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Speaker Ryan: "The House will be in order and the Members will please be in their seats. The Chaplain for today is Vicar Bob Krueger... Kugler of the Grace Lutheran Church of Springfield, Illinois. Vicar Kugler."

Vicar Kugler: "Let us pray. Oh Lord, Heavenly Father, we stand before You knowing, in the end, that You are supreme, the almighty power over all things, even human affairs. We humbly request Your guidance in these, our affairs and Yours. We commend our nation and this State of Illinois to Your merciful care that we may live securely in peace and may be guided by Your providence. Give to all in authority, especially this gathering of Your servants, the wisdom and strength to know Your will and to do it. Bless these people and all who hold public office in this land that they may do their work in a spirit of kindness, truthfulness and justice. Help them to serve faithfully and to promote the general welfare. This we pray, our Heavenly Father. Amen."

Speaker Ryan: "Thank you. We'll be led in the pledge today by Representative Bluthardt."

Bluthardt, et al: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Ryan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Take the record, Mr. Clerk. With 151 Members answering the roll, a quorum of the House is present. We have a special Resolution and a special guest at the podium that Representative Oblinger is going to introduce, and we're going to have the Clerk read House Resolution 777 prior to the introduction. Would you read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk, please? Could we have a little order in the chamber?"

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Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 777. Whereas, Estonia is on the eastern shore of the Baltic Sea West of Russia where it has been home of the Estonians since 2,000 B.C.; and Whereas, its strategic location has invited a succession of foreign invasions, 90% by Russia; and Whereas, foreign domination could not destroy the Estonian national spirit; and Whereas, after World War I, an independent Estonia developed a flourishing economy; and Whereas, Estonia became the first nation in the world to grant all its minority cultural autonomy through government-subsidized ethnic schools, theatres and libraries; and Whereas, the forced annexation of Estonia to Russia, after World War II, has never been recognized by most Western countries; and Whereas, Estonia is still so Western that Russians consider a visit there a real treat; and Whereas, a Soviet master plan of Russification now, to relocate more Estonians, threatens the national foundation; therefore, be it resolved, by the House of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we honor Estonian Americans for their contribution to the economic, cultural and political life of their communities and for their deep respect for our adopted country and their knowledge that not all people of the world enjoy the freedoms that most for... that most take for granted; and be it further resolved that suitable copies of this Preamble and Resolution be presented to Mrs. Jon Holberg on behalf of her deceased husband, the Estonian President in exile. Adopted April 14th."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Oblinger, for the introduction."

Oblinger: "Most of you will not know that the Estonian President in exile and his wife resided in Chicago where Mrs. Holberg still resides. She was unable to accept this today because of illness, but Mr. Eric 'Harms', an Estonian, is here to

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accept this Resolution."

Eric 'Harms': "Thank you. On behalf of all Estonians here in Illinois, around the world and especially those back in the homeland, I would like to thank you for your show of support. Let us hope the free world will stop the expansion of communism and that every nation behind the iron curtain will be free. Let us hope that day will be soon. Thank you, again."

Speaker Ryan: "Thank you, very much. Representative Getty, do you have any excused absences?"

Getty: "Mr. Speaker, none that have been requested."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Getty. None. Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, would the Journal please show that Representative McAuliffe is absent because of illness?"

Speaker Ryan: "The record will so indicate. Yes."

Telcser: "And, Mr. Speaker, may I take a moment now to introduce a guest we have today in the gallery? I'd like to introduce Mr. John Edwards who is the General Manager of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He's seated up in the Speaker's gallery."

Speaker Ryan: "Welcome, Mr. Edwards, to the Illinois House. It is the intention of the Chair to work what little we have on the Calendar for today and adjourn sometime prior to 1:00 this afternoon, and then come back in in the morning sometime. And I'm not sure what our schedule's going to be for Thursday yet, pending the arrangements for the Cardinal's funeral, but there will be some accommodations made for those of you that want to attend those services, in the House; and, I'll get back... I'll know more about that tomorrow. We will be here part of Thursday. We'll be here Friday. Did you get that straight, Representative Kulas? Alright. Representative Reilly, on page four of

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the Calendar, we have some House Bills on Third Reading. Did you want to take those Bills back to the Order of Second today or... Representative Reilly."

Reilly: "House Bill 869 I would like to take back to the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Ryan: "House Bill 869, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 869, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "The Gentleman asks leave to return House Bill 869 to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of Amendment. Are there objections? Hearing none, leave is granted. House Bill 869 is now on the Order of Second Reading. Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Leone: "Amendment #2, Reilly, amends House Bill 869 as amended."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Reilly, on Amendment #2."

Reilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 simply puts the Bill in the shape that we thought we had it with Amendment #1. What the Bill deals with is including smaller schools or some five or six small schools across the state in the school aid formula that are excluded now. The State Board of Education came to me, after the Bill came out of Committee, and suggested a slightly different wording. It achieves exactly the same effect. I would offer Amendment #2 to House Bill 869."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Getty."

Getty: "Mr. Speaker, will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Ryan: "He indicates he will."

Getty: "Representative Reilly, it's my understanding that this only affects one or possibly two districts. Is that correct?"

Reilly: "Yes, at least in this current fiscal year. Now, it's

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possible that, in the coming fiscal year, that two or three more could be affected, as their enrollment drops."

Getty: "Alright, thank you."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Reilly, do you care to close? The question is, 'Shall Amendment #2 to House Bill 869 be adopted?'. All in favor will signify by saying 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments."

Clerk Leone: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Ryan: "Third Reading. House Bill 891, Representative Reilly. Out of the record? Out of the record. House Bill 1600, Representative Keane. Out of the record. House Bill 1841, Representative Karpel. Out of the record. House Bill 2204, Representative Wolf."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2204, a Bill for an Act to amend certain appropriations Act and certain appropriations. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf, J. J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2204, as amended, provides a 1,450,915 dollar supplemental appropriation to the Department of Revenue for FY '82 to begin funding of their new Tax Enforcement Improvement Program. The appropriation also includes 100,000 dollars for additional refunds from the State Lottery to fund the banks. This particular program, which is roughly about a million and a half dollars, is expected to return to the state some four to five hundred million dollars in additional revenues, and so, I would ask for your favorable support of this legislation."

Speaker Ryan: "I there any discussion? The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Yes, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill was heard, naturally, in the House

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Appropriations Committee, and we Democrats took a position. First of all, that the administration and the Department of Revenue instituted this program without expressed legislative authority, and I would hope that this House would consider the fact that we were here... when we were here in a Veto Session... When we were here in a Veto Session, there was not an administration proposal that a supplemental be forwarded and the Tax Improvement Program be a part of that supplemental. Here, at this eleventh hour now, we are being told that we must fund something that has already been put in place without legislative authority. In other words, the Department of Revenue has hired some auditors, many of them out of state, without that expressed approval from the Legislature. The Department of Revenue has hired collectors and, in a couple instances and I asked the staff to look into it; in one instance, they hired a gentleman whose wife is a secretary of a Republican county central committeeman. One of the collectors is a precinct committeeman. I made the statement in Committee, and there is that danger, too, that these collectors may be used for political purposes rather than for the purpose of making necessary improvements to the tax structure. Also, I made the statement that, on a federal level, that many of the... much of the fact that taxes aren't coming in like they should is because of what is happening on the federal level, and small businesses are going under. And Roman Kosinski, in the Committee, made the statement that... to the Director, 'You're going after some people, the little people, that don't have it'; and, meanwhile, in the Federal Government on the federal level, the corporations are getting tax write-offs, tax incentives. They're getting the investment credit. They're getting depreciation allowances. Corporations are

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looking at advertisements that are saying, 'If you are paying taxes, you have not read the Economic Recovery Act'. And I say, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, that we have not given expressed approval for this program. The Department hired these collectors, these auditors without us telling them they can; and, in fact, what happened last year was when the Senate brought this matter up to the Department and to the Director of the Department and they said, 'Take your choice. Do you want personnel in that program, or are you going to take across the board cuts? You take your choice.' And they opted for not including the collectors and the auditors at that time. Since they made that option at their own volition, before Appropriations Committees, in both the Senate and the House, I see no reason why this House, at this late date right before an election, should offer approval in this supplemental Bill. I would urge the Members on this side of the aisle to vote either 'present' or 'no' on this supplemental appropriation Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Any further discussion? Representative Kosinski."

Kosinski: "Will the Sponsor yield to a question?"

Speaker Ryan: "He indicates he will."

Kosinski: "I'm not sure whether you can hear me across this commotion."

Speaker Ryan: "Could we have a little order in the chamber, please? This is Third Reading, an appropriation Bill. Proceed."

Kosinski: "Representative Wolf, for the many years I've known you, you've had an excellent sense of propriety. I understand, when you present a Bill such as this, you're a victim of the system, and I sympathize with you; but, if you remember, in the Appropriations Committee, we brought up the fact that 100 of these 200 and whatever it is, 51 or

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61 auditors had already been put on board, despite the fact that we hadn't arranged the appropriation. Now, I don't know where they were funded from; but, if this is a propriety, I question it very seriously. Now, Mr. Wolf, can you tell me how these people are being paid or will be paid, if this appropriation does not pass?"

Wolf: "I've been informed, Mr. Kosinski, that '96 had been hired, as of today, because, when the Governor wanted to start the program which was last December..."

Kosinski: "Yes, but who's paying them? The Governor doesn't have any money. We found 150 million dollar hole in his budget. How are these people going to be paid, if your Members and my Members decide that this is unseemingly that we put people on before... on board before there's an appropriation? How are they going to pay them?"

Wolf: "Well, they're being paid out of the personal services budget."

Kosinski: "I beg your pardon?"

Wolf: "They're being paid out of personal services budget like any other employee is paid."

Kosinski: "Yeah, but there isn't enough money in that budget, as I understand it. They... We haven't agreed to a lateral transfer of any kind. They don't have enough funds to pay these people."

Wolf: "Well, there has been a substantially high number of... high percentage of attrition in auditors and collection positions."

Kosinski: "What happens to the rest of the people, if we don't pass this budget? Have they already been notified that they're going on board?"

Wolf: "Well, they get laid off then, I guess, if we don't pass this supplemental. I might point out, Mr. Kosinski, that, since the program has been in effect, we've already

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collected about a million and a half dollars in additional revenue to the State of Illinois. So, obviously, it certainly pays for itself. We're looking for a total supplemental of less than a million-three with the Amendment on there; and, if they've already collected over a million and a half since they started with this quickened pace of collections, it seems to me that it's a very good bargain at a time when the state is seriously looking and grasping for dollars. It seems to me like it's an excellent program and one which should merit the support of all the Members of this House."

Kosinski: "Well, very frankly, I take exception to that, too. I think it's three years late. I don't think this time, when people are going under, when there are more bankruptcies than ever in the history of Illinois, is the time to put on the pressure. It's three years late for that program, and I'm sure the last Revenue Director would agree with that. Now the people are feeling the squeeze. Now the small business is going under. What do we want to do, lose more tax bases? I take great exception to that approach. I think this is untimely. It's wrong, and you Republicans, on that side of the aisle, who think you're in favor of small business, who feel, possibly, that we should do something to generate tax bases and not decrease them; I think you'll be in error if you vote for this appropriation at this time. I'm very steamed about this, J. J.. I'm sorry you're caught in the middle of it, but it stinks."

Speaker Ryan: "Any further discussion? Gentleman from Cook... The Gentleman from Will, Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I seldom disagree with the last speaker; but, in this case, I think he's absolutely wrong and one of the other prior speakers who talked about adding people in at a time when

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the revenues of the state are declining. The exact opposite is the case here. I think Representative Wolf has pointed that out two or three times now, in questioning. This Bill is already... or the Department has already become cost-effective with those who are on board and in training. This Bill will provide for additional personnel; that each one of the collectors and inspectors and auditors that are put on board, at this time, will return five times, five times what they cost to put on board. Now, that's cost-effective, and we're not talking about harrasing bankrupts or harrasing the business community that's... that's under a lot of pressure at this time through the economic recession. We're talking about legitimately collecting legitimate taxes that are owed by the businesses of the State of Illinois. And, who can argue with paying legitimate taxes? Nobody can. We're all aware that money is falling through the cracks day after day after day in every segment of the underground economy, and yes, indeed, Ladies and Gentlemen, as things worsen, in every segment of the above-ground economy. This is a good cost-effective measure, and I sincerely recommend you vote an 'aye' vote. This can't hurt you and can only help the fiscal posture of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Ryan: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. An intriguing thing about this Bill, if I understand things correctly, is that this represents an increase in the staff of the Department of Revenue by 251 positions. That's 251 positions, not only in the middle of the Governor's hiring freeze, but at a time when we're being asked to cut expenditures everyplace across the board in the State of Illinois. Just this morning, in the

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Appropriations Committee, just this morning, in the Appropriations Committee, in the Subcommittee, the Governor recommended that funding for elementary and secondary education be reduced more than 100 million dollars, more than 100 million dollars below the bare bones request of Superintendent Gill. Wait till your people back home hear about that. Against that background, are you willing to fund 251 new positions in the State of Illinois, for any purpose, let alone fund them when 30% of the 120 field auditors will be in out-of-state revenue offices located in New Jersey, located in Dallas, Texas, located in Los Angeles, California and located in Cleveland, Ohio? If you're for improving the business climate and job opportunities in New Jersey, in Dallas, in Los Angeles and in Cleveland, vote for this Bill. If you're for doing something about the chronic and endemic problems we have in the State of Illinois, don't support this Bill. Defeat this Bill and let's have a little breathing room for some other program that is needed much, much more badly than this boondoggle for out-of-staters. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Ryan: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Wolf, to close."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. What we just witnessed here is a lot of nonsense coming from a few people on the other side of the aisle, and let me again just point out exactly what this does. This money is for auditors and revenue collection officers who are going out seeking to take money from tax cheaters. Now, the Gentleman from Macon, who just spoke a few minutes ago, complained about the low level of funding given for education. This isn't positions that cost us money. The Department estimates that these positions are going to bring in in excess of five million dollars in additional revenue, in

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additional revenue to the State of Illinois. What it really boils down to, when you knock away the smokescreen and the sawdust in here, is that this money, a lot of it in sales tax collections, has already been extracted from the pockets of the public. These are businesses which collected that sales tax, put the money in their cash register, took it away from your constituents and have been skimming off the top. So, if you're for tax cheaters and encouraging people to take the money from your constituents and not turn it in to the State of Illinois, then you vote against this. But, if you're for going out to the tax cheaters, the people who are ripping off the legal taxes, to which this state is entitled, that will bring money in so we can raise the level of funding for education for the visually handicapped center in the City of Chicago and all the other things your constituents are writing to you about; there's only one way to vote on this issue and that's 'yes'."

Speaker Ryan: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2204 pass?'."

All in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all opposed by voting 'no'. Representative Madigan, one minute, to explain your vote."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise to explain my 'no' vote on this appropriation. This effort, by the Thompson administration, is just an effort to put people on the payroll during an election year. As articulated by Representative Matijevich, the Minority Spokesman in the Committee, there was no mention made of these jobs during last spring's consideration of the appropriation for the Department of Revenue. There was no mention made during the Veto Session by the Department concerning these positions, and these hirings were made in November of 1981, after there had been no request made for

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the appropriation. Instances have been documented of purely political hirings; wives of the party committeemen in Boone County, relatives of party chairmen in other counties. This money is not needed. The Department has failed miserably to document the need for the appropriation, and I would recommend a 'no' vote."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Well, just to explain my vote, Mr. Speaker, to reiterate what this all boils down to. We hear this political hogwash out there. I've been around this political game for awhile. I've never seen an auditor yet that was a good precinct captain. So, I don't think there's any political advantage into hiring people to bring them in, in an election year. These people, as I've said, have already brought in an additional million and a half dollars this year, and the potential is to raise an additional five to six million dollars in additional revenue, which the tax cheaters have been skimming off the top. We're looking for dollars in this year's budget. We're fighting, desperately, trying to find additional dollars to fund education, mental health, special education and the various other things. This is a way of funding the positions which aren't costing us anything. They're actually bringing in. For every one of these field auditors out there, they're bringing in additional millions of dollars to the state, and I said, if you're for the tax cheaters, then vote 'no'; but, if you're for people collecting the money from these people who have been skimming money off the taxes, which have already been collected from your constituents, the only proper vote is a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Peters, one minute to explain your vote."

Peters: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I cast

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an 'aye' vote on this appropriation and urge the same for the Members of the General Assembly, because we all know exactly what is happening. There is an attempt to politicize the entire appropriation and budget process; the same thing that happened last Session. There's an attempt to indicate or make arguments, which certain individuals hope the press will then carry on to the people to make certain arguments, in regard to the record of the present administration, which we all well know has balanced the budget these last four years. It is my view that those kinds of arguments will fall on deaf ears, because we all know, those of us who are here, that come June 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th or 30th all of these appropriation budget Bills will pass when they all get put on the table, all get sorted out and everybody gets their little piece of the action. That's where it's going to be. So, if it passes now, we save ourselves a little grief and aggravation later on. They're all going to come back, and you and I know that, when the time is here to cut whatever deal has got to be cut, that will be cut. The appropriations will pass and, in the meantime, we're like a lot of actors mouthing our words, saying our pious lines, doing our thing here on the floor. The real action will be here in January."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any further discussion, explanation?"

Representative Kosinski, one minute to explain your vote."

Kosinski: "Mr. Speaker, in explanation of my 'present' vote, I know that that Department has to be funded. I'm not concerned with politicizing of this issue. That isn't my bag. What I'm concerned about is the logic about putting a hundred people on board when you don't have an appropriation, number one, and; number two, being three years too late and trying to squeeze out small business at a time that they're on the verge of bankruptcy. This is no

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time to put on the pressure. It should have been done three or four years ago. I think this whole thing is out of context. I think it's ridiculous. I object to it, strenuously."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman from Wayne, Representative Robbins, one minute to explain your vote."

Robbins: "In our area, this thing was done three or four years ago with the people that were hired down there. They were competent. They took after the people that weren't paying their taxes, and they have our area of the state in pretty good shape. It's too bad that the area that is voting red and the area that is voting yellow is an area that we really need more people to work. So that.. and this is where the most of the people that are collecting these taxes are working, and it is infusing extra money into your area of Chicago to hire these people up there to do the work. Let them collect their honest debts instead of making southern Illinois try to carry it all."

Speaker Ryan: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Leverenz. One minute, to explain your vote."

Leverenz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's unfortunate that the Governor of the state has put the Sponsor of this Bill in such a predicament and an embarrassment. It's far from political. The exemptions to the hiring freeze were provided by the Governor. He directed, I'm sure, Revenue to hire those people. This red vote or a yellow vote is a protest vote to the process by which we are being forced to appropriate something. I would suggest, if it gets 89 or more, that I'd like to verify it, and I make that request, Speaker. It's like writing a check without having money in the bank. Maybe they can be paid in 'kruggerands'."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, I just had a thought. I thought, rather

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than embarrass the Governor a little further on down the road where the Ethics Committee will say he has to replace that money from his election fund, he ought to just take it out of his election fund, because I think he's got more money in his election fund than our appropriation needs. And, to save him some embarrassment, I think he ought to just put them on his staff."

Speaker Ryan: "One minute for Representative Kulas, to explain his vote."

Kulas: "Mr. Speaker, Representative McAuliffe was excused today because of illness, but I presume he must be here in spirit, because he's voting on the board there."

Speaker Ryan: "Your point's well taken, Representative. Take Representative McAuliffe off the roll. He was excused today. The Gentleman from Hardin, Representative Winchester. One minute, to explain your vote."

Winchester: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's obvious that this Bill is becoming a political issue; political from the other side of the aisle, particularly those from the northeastern part of this state. The Bill was pretty well and thoroughly discussed in the Appropriations Committee, and a majority of people agreed that the additional employees that was being asked for and the appropriation of money for the additional employees for the Department of Revenue was a sound and good proposal. For months and months and years and years, those people in northeastern Illinois have not been paying their fair share of the sales tax. It's not being collected. This additional staff will see that that money is collected. It could mean additional millions of dollars to the General Revenue Fund for... for paying for education, for paying for the additional money for senior citizens that's been... that time and time again that side of the aisle keeps asking this side of the aisle to

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appropriate monies for. We need that money for road funds.

Everybody else in downstate Illinois has to... (cut off)..."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Telcser, one minute to explain your vote."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I think that the point has been well made by those Members explaining their votes in relation to their 'aye' votes. I simply think that it's quite unusual for the Minority Leader, in explanation of his vote, to wring his hands about politics. The Gentleman is a master of politics, and his words certainly ring hollow when he instructs his Members to vote 'no' on a Bill that will prevent tax cheating in Illinois and will help provide the revenue for other vital things, which we are trying to accomplish this Session."

Speaker Ryan: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 87 voting 'aye', 57 voting 'no', 19 voting 'present', and this Bill, having failed to receive a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared lost. House Bill 2211, Representative Wolf."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2211, a Bill for an Act..."

Speaker Ryan: "You want that Bill heard, Representative? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2211, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Public Aid, Department of Public Health, Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Wolf, on House Bill 2211."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is a

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grant and aid transfer which needs the approval of the General Assembly. It transfers 12,000 dollars in General Revenue Funds from the Department of Public Health's Medical Student Scholarship Program to the Dental Student Scholarship Program. This will equalize the monthly stipend or living expenses which are given to both medical and dental students participating in the program. There are 26 students this last year who received medical scholarships at the five Illinois schools and 11 students who received the dental scholarships at four schools. The total cost of the program for FY '82 was 368,700 dollars. This is a 12,000 dollar transfer, and I would ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any discussion? For the Members' information and for those of the press that are concerned, the TV light is on, but I understand it's burned out up here, but it is on. Is there any discussion on House Bill 2211? Representative Matijevich? Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2211 pass?'. All in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 166 voting 'aye', none voting 'no', none voting 'present', and this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2221, Representative Wolf."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2221, a Bill for an Act to amend an Act providing for the ordinary and contingent and distributive expenses of the Department of Corrections. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Assembly. House Bill 2221 transfers General Revenue Funds between the operational lines in the various divisions of the Department of Correction for the FY '82 appropriations. It

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started at 48,292.8...pardon me, 48,292,800 dollars. The line is the same, of course, because there is no change in dollar amount. It makes the following changes: 3.3% increase in general office; a 26.4% decrease in training academy contractual services; 2.7 decrease in the Joliet Correctional personal services; 2.4% decrease in the Statesville Correctional personal services; an increase in the Statesville Correctional contractual services of 10.9%; increase in the Menard Correctional contractual services of 12.3%; 1.9% increase in the Vandalia Correction personal services; the Graham Correctional personal services, a decrease of 1.9%... 1.6%; and the St. Charles Youth Training School, 9.5% increase; in the IYC DuPage contractual, a 56.6 increase. The hiring freeze imposed by the Governor has resulted in some unexpected personal services funds, in the various divisions, because of unfilled staff vacancies; and, since personal services are included from the 2% transfer authority, the General Assembly is necessary to transfer these funds to reallocate them to other line items. So, I would ask for your favorable support."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2221 pass?'. All in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 160 voting 'aye', none voting 'no', none voting 'present', and this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2441, Representative Wolf."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2441, a Bill for an Act to amend the Department of Children and Family Services Fiscal Year 1982 Appropriation Act. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

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Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2441 provides a supplemental appropriation of 3,834,500 dollars to the Department of Children and Family Services. Approximately, 3.6 million is from GRF and 216,700 dollars is from the U. S. Child Welfare Fund. Most of the increase is for foster care grants and grants to institutions and group homes. Also, amounts are transferred between various operation and grant lines. If there are any questions, I would defer to Representative Reilly, if he's on the floor, because he did the major work on this. Again, this is... It does transfer some funds between the various lines to reflect over and under spending in those particular lines, and it has appropriations from the U. S. Child Welfare Services Fund totaling about 216,700 dollars. These are federal FY '81's that DCFS did not expect to receive earlier in the budget process. It is sought and desired by the Department of Children and Family Services."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2441 pass?'. All in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 164 voting 'aye', none voting 'no', none voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2451, Representative Wolf."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2451, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could we have leave to have 2451 and 2452 heard together?"

Speaker Ryan: "The Gentleman asks leave to have House Bill 2451 and 2452 heard together. Are there objections? Hearing none, leave is granted. Proceed, Representative, on 2451

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and 2452."

Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2452, a Bill for an Act making appropriations and reappropriations to the Department of Transportation. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2451, as amended, and 2452 collectively transfer 2,820,000 dollars in Road Fund dollars in various operational line times to the Illinois Department of Transportation's FY '82 appropriation. As in the case of the previous Bills, the result is no net dollar change. These two Bills were necessary to enact the transfer since 2451 includes IDOT's fiscal '82 new appropriation and 2452 includes a reappropriation. House Bill 2451 was incorrectly introduced with a shortage of 86,000 dollars, and an Amendment adding the 86,000 dollars is necessary to bring the total transferred amount to 2,820,000 dollars. This legislation is needed because of the harsh winter experienced during the present fiscal year, and the large snowfalls and extended cold weather necessitated the Department to spend approximately seven million dollars more for snow and ice removal and salting that was budgeted last year. I would ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Ryan: "Is there any discussion? The question is, 'Shall House Bills 2451 and 2452 pass?'. All in favor will signify by voting 'aye', all opposed by voting 'no'. Representative Bower, 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On these questions there are 168 voting 'aye', none voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', and these Bills, having received a Constitutional Majority, are hereby declared passed. Representative Friedrich, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Friedrich: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to have leave to waive the

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posting rule on House Bill 2639 to be heard in Rules Committee this afternoon. It's been cleared by both sides of the aisle."

Speaker Ryan: "Are there any objections? Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Question of Mr. Friedrich."

Speaker Ryan: "He'll respond."

Friedrich: "Yes."

Madigan: "Who was the Sponsor of the Bill?"

Friedrich: "Representative Leinenweber."

Madigan: "I have agreed to that, Mr. Speaker."

Friedrich: "Pardon me?"

Madigan: "I have agreed to the Gentleman's Motion."

Friedrich: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Ryan: "That's exactly what Mr. Friedrich said."

Madigan: "Well, I was having difficulty identifying the Bill, Mr. Speaker. You've so dazzled me today that I've had problems."

Speaker Ryan: "There are no objections. Gentleman asks leave to suspend the appropriate posting rules to have the Bill heard today in Rules. Are there any objections? Hearing none, leave is granted."

Friedrich: "Mr. Speaker, it's the intention of the Rules Committee to hear those Bills that have been requested this afternoon, and the vote will not be taken until probably tomorrow. Thank you."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Telcser. Representative Madigan, do you seek recognition? Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, I now move the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 28th, 12:00, noon. If the Clerk needs any time, let him have whatever time is necessary."

Speaker Ryan: "Hold you Motion for a minute, will you? Introduction and First Reading of Bills."

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Clerk Leone: "House Bill 2639, Leinenweber, a Bill for an Act in relationship to the Abortion Amendment and to repeal certain Acts herein named. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2640, Saltsman -- et al, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of an Act to regulate granting assistance to the war veterans and their families. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2641, Kelly, a Bill for an Act to add Sections to the Criminal Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 2642, Yourell, a Bill for an Act to amend Sections of the Revenue Act. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Giorgi, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, just to remind the House that there's a reception this afternoon at Baur's Restaurant, after the Committee meetings, from 5:00 to 8:00 put on by the Illinois Arts Action Coalition. We'd like to see most of the Members of the General Assembly there. At Baur's, 5:00 to 8:00."

Matijevich: "Guests of Shirley Madigan."

Giorgi: "No, no. The Arts Council of Coalition."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wikoff, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Wikoff: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be a Cities and Villages Committee meeting at 2:00 in room 114. We've got four Bills and, if everybody's there promptly, we should be able to get out rather quickly."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Topinka, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Topinka: "Mr. Speaker, I would like permission to table my Bill, House Bill 2337."

Speaker Ryan: "Lady asks leave to table House Bill 2337. Are there any objections? Hearing none, leave is granted and the Bill will be tabled. If I could have your attention a

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minute, in the chamber I have a special introduction I'd like to make. At Mr. Madigan's... Representative Madigan's seat, is his lovely wife, Shirley. Shirley, would you say hello to the Members of the Illinois House? She is here seeking funds for the Illinois Arts Council. Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, I now move that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 28th, at the hour of 12:00, noon."

Speaker Ryan: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the House now stands adjourned until the hour of noon, tomorrow."