them back refreshed to take up its Calendar next week. We bespeak them and commend them to Your mercy O God of Grace. Amen."

Speaker Blair: "Roll Call for attendance....The Gentleman fromCommittee Reports."

Clerk Selcke: "Mr. Harpstrite, from Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which House Bill 2626 was referred, returned the same pursuant to Rule 23 (d) was ordered tabled. Mr. Harpstrite, from Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which House Bill 2568 was referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bill do pass. Mr. Harpstrite, from Agriculture and Natural Resources, to which House Bill 2774 and 2782



were referred, report the same back with Amendments thereto, with the recommendation that the Amendments be adopted, and the Bills, as amended, do pass.

Mr. Harpstrite, from Agriculture and Natural Resources, which House Bills 2439 and 2813 were referred, reported the same back with the recommendation that the Bills do pass and be re-referred to Appropriations. Mr....."

Speaker Blair: "Messages from the Senate."

Clerk Selcke: "A message from the Senate by Mr. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Joint Resolutions, adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House. Senate Joint Resolution #74, adopted by the Senate June 13, 1974. Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has adopted the following Joint Resolutions, adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House. Senate Joint Resolution #75, adopted by the Senate June 12, 1974. Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred with the House in adoption of House Amendment 1 and 3 to the Bill of the following title, Senate Bill 1349, concurred in by the Senate, June 13, 1974, Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives, the Senate has concurred with the House in adoption of House Amendment #2 to the Bill of the following title. Senate Bill 1400, concurred in by the Senate June 13, 1974. Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred in the House of Representatives and passed the Bill of the following



title, House Bill 2401 passed the Senate, as amended, June 13, 1974, Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred with the House and passed the Bills of the following titles. House Bill 2125, 2419, 2453, 2458...passed the Senate June 13, 1974. Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has passed the Bills of the following titles, passage of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House, Senate Bill 1212, 1218, 1237, 1242, 1243, 1244, 1264, 1267, 1286, 1296, 1314, 1324, 1348, 1461, 1561, 1568...passed the Senate June 13, 1974, Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary. No further messages."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "Would the record show that Representative Ewell and Carter are excused.....because of"

Speaker Blair: "Yes, the record will so indicate....And Representative Klosak...Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Selcke: " House Resolution 1022, Beaupre. Senate Joint Resolution #75, Ozinga."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, these are theAgreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1022 has a bit of substance to it. And, says, that beginning with the academic year 1974--1975 each institution of higher learning will adopt a policy against discrimination on the basis of sex, in the selection of sports or levels of competition, et cetera. And, Senate Joint Resolution #75, expresses our appreciation to the League of Women Voters of Sangamon County, the Springfield Chapter of the American Association of University Women, and the Federated Junior Woman's Clubs....for the valuable service they've rendered. Mr. Speaker, I move the



adoption of the Agreed Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "All right. Discussion on the question of the adoption of the Agreed Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no', the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Further Resolutions....All right. Now, we're on House Bills, Third.....You've finished with Resolutions?.....House Bills, Third Reading....Now we're going to go right down on the basis of expiration of dates on the Bills and within each of those dates...then within the chronological order...The first Bill is 2128."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2128, Skinner, amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act, Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in the prayer this morning we heard a plea that we react with justice and fair treatment and mercy. And, that is the position that those of us outside of Chicago come to you in today. Throughout this entire debate there have been three major concessions that we have been asking for. The first one has been to let us go. You told us you won't let us go. The second one has been for an enlarged board. A proposal that would cost virtually nothing except the extra salaries for the extra eleven people or twelve people. On Representative Deuster's Bill, which is now on Postponed Consideration, you said that was unexceptionable. This is the third major proposal, unencumbered by anything but that proposal. It asks that 100 percent of the money paid in RTA levied taxes, that is the parking tax and the 5 percentsales tax on gasoline be spent within each transportation area for the direct benefit of the residents of those areas. Approximately 11 percent of the total RTA revenues are at stake here. And, it seems to me if you are not willing to promise



us that amount of money, that we are justified in our conclusion that you only want us in RTA for our money. I would ask for aI would ask again for mercy and fair treatment on your vote on this Amendment."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Shea."

Shea: "Well, I don't know what you mean by Amendment but I think we're on Third Reading, aren't we? Representative Skinner, this Bill was originally introduced proposed that all the revenue, both state and local be distributed on that formula. Have you changed that?"

Skinner: "The only thing that remains in this Bill is a 100 percent earmarking.....you have to look at the Amendment, the only thing that's in the Bill that's left is theare lines 24 and 25 of page 2, which directly benefit the areas....the residents of the area.....and the two-thirds has been replaced by 100 percent and the language on the third page has been stricken.....and the bottom of the second page....."

Shea: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to oppose this Bill. I've discussed this with members of the RTA Board and they find that this would be almost impossible to work with this language and the present structure of the Bill and therefore I arise to oppose the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Mr. Hudson...."

Hudson: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, unless I don't understand this proposal, it's similar to Amendments that have been offered before and similar to one that I offered the other day to a Bill that was before us. That Bill which was subsequently withdrawn, but it is indeedTabled....But... is indeed in the interest of fairness, it is indeed in the interest of justice, that the people within these transportation areas benefit from the taxes to the extent as outlined in the provisions of this proposal. And, I do not



understand the argument that this will be impossible for the RTA Board to implement or to cope with. After all, they are supposedly going to be thoroughly competent and expert people, with a great deal of power, and it's not difficult ...or should not be difficult for them to sit down and figure a way of obliging the residents in these transportation areas that want to get that money back that is raised in parking taxes and in motor fuel taxes in their area. This is perhaps one of our final chances to help these people and the taxes involved....I think it should be remembered that we're not talking about a huge amount of money here, when you come right down to think about it. We're talking about revenues raised on the parking tax which the proponents say will be mainly collected in the City of Chicago anyway.....so the moneys here are not really substantial. This isn't going to hurt anybody. It isn't going to hurt the ...the...authority but it is a matter of principle. When it comes to the Motor Fuel Tax, certainly the residents within those transportation areas should benefit so that they can see some true transportation benefit as a result of the taxes raised in those areas. If you put the two together you put the parking tax, or what may be raised in the parking tax, and the Motor Fuel Tax, you're not doing anything to vitiate or to harm or to gut in any way the intent of the Regional Transportation Authority. And, I think it...I think, really, it's only in the interest, again of fairness and justice that this small concession be made on behalf of the people in those outlying areas.....many who voted for this Bill with the idea that some Amendments would be made and many who did not vote for it at all and did not want to even see it instituted...but, I implore you and I urge you to think and consider these people, at least



to this small extent and I urge your support of Representative Skinner's proposal."

Speaker Blair: "Any further discussion? The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner, to close."

Skinner: "I'm not sure who the Representative from Riverside talked to on the RTA Board, suggesting that this would limit their flexibilities, but I would remind the Members of the House that the first conglomerate for the railroad, and they are the ones who the creators of creative accounting and I'm sure that they will be able to juggle their books sufficiently well enough that they will be able to accomplish their purposes whether or not this passes. You know when I was in college, in Ohio, in the '60's, a lot of my friends were going down on freedom rides, they were telling me how the blacks were riding in the back of the bus and how they weren't allowed to ride in the front of the bus. You know there's a difference between the blacks in the '60's and the residents of the out-lying areas. At least they had a bus. If this Amendment is passed, we will have the money to pay bus drivers and I would earnestly solicit your vote on this proposal, which I consider a significant concession that you would be making to the future peace between the city and the suburbs and the Chicago Metropolitan area."

Speaker Blair: "All right. The question is, shall House Bill 2128 pass? All those in favor vote 'aye', those opposed 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "In the unlikely event that there may be a show of mercy from the other side, I would ask that this be put on Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Blair: "All right. The Gentleman requested, under



rules that the Bill be placed on Postponed Consideration and that's where it rests. 2133....Want to call that, Mr. Totten? Okay.... 2444, Mr. Katz is not here....we'll take that out....Mr. Deuster, on your 2407...."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2407, Deuster, amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act, Third Reading of the Bill.....Deuster..."

Deuster: "Mr. Speaker, I would take that out of the record, I don't desire to bring it up. Thank you."

Speaker Blair: "All right, take that out of the record. Mr. Totten, on your 2523....take that out...Okay...And, Mr. Fennessey here? Is Fred here? Fennessey on the Roll Call? All right, we'll skip over 2772 and 2773 until Mr. Fennessey is on the Floor, he wanted to speak on those. And, we'll come back as soon as he comes on the Floor,.....they're next in order.....And, we'll go to Mr. Skinner's 2079....."

Clerk Selcke: "2079.....House Bill 2079, Skinner, amends the Revenue Act, Third Reading of the Bill."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, would it be possible to take this out of the record until I conferred with the Representative from Riverside, on this specific Bill? Supposed to look at something last night."

Speaker Blair: "All right....We'll take that out. Mr. Garmisa on 2089...Do you want to go to 2089? Okay.... 2518, Mr. Fleck, do you want to go with that? Mr. Fleck here? Do you want to go on your 2518?"

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2518...."

Speaker Blair: "Wait a minute...Mr. Fleck."

Fleck: "A point of information, Mr. Speaker. How many people are here today?"

Speaker Blair: "How many people are on the attendance Roll Call, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Selcke: "....160 were polled....but that doesn't mean



there's that many here."

Speaker Blair: "Over 160 on the Attendance Roll Call."

Fleck: "Over 160. Well....we might as well make a swing at it this time...Okay."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2518, an Act to amend Section 3, 3.1, 2 and 3 of an Act concerning fees and salaries, Third Reading of the Bill."

Fleck: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 2518 proposes to raise the salaries of the Judiciary of the State....The Bill proposes to raise the salaries of the Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court from \$42,500 to \$50,000, the same salary which the Governor of the State now makes. It proposes to raise the salaries of the appellate court from \$40 to \$45,000. And, the circuit court judges, to \$35,000, with the county and judicial circuit additions of \$7500....And the associate judges to \$32,500 with \$4500 coming from the judicial circuits in the Cook and DuPage Counties. I don't think there's any great need to debate this and take up the time of the House. We all know what it deals with or what it is concerned with....and I would just simply ask for your support.....Mr. Speaker,and, I don't want to have this and 2815 heard together either."

Speaker Blair: "Okay."

Fleck: "Mr. Speaker...."

Speaker Blair: "Yeah...yes.... Yes...."

Fleck: "Mr. Speaker...ah....I would like to confer further with the second floor, would you please take this out of the record?"

Speaker Blair: "All right, for a conference with the second floor....Take it out of the record. Well we're going back and pick up 2772 now. House Bill 2772. Wait a minute, Fred....wait a minute... All right....this is 2772..."



Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act to amend the Downstate Public Transportation Act, Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "All right, we'll take72 back out of the record again. We'll come back to it shortly. Now, 20....Mr. LaFleur, do you want your 2561 today? Okay."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2551,House Bill 2561, an Act authorizing improvements in the West Branch of DuPage River in Cook County, Third Reading of the Bill."

LaFleur: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, 2561 has been on Third Reading for some time, we have been waiting for the Appropriation Bill to catch up with it. We now have the appropriation....2562, on Second Reading and because of the unusual action of the reading yesterday, I would like to ask the suspension of the appropriate rule so that 2561 can be heard with 2562 which is the Appropriation Bill."

Speaker Blair: "All right. It is correct that we did read 2562 a second time yesterday, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Selcke: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Blair: "All right. I'll go back there and ...then advance that Bill to the order of Third Reading and the Gentleman now asks for leave to have 2562, which is a companion to 2561....read a third time and to be considered with 2561...Is there leave for that purpose? All right. Leave has been granted so read 2562."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2562, an Act making an Appropriation to the Department of Transportation and so forth, Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. LaFleur,...."

LaFleur: "Mr. Chairman and Members of the House, 2561 is a Bill to authorize improvements on the West Bank..... West Branch of the DuPage River....in Cook County..... And, ...it's unfortunate, sometimes, that we have to bother a body like this toso many times to get a



job done. Unfortunately this is one of the activities that takes the parallel action of other governmental bodies and to get the job done, it must act in concert. The allowing of this appropriation, in this Bill, will allow the Department of Transportation to act with the Village of Hanover Park and Metropolitan Sanitary District in creating some steam diversion, some channelization, and bridge and road work and I ask for a favorable Roll Call on the two Bills....2561 and ...62."

Speaker Blair: "Discussion? The question is, shall these two Bills pass? All those in favor will vote 'aye'; those opposed 'no'....The Clerk will take one Roll Call andmake a copy of it for the second Bill..... Mr. Shea...."

Shea: "Mr. Speaker, I understand 2562 was on Second Reading but it had been read a second time yesterday?"

Speaker Blair: "Yeah....We made that clear...The Clerk...."

Shea: "All right...."

Speaker Blair: "The Clerk's records show that..."

Shea: "We talked about....yesterday...if there couldn't be some kind of indication on the Calendar....of the Bills on Second Reading, that had been read a second time,a..."

Speaker Blair: "All Bills that are on Second Reading, on the Calendar, have been read a second time...All Bills."

Shea: "All right....Not so much for today, but if we could somehow indicate it....because it makes it very hard for people. They question the fact of how our Bills, on our Calendar, can be on Second Reading, and then go to the Senate....the same day...."

Speaker Blair: "The Constitutional requirement is that there be readings on three separate days. The...there's no difference....at all than when we have Bills read ona second time on...when Amendments are placed on them and....so forth....And, the Gentleman then asks



that the Bills remain on the order of Second Reading for further Amendments. An example of that was, two days ago, with Mr. Getty's Bill, we did exactly that, and it was on Second Reading, and I advanced it to Third, and we read it a third time that day..... and that's been a procedure we've used in the House before."

Shea: "Well,here....I'm not arguing with the procedure, I think the procedure is fine. All I'm asking is thatis it possible that when the Clerk sets up the Calendar, he could indicate that someway so we don't get any criticism? I'm all in favor of the procedure."

Speaker Blair: "The intention of the Chair, on each of the Bills, is to ask the Clerk whether or not the Clerk's records indicate that the Bill's been read a second time....And, I asked him that, with respect to this Bill, and he said his record showed that it had been read a second time.... So, I won't....I don't want to overlook the second reading either....and I don't want to have two readings all in one day....But, we'll be very careful. This is a procedure, strictly to accomodate the Members in being able to get their Bills considered and over to the Senate as quickly as possible. That's why we took the extraordinary procedure of reading them all a second time yesterday. Okay. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record.

Clerk Selcke: "Katz, 'aye'...on this."

Speaker Blair: "On this question there are 138 'aye', 1 'nay', and each of these Bills having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed."

Clerk Selcke: "What do you want? 'Aye'? Macdonald 'aye'....."

Speaker Blair: "Macdonald 'aye'.....2573..."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2573, Telcser, an Act making



appropriations to the Office of the State Appellate Defender. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 2573 is the ordinary and contingent expenses for the State Appellate Defender's Office and I would appreciate a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Blair: "Discussion? The question is, shall House Bill 2573 pass? All those in favor vote 'aye', those opposed 'no'.....Have all voted who wish? All right, have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this question there are 126 'ayes' and 1 'nay'. And, this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. 2303..... Oh!.....On these Bills now, we're going to try to move them as fast as we can. Any of you who don't get on the Roll Call because you're not in your seats or for whatever other reason timely, come up to the Clerk and indicate if you want to get on the Roll Call..... instead of my taking the time to announce it..."

Clerk Selcke: "House Bill 2303, Washburn, appropriates the expenses of various commissions and agencies, Third reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Grundy, Mr. Washburn."

Washburn: "Thank you Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would ask leave to have this Bill returned to the order of Second Reading for the propose of Amendments..."

Speaker Blair: "...The Gentleman have leave? All right. No objection, back on Second."

Washburn: "Now, this is the omnibus commission Bill that chairmen have presented resolutions....er...Amendments to....so here's your opportunity."

Clerk Selcke: "Amendment #.....Amendment #13, Shea, amends House Bill 2303, as amended, and so forth."



Washburn: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this provides \$65,000 to the Status of Women Commission and I move for the adoption of the Amendment. I know there are several Amendments that follow.... that reduce it substantially....I know there's some question. I ask my colleagues, particularly across the aisle, to look again and think....about whether spending \$25 or \$30,000 to try to accomplish something isn't worth it."

Speaker Blair: "Discussion? Mr. Jake Wolf."

Wolf: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I understand that part of the money in the \$65,000 is a request of funds to study pension plans within Illinois and in my opinion it's questionable. The IllinoisPublic and Pension Laws Commission of course is charged by this Legislature with studying all matters related to public employees pensions and if the purpose is to studyprivatethen we've got another thing going here.....First of all, do we have.....what kind of jurisdiction do we have on private pensions plans? And, since most of the companies large enough to have pension plans operate in more than Illinois, they are covered by Federal Statutes because of the interstate nature of their business. Now, at this time, in Washington, Congress is considering major pension reform proposals and there...if the question...this measure....you know would consider...anything in there. would probably be much better addressed to the federal level. Now, the commission that would receive this appropriation also lacks subpoena power.....so we would probably have great difficulty in getting cooperation of businesses voluntarily. But, in addition to all of these points, this Body, last June, authorized the Insurance Study Commission to full pension. This committee has already been funded and is working on a



report. Now, Roger Bixby, a former Legislative Aid, from my Committee, has a great experience in the field of pensions, he is working on this, he is the executive director..... It is only logical that if any further investigation is going to be made concerning this problem, that it be conducted by the Insurance Commission, which which has the expertise, which we my Resolution last June, Sponsored by Representative Merlo and others, have directed them to do. And, so.....if we're talking about appropriating a lot of money for duplication, just to keep people insured, to me is sheer lunacy and I would say reject this proposal. "

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Schraeder.....2303...Amendment #13."

Schraeder: "Somebody mentioned \$30,000 and the Amendment I have has \$65,000. I was just wondering what's the correct figure."

Speaker Blair: "Oh!.....I see.....Mr. Washburn perhaps could explain.....As I understand....there was an earlier Amendment put on that raised the amount and now.... that's not right?.....Okay. Mr. Washburn.....#4 was withdrawn, is that right?.....Well, all right, right now, the Enrolled and Engrossed Bill, on Third Reading, which is where we are, has the appropriation for the Commission on the Status of Women at \$10,000. All right, is there any question about where we're starting from, then? On all amendatory action that was taken up until today, the net result is that right now as we're considering the Bill, the Commission on the Status of Women has an appropriation of \$10,000 in it. Well, that's where the Bill is right now. Mr. Washburn."

Washburn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What we did in appropriations for those that had thought more money, we amended the Bill back down for every commission to the 1974 level. That's the propose of that Amendment. Every figure in



this Bill is now at the 1974 level and everybody can go from there."

Speaker Blair: "Mrs. Dyer..."

Dyer: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I would like to support Representative Shea's very good Amendment and I'd like to speak particularly to the question raised by Representative J. J. Wolf. There is no subcommittee for the Status of Women Commission that is called a Pension Study Committee. That would be only one phase of the subcommittee on employment, which is Chaired by Mrs. Miriam Ringo, of the Personnel Department, of the Secretary of State. She has suggested, we're all well aware of the fact, that the study of public pensions is a prerogative of the Pension Laws Study Committee but it has come to her attention that many private companies do have discriminatory policy in pension plans. We are certainly delighted to cooperate any time with the Pension Laws Study Commission. In fact I remember coming to testify on behalf of Senate Bill 576, when it was before your commission. There is no conflict here whatsoever. It's filling out an area that has not so far been covered. It will go into many other areas of employment as far as the status of women in employment is concerned. There's no other commission of this General Assembly that's touching this subject. I want to point out to you that we are mandated, under the 1970 Illinois Constitution, to bring our laws into conformity with this Constitution. Now, we must do that whether or not the equal Rights Amendment is ever ratified or not. So, we need ...we have compiled ...we have done a computer printout of all of the laws in Illinois that must be brought into conformity. Some are in the area of education, some are in employment, some are in other areas...private areas....but we need good legal counsel



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we need help on this Commission in doing a good job in the Statutes....to decide whether they should be eliminated, or whether the benefit conferred should be broadened to include both men and women. For those of you who don't have it handy we have extra copies here, of the 1973 report of the Status of Women Commission. I recommend for your reading the report that was done by the Higher Education Subcommittee on the Status of Women Commission. The chart and the table showing the salary differential for men and women...in faculty, in civil service, at all levels of hiring in our universities. It's very enlightening. This subcommittee has been directed to do a follow-up survey this year.....to see if there's been any improvement in this situation since the original hearing last year. All of these things take money. You have an itemized copy of that proposed budget. Representative Brinkmeier, I'm sure, could answer any further questions.....on it.....So, I strongly urge you to support Representative Shea's Amendment."

Speaker Blair: "Now the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Terzich."
 Terzich: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd

like to voice opposition to the Amendment. I would think that there's been a number of studies with regard to pensions and insurance. Representative Merlo had a Resolution to charge the Pension Laws Commission to review this situation. We have the Insurance Study Commission. We also have the Pension Laws Commission, and I would suggest that anything that they would do in this area have nothing to do with the State of Illinois. Most of these private pension plans are interstate and should be dealt with on the Federal Government level, which is presently being done in federal Legislation. In addition, if they are concerned about finding out what the problem is, I would



suggest that they could get the service for nothing by checking with the Legislative Council. I would urge your vote against this Amendment."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Ron Hoffman.....the Gentleman from Cook."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of this House. I too rise to oppose this Amendment as we were concerned with the extraordinary increase in the appropriation. last year's appropriation was \$10,000.....last Sessions appropriation was \$10,000. Now, the appropriation seeks to go to \$65,000. That's an extraordinary increase for any Commission expenditures. We did seek to get questions answered relative to the activities of the commission and line item expenditures. For the questions that were put to the chairman of the subcommittee I think we received unsuitable answers as to the direction of the subcommittee and the expenditures line by line. I would oppose this Amendment as we have held the line, as had the previous chairman to this commission, had held the line on expenditures, and has performed meritorious service with this commission and I feel that this attempt to raise an extraordinary amount of funds for one commission should be resisted by this House. And, I would oppose this commission appropriation and Amendment and solicit your support."

Speaker Blair: "The Lady from Cook, Mrs. Chapman..."

Chapman: "Mr. Speaker, Members of.....Representative Shea's Amendment is a good Amendmentsupported. I'm delighted to hear Representative Hoffman state that the Commission on the Status of Women has performed meritorious service to the State. Indeed it has. I'd like to take just a few moments to tell you a little bit about the Commission on the Status of Women. First authorized by the Illinois General Assembly in 1963. In 1961, President John Kennedy,



because of his concern for providing opportunity and equality for all, set up a National Commission on Women. The Chairman of this Commission was Eleanor Roosevelt, a beautiful choice, for a commission to study American women.....The report, which came out after Eleanor Roosevelt died in 1963, was called 'The American Woman' and the contents of it shocked everyone.....because people in a land of equality and freedom learned that married women did not have property rights, that married women could not own their own property.