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Speaker Daniels: "The House will stand at ease until 11:30."

Speaker Ryan: "The House will be in order, and the Members will please be in their seats. Our Chaplain for today is Reverend Schultz from the Union Baptist Church of Springfield. Reverend Schultz."

Reverend Schultz: "Shall we pray? Dear God, Our Heavenly Father, for these brief moments we unite our hearts in prayer, may we feel Thy divine presence with us this day, for as You have promised, where two or three gather together in Thy name, You will be there. May these, Thy servants, be blessed this day with that assurance, as we're grateful to Thee, Dear Lord, for the opportunity to serve. Speak to us now, we pray, and may Thy spirit shed the light on our paths. May these, Thy servants, work this day as a fiend for the welfare of all. Give courage to withstand the pressure of the selfish, so that Thy kingdom will come to this earth. We pray now, in the name of our Father, Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Speaker Ryan: "Thank you, Reverend. Representative Davis will lead the Pledge."

Davis 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 165 Members answering the Roll, a quorum of the House is present. Messages from the Senate."

Clerk Leone: "Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, ..."

Speaker Ryan: "Just a minute, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Telcser, do you have any excused absences today?"

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, could the record show that Representative Ebbesen is absent because of a medical problem,

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Representative McBroom is absent because of illness in the family, Representative Topinka because of illness in the family, Representative Stearney because of illness?"

Speaker Ryan: "Will somebody take Representative...Mr. Clerk, take Representative Topinka off the Roll. How about the Minority side? Now, are all you fellows going to operate illegally from the impro...from Mad...Getty's seat? We'll let you do it this time, Representative, but...Representative Greiman at Representative Getty's chair."

Greiman: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, for the courtesy extended. Representative Getty is excused for official business, and Representative Schraeder will be absent today. Thank you."

Speaker Ryan: "And what happened to Representative Cullerton, just out of curiosity."

Greiman: "I'm not..."

Speaker Ryan: "No, that's all right. You don't have to answer that, Representative."

Greiman: "I'm not my brother's keeper."

Speaker Ryan: "Let the record show that Representative Barnes is absent because of illness, and take her off the Roll Call, would you, Mr. Clerk? Messages from the Senate."

Clerk Leone: "Messages from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit; Senate Joint Resolution 90, adopted by the Senate May 7, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the...that the Senate has adopted the

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following Senate Joint Resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit; Senate Joint Resolution #88, adopted by the Senate May 7, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has passed Bills of the following title, and passage of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit; Senate Bills 1305, 1369, 1384, 1388, 1488, 1491, 1532, 1533, 1575, 1672, passed by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred in the House in the adoption of their Amendments to the Bills of the following titles: Senate Bill 730 together with House Amendment #1 and House Amendment #3, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the Amendment to a Bill with the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 647 together with House Amendment #1, action taken May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred in the House in the adoption of their Amendments to Bills of the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 250 together with House Amendment #2 and House Amendment #4, action taken May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate

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has refused to concur with the House in adoption of their Amendments to a Bill of the following title to wit; Senate Bill 423, which Am...to which Amendments are as follows: House Amendment #1 and House Amendment #2, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has refused to concur with the House in adoption of their Amendments to Bills of the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 623 with Amendments are as follows: House Amendment #1 and House Amendment #2, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has refused to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments to Bills of the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 740 to which Amendments are as follows: House Amendment #1 and House Amendment #2, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary.. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has refused to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments to Bills of the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 1028 to which Amendments are as follows: House Amendment #1 and House Amendment #2, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.' A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has concurred with the House in adoption of their Amendments to the Bills of the following titles to wit; Senate Bill 1077 together with House Amendment #1, action taken by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright,

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Secretary.* A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has refused to recede from their Amendment #2, the Bill of the following title to wit; House Bill 654. I am further directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate requests a First Conference Committee Report to consist of five Members of each House to consider the differences of the two Houses in regards to the Amendments to the Bill, and that the Committee on Committees of the Senate has appointed such Committee as part of the Senate, action take by the Senate May 6, 1982. Kenneth Wright, Secretary.'" "

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Would the Clerk please read the Resolution?"

Clerk Leone: "Senate Joint Resolution 90, resolved by the Senate of the 82nd General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, May 7, 1982, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 11, 1982 at 12:00 noon; and, when the House of Representatives adjourns on Friday, May 7, 1982, it stands adjourned until Monday, May 10, 1982 at 10:00. Adopted by the Senate May 6, 1982...May 7."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, I offer and move the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 90."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate...Joint Senate Resolution #90. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Resolution is adopted. Further Resolutions."

Clerk Leone: "No further Resolutions."

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

Friedrich: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for a 30 minute

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recess for a Republican Conference in 114 immediately."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Greiman, do you want to have a Rep...or Democrat Conference? The House will stand adjourned until the hour of...or recessed until the hour of 12:30 for the purposes of a Republican Conference. Representative Greiman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Greiman: "Mr. Speaker, in reconsidering it, we will have a Democratic Conference in room 114...118, if we might."

Speaker Ryan: "Certainly."

Greiman: "Thank you."

Speaker Ryan: "We'll return to the chamber at 12:30. The House stands in recess until the hour of 12:30. The House will be in order and the Members will please be in their seats. Representative Wolf, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Mr. Speaker, I would...for the purpose of a Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed."

Wolf, J. J.: "I move to you, Mr. Speaker, to take House Bill 2204 from the table."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Question of the chair. Is that Motion shown on the Calendar?"

Speaker Ryan: "No, it's not on the Calendar. No, it's not. Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "I raise a point of order. If the Motion is not shown on the Calendar, is the Motion in order?"

Speaker Ryan: "I didn't hear your question."

Madigan: "If the Motion is not shown on the Calendar, therefore, is the Motion of Mr. Wolf in order?"

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf, J. J.: "Yes, I'm...Let me rephrase that Motion, Mr.

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Speaker. I move to suspend the provisions of room 63A...Rule 63(a), so that I may take House Bill 2204 from the table."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, a question of the Chair, and then I would like to address the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed, Representative."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, may I raise a further point of order? On Rule 63, reads, 'A Motion to take from the table shall not be taken up until it appears on the daily Calendar. Motions to take from the table may be filed with the Clerk at any time and shall appear on the daily Calendar on the next Legislative Day.' It appears, Mr. Speaker, that...it appears that to suspend that Section of the Rule, it would require 107 votes. And that is my question to the Chair, Mr. Speaker. Would this require 107 votes?"

Speaker Ryan: "Yes. That's pursuant to Rule 63D. That's right, Representative."

Madigan: "Then, Mr. Speaker, I would like to address myself to the Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf, for what purpose do you rise?"

Wolf, J. J.: "The point's been made, but I was about to point out 63D. Let the Gentleman proceed, please."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed, Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion. I presume that the Gentleman wishes to take this Bill from the table and then to offer an Amendment which would carry an appropriation for revenue collectors in the Department of Revenue and, also, for a transfer in the Department of Public Aid to meet the state's obligation to certain welfare recipients in the general assistance category. If that action were to be taken today, it would

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require that the Bill be sent to the Senate, which has already adjourned and which will not return until Tuesday. Therefore, the Bill could not be read on First Reading until Tuesday. It would require Second and Third Readings, at the earliest, on Wednesday and Thursday. Therefore, this clearly would not be an expeditious manner in which to provide for the appropriation to the Department of Public Aid. There is an easier and more expeditious manner available. There is a House Bill in the Senate, sponsored by Senator Schaffer. Senator Rock offered an Amendment to that Bill today that would accomplish this purpose. When the Senate returns on Tuesday, that Bill can be called. The Amendment can be adopted, and then we can move to concur in that Amendment on Tuesday; and, therefore, we would be able to provide the appropriation to the Department of Aid on Tuesday. I wish to offer, further, that I have been advised by the Deputy Comptroller of the State of Illinois that, in his judgement, there is sufficient money in the general assistance account to meet whatever obligations are due and owing today and through next Tuesday."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, let me first say I was delighted to hear that the Minority Leader did not express any real opposition to the notion that we ought to fund the necessary dollars to provide for the 700 and some odd auditors and employees in the Department of Revenue so that we can continue to collect the necessary money to fund State Government. One of...One of those functions being to provide public aid dollars. I would say, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, however, that Senator Rock has adjourned the Senate. That's beyond our control. Each and every one of us has been elected to do what we believe to

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be the right thing for those whom we represent. We are still in Session, and if we act today, as I believe we should, we will be saving precious time so that 95,000 some odd citizens of Illinois can receive the checks, which they depend upon so much, simply to live day to day. If we must delay the action by even one day, let alone longer, it is those citizens most of whom, by the way, live in the county from which the Minority Leader and I come from, those citizens will suffer undue hardship. Now, in regard to the Gentleman's remarks about the Comptroller stating that we have enough money. It is our opinion that the money does not exist in the state's General Revenue Fund, at the present time, in order to meet those obligations which we have to those Illinois citizens. And I would hate to see this Assembly, no matter what side of the aisle we sit on, have to get into the middle of that debate; because, I don't know who's wrong, and I don't know who's right, whether it's the Bureau of the Budget or Mr. Burris' office. But if he is wrong, it will be he, Mr. Burris, the Comptroller, and those Members who refuse to act today, who will have to bear the responsibility of causing that hardship to Illinois citizens. So, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, let me reiterate. First, my appreciation to the Minority Leader for not setting forth his opposition to funding those 700 some odd revenue agents. And I implore the Members of the House to help us provide the necessary 107 votes to take this Bill from the table, so that we may amend it and pass it, so that the moment the Senate returns they can begin action on this very, very important piece of legislation. It's our obligation. It's our responsibility, and it will simply take 107 votes. There are a number of Members absent today on both sides of the aisle. So, clearly, clearly, in the face of absences due

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to illness or other reasons, this must be a bipartisan effort, and I think we ought to act in a bipartisan way. I feel confident that there are enough Members in this chamber, on both sides of the aisle. I certainly know that to be true, in my heart, on our side, who want to discharge their responsibilities and go home this weekend and enjoy it with our families."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, in response to remarks of the Majority Leader, I stand in opposition to the appropriation to the Department of Revenue for the revenue collectors. I have not changed my position. If an Amendment or a Bill is offered which combines the appropriation to the Department of Revenue with the appropriation to the Department of Public Aid, then I shall stand in opposition to that Amendment or that Bill. I don't believe that we should leverage welfare recipients against patronage workers."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf."

Wolf, J. J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Well, first of all, let me clarify a few things. The distinguished Minority Leader said we had filed some Amendments pertaining to revenue collection officers. That is not the case. The only Amendment filed is on the matter of public aid recipients. And, of course, the intention was to amend this Bill to address the emergency situation that now exists in...in public assistance. We...As was pointed out, the Senate has failed to act on a Bill to provide add...additional funding for the General Assistance Program to the Department of Public Aid, and the fact of the matter is that an additional 19.7 million dollars must be provided. If not, I think the number is about 103 thousand persons in Chicago may not receive their general assistance payments. Now, while it's true that last week's checks were written, the

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fact of the matter is the checks that will be written Monday or Tuesday cannot and will not be written without the specific authorization of this General Assembly. Now, the checks will continue to be printed, but will be held by the Comptroller starting on May 11th until sufficient funding has been acquired. Now, the first impact will be on the checks that are scheduled to be received the week of May 17th for the Chicago general assistance recipients. Of course, there is a smaller number of downstates which will not be immediately effected. On December 28, 1981, a U. S. District Court ruled that the Department of Public Aid had improperly included food stamp benefits in the final grant calculation. Their two-tiered flat grant system, they claim, was unfair, and the assistance level was too low. Now, the court has, since that time, ruled that a single flat grant of 162 dollars a month would be paid to all Chicago general assistance recipients. The rate has been paid by the Department of Public Aid despite the number of appeals that have been aimed at lowering that particular grant level. This Amendment covers the 162 dollars a month rate paid for March and April and will fund 144 dollars a month grant for May and June, as the Department believes the next appeal will, undoubtedly, be successful. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I believe that there is an emergency that exists here. I believe that the 103,000 people who will be waiting for their general assistance checks to buy their food, to pay their rent, to pay their utilities and other necessities of life is necessary, and I would say this is not a partisan matter. It is certainly a bipartisan matter which should be addressed, not only by the Republican Members of this House, but by the Democrats as well. And I would ask the support of all fair-minded Members of this Assembly."

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Speaker Ryan: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House, let us go back and discuss why we're even here discussing a Motion on this Bill. The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, himself, decided to let this Bill go down where it now sits on the table. I didn't make that decision. He made that decision. He could have put that Bill on the matter of Postponed Consideration. To use this vehicle as a Bill, to play with the lives of poor people, is really a political joke. You know, I've seen both Reagan and Thompson play Pac-Man politics with the poor and the disadvantaged and the handicapped. That's all you're doing. You're eating up the poor people. Now, let's face the real fact. The fact of the matter is that patronage means so much to you that you use a Bill in the Senate and try to strike a deal; that the only way that the public aid recipients are going to be paid is if that you can put Republican workers to work in the Department of Revenue. You already have 3,000 employees in the Department of Revenue, and all you're doing is screwing up daily with the Department. You screwed up with the matter of the miscalculation of the sales tax exemption on machinery. You did that royally. You delayed the Circuit Breaker. Now it's starting to hurt, Jake. You delayed the Circuit Breaker payments. You...You not only did that, the income tax refunds. On a federal level, the tax cheaters are getting away. That's why..."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Wolf, for what purpose do you rise?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Mot...The Motion before this is to take from the table. I think we're getting a little far afield, and I would ask that the Gentleman confine his remarks to the issue at hand."

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Speaker Ryan: "Your point's well taken, Representative. Would you confine your remarks, Representative Matijevich?"

Matijevich: "The point is that we are in an emergency Session. You are declaring this an emergency. The Minority Leader has already said that information from the...from the Comptrollers Office is that the poor are going to be paid. You are trying to develop an emergency. You know, we're in an emergency Session. Look in the Calendar at Third Reading. You have over 100 Bills that are Republican Bills. We've got Democratic Members who have been told, 'If you want that Bill to be considered, get your name off. Then it may be an emergency.' Who the hell's kidding who? The Speaker is screwing up the whole Session in declaring what's an emergency and what's not. Now you're trying to play politics with the poor people. If we're going to be here Monday, I think the Speaker really is ashamed to go out there and to campaign before the public. He's got an excuse that he doesn't have to campaign, because he's in Springfield. We don't even have an emergency, but he wants to be here rather than face the public. I'm telling you, this is the worst Session I've been in in all of my time, because of the way it's operated. Now you want to make an emergency that hasn't even been developed, because you want to put patronage people to work. That's the whole issue. Now, we are a two-House Session, a...a Senate and a House. And the fact of the matter is that, if this Bill got off the table, no matter what you wanted to put on it, it won't pass until we have three more days over there. There is a vehicle over there that can be done Tuesday, real quick; but, no, you want your revenue collectors. We already have documented that we have the Secretary of the Boone Central Republican Committee whose husband has been hired. All you have to have is a high school education, and you're a

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revenue collector. You've already done a lousy job in collecting revenue...revenues. Now, not only that, Jake, and you know it. You were Chairman of the Appropriations last year. You know that the Department of Revenue was asked, the administration was asked, 'Do you want to implement this tax improvement program?'. And they said, 'No, we want to keep the level of funding within our Department that we have now'. So they refused. We were here in November in a Veto Session. Again, did they come forward for revenue collectors? No, they didn't. No, but at the eve, now you want to tie it up with poor people. Who are you kidding? The poor...The poor are going to be paid from all the evidence we have. And even if your Motion is successful, they will not be paid any more ex...expeditious...expeditiously, if you would only, only take away that other plan that you've got of playing politics with it. So, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I would urge the Members to vote against this Motion. It's the silliest, as I said, Pac-Man politics against the poor that I've ever seen here."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Conti."

Conti: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm going to rise on a point of order. I wasn't going to reply to the previous...the last speaker, but I just want to remind him that the last month, before Dixon went to the United States Senate, he had a good Bill here that would help and code some 2600 employees in the State of Illinois, and the Republican Party wasn't looking at fat cats or patronage. We felt it was good for the people in the State of Illinois that these people come under the Personnel Code, and we supplied them Republican votes to code some 2600 people. Now, I ask to the Minority Leader, I can't speak for my colleagues, DiPrima and Doyle, but of the

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100,000 people that will be receiving checks, some 22 percent of those we represent, not in this new district that you gave me, Mr. Minority Leader, but in the district that I am in now. Twenty-two percent of those people in my district will be receiving those checks. Now, when you're calling these revenue collectors patronage people, let me tell you what these revenue collectors will be doing. They'll be collecting 15 million dollars a month, Mr. Minority Leader. Fifteen million dollars a month, of which 12 million will go to the state to help pay some of these checks, and three million dollars a month will go to the fifth floor in other local governments in the State of Illinois. Let's forget about patronage cats. Every time the Republican Party has a good Bill, we are patronage cats and we're trying to put people on the patronage rolls. Twenty-six hundred people in the State of Illinois going to the Secretary of State's Office, was not considered patronage, was it? I say, let's quit clowning around. Let's give the State of Illinois the revenue collector it needs, so that they can collect this 15 million dollars a month, so we can get on with the state's business and finances."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Bowman, on the Motion."

Bowman: "Mr. Speaker, I rise to respond to the last point, which I presume was also on the Motion. What he did not tell you is that those revenue collectors begun to be hired in January of this year. What it as early as November? Those revenue collectors have been hired. The Governor did not come to us to ask authorization until only recently. He hired those revenue collectors without having an appropriation to hire them. And we should not, at this point, for a very narrow political purpose, pull his chestnuts out of the fire. He hired those revenue

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collectors in contravention of the law without an adequate appropriation. Furthermore, the Comptroller has assured us that there is, in fact, money in the account to make the payments on time. We should not link a political objective of hiring revenue collectors or sanctioning the illegal hiring of revenue collectors with paying a public aid appropriation when there is not, now, the need to do it. We can come back next week, take care of the public aid appropriation properly and let the Governor get rid of those revenue collectors and then come back to us and have it done the right way."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I...I'm really amazed to hear the past two speakers from the other side of the aisle playing politics with the collection of taxes in the State of Illinois. When you stop to think that these two Gentlemen rank very high in the list of big spenders in this state, the one Gentlemen from Lake is the number one big spender. He has voted for every appropriation for the last 16 years that I can think of. And if we hadn't had these kind of appropriations that he was voting for, we probably wouldn't need to collect as many taxes as we do today. But the fact remains that these taxes are owed. We're not imposing any new taxes. These are tax cheaters that you don't want us to go after. And to play politics with these tax cheaters, you are willing to gamble with the poor of the...of the State of Illinois, the very poor that you say you stand for. I've listened to your speeches for 16 years about taking care of the poor people, about spending more money for the poor people, and now you're the very ones turning your backs on those poor. You all ought to be ashamed of yourself. It's a...It is a shame. You ought to be ashamed

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of yourselves, and it hurts now, too, doesn't it, John?
Shame on you, shame."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Breslin. Little order in the
chamber. Order in the chamber. Representative Breslin.
Representative Breslin. No, your name wasn't mentioned in
debate. Representative Breslin."

Breslin: "Can I yield to Representative Matijeich? But I have a
question to ask."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Breslin."

Breslin: "Can I yield to Representative Matijeich?"

Speaker Ryan: "The Gentleman has already spoken once in debate.
If you want to speak, Representative Breslin, proceed. Did
you care to address the Assembly, Representative?"

Breslin: "I did, but I choose now to yield my time to
Representative Matijeich."

Speaker Ryan: "Well, you can't Representative. You can't yield
your...because the Gentleman has already spoken. There's
been intervening speakers, and the rules provide that you
can't yield your time. Had he been on the floor you could
have done that. Do you care to speak, Representative?
Proceed."

Breslin: "If that is your ruling. If that is your...If that is
your ruling, I just have a simple question of the maker of
the Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed."

Breslin: "Representative, did I understand your opening remarks
to indicate that the Circuit Court ruling applied only to
Cook County, and that the increase in general assistance to
162 dollars would only apply to those people that live in
Cook County, or will it apply to all people nationwide?
I...or statewide? I also noticed that any, in your figure
of the number of people who were general assistance
recipients, that it was...it referred only to those people

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in Cook County. Does it apply to all of us or just to..."

Wolf, J. J.: "The Court order specifically stated that they should raise the assistance level to 162 dollars a month for the City of Chicago."

Breslin: "And what is your proposal to do on a state-wide level?"

Wolf, J. J.: "What they're attempting to do is to make the level. There are some appeals going now, to make it an even 144 a month grant for May and June, because the Department believes that appeal will be successful."

Breslin: "But, in any case, there will be no move to pay general assistance recipients more in Cook County than in East St. Louis. Is that correct?"

Wolf, J. J.: "East St. Louis, I understand, sets its own grant level and will be slightly under that amount."

Breslin: "Okay, what about...What about Joliet and Rockford and..."

Wolf, J. J.: "All downstate counties set their own."

Breslin: "And we will be...We will be under that amount. Is that correct?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Yes. Generally, downstate is generally under that amount that is paid in Chicago."

Breslin: "Are there any that are at that amount or over that amount?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Not to my knowledge."

Breslin: "Why are they different?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Okay. The...I'm advised that the grant level in the City of Chicago is set by the General Assembly and that downstate sets their own, and they are generally under that amount that we pay."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Breslin, I'd like to point out that your remarks should be reserved for when this Bill gets to Third Reading. Your questioning. You should be on the Motion."

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Breslin: "Okay. Thank you, very much."

Wolf, J. J.: "I think the previous Mayor of Chicago made a good deal."

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

Vinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just stand to recite a couple of interesting facts. I noticed yesterday, in Appropriations Committee, that Representative Bowman voted for 207 patronage employees in the Department of Transportation, and then after that he voted to take 37 million dollars out of the General Revenue Fund and put that into the Road Program. Today he denies assistance to poor people in need. He's turning his back on his constituency. He's turning his back on the people who need help, who we are here obligated to help. And I, like Mr. Collins, would say, 'Shame, Mr. Bowman, shame on you. It's time for you to remember, Mr. Bowman, your responsibilities, your duties, the people that sent you down here, and to deliver the goods that they need.'"

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Bowman."

Bowman: "Mr. Speaker, I think the Gentleman from DeWitt, whose name I shall not mention in debate..."

Speaker Ryan: "Goodie."

Bowman: "...overlooked the central point of my remarks. My point is that the Governor has broken the law by hiring people without authorization from the General Assembly, without an appropriation from the General Assembly. The Governor broke the law. He should fire those people, and then come back to us and ask us for an appropriation, and then to hire them the right way. I do not want to take bread out of the mouths of anybody, but neither do I wish to see the Governor of this state be a law breaker. He has had enough trouble with his own campaign accounts. He has had enough

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trouble..."

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

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, to correct the Gentleman, he is saying things which aren't true. I think he knows it. The Governor did not break the law. He is within his right, pursuant to the law, to hire employees and then come back to us and get the appropriation, as long as he lives within the parameters of the amount of money appropriated to the agency. So the Gentleman from Cook, is wrong, and he is turning his back on his constituency."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Dunn. John Dunn."

Dunn, John: "First of all, Mr. Speaker, I do not rise for the purpose of any Motion; and, secondly, I have a question of the Sponsor on this...on this..."

Speaker Ryan: "On the Motion?"

Dunn, John: "On the Motion, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed."

Dunn, John: "The question simply is, we're all sparring around here. I wonder if the Sponsor will commit himself, if this Motion passes, to present an Amendment which will put the Bill in such a posture that it will address the general assistance question only, and amend out of the Bill the revenue collectors. There is an Amendment lying on our desks which, of course, leaves the revenue collectors in, and I think that's the focus of all this controversy. If we could have a commitment that we would be dealing only with the general assistance problem, I think we can move right along here. I wonder if the Sponsor will give us that commitment and provide such an Amendment."

Wolf, J. J.: "Well, the Amendment that we propose to place on House Bill 2204 only addresses itself to the problem of the checks. Of course, the revenue aspects are already

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contained in that particular Bill."

Dunn, John: "That is exactly the point. Will you commit yourself to amend the revenue collectors out of this Bill and put the Bill in such a posture that it addressess only the general assistance question?"

Wolf, J. J.: "Well, Sir, at this particular stage of the game, the Motion before this House is to take the Bill from the table for the purpose of an Amendment, and I think we will cross that bridge when we come to it."

Dunn, John: "Well, I think, Mr. Speaker, then to the Motion. It is clear that there has been a decision made to drive the wedge against the poor, in order to obtain funding for the revenue collectors. Now, we always fund State Government here in the General Assembly, and we've done it forever, and we'll do it again this year. So, that can't be the issue. The issue is revenue collectors. The other side of the aisle is unwilling to address this problem of general assistance by itself. They want to tag on a rider that will be to their own benefit, to their own good fortune, and they want to extract that good fortune from the taxpayers of the State of Illinois, at the risk of jeopardizing food on the table for the poor. I think we should just simply defeat this Amendment and force the issue up to the top the way it should be, for general assistance only, and that, of course, can be done."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Kelley. Jim Kelley, the Gentleman from Winnebago."

Kelley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I only wanted to point out to the Body that the Gentleman from Lake County, who spoke previously, I think, maybe misspoke it. He mentioned that the Boone County Republican Chairman had one of these jobs. This Gentleman's a friend of mine. He doesn't work for the Department of Revenue."

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Speaker Ryan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I want to correct a misstatement by the Sponsor of the Motion. He suggested that the 162 dollar benefit per individual per month is an increase, would represent an increase in spending in the G.A. Program. That is factually inaccurate. The 162 level was arrived at by the Court as the average of payments made in the G.A. program in fiscal...in...I'm sorry, in Calendar Year 1981, the last month, December. So, when we talk about 162 per recipient per month, we're talking about a commitment this Legislature made to people who are on general assistance, a commitment we made in the last fiscal year and in the fiscal year before that. As I understand the Sponsor of the Motion, his intention is to offer an Amendment that would leave this program seriously underfunded. We're not talking about saving the General Assistance Program if we vote for his Motion on House Bill 2204. We're talking about leaving the poor people who are on the General Assistance Program without the dollars they need to survive during the months of May and June. We're talking about telling people, who have rent bills of 175, food bills, clothing needs, medical requirements. We're telling them all they get is 144 dollars per month. I might be willing to support this Motion if we were talking about full, adequate funding for the General Assistance Program, but that's clearly not the intention of the present administration. The Governor of this state is playing political brinkmanship with the needs of the poor people, not only in Cook County, but all over the State of Illinois. This issue, the issue of funding the General Assistance Program so the checks can go out next week could easily have been resolved in the Senate yesterday. The

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President of the Senate was prepared to offer an Amendment to an appropriations Bill that had nothing to do with revenue agents, nothing to do with the Governor's patronage workers. The holder of that Bill, a Republican, was not prepared to move it, because the Governor doesn't want these issues separated. He wants to hold the poor people at the brink. He wants to make the Democrats, who care about poor folks, feel that the only way we can meet our responsibilities is if we're willing to give him the patronage workers he needs in an election year. There is a better way, Representative Wolf. There is a Bill on Third Reading which can be returned to Second, an appropriations Bill in this House. At that point, we can address separately, as they should be addressed, the two separate issues - whether we need to have more auditors to collect more taxes, and whether we're prepared to meet our responsibilities to fund fully the General Assistance Program so that the poor folks in the State of Illinois can make it through the rest of May and the rest of June. I urge a 'no' vote on Representative Wolf's Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Friedrich, the Gentleman from Marion."

Friedrich: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I wish you'd ask those who want to be recognized to stick to the order we're on, on the Motion. Representative Dunn and others have wanted to talk about the Bill. There has been an Amendment proposed, #2. If they want to vote against that, that will certainly be their privilege. If they want to offer another Amendment, that's their privilege, but it's mute unless this Motion that Representative Wolf has passes. So I think...I wish you would ask them to confine their remarks to the Motion."

Speaker Ryan: "Your point is well taken, Representative. Representative Darrow."

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Darrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman moves the previous question. All in favor will signify by saying 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Gentleman's Motion prevails. Representative Wolf, to close on your Motion."

Wolf, J. J.: "Well, thank you Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. We've been treated, once again, to a number of political harangues here this morning and getting off on a number of other tangents. Fact of the matter, the issue before us now is to take a Bill from the table for the intention of placing an Amendment upon that Bill, which would provide the money for the general assistance checks to be paid to those recipients who are desperately in need of getting that. I would submit, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, we're all getting our checks at the end of each month. I think we should have some compassion for those people who may have a week or two's delay, or possibly more, in getting their general assistance checks so they can have food in their mouths and take care of the necessities of life. Just to reiterate once more, the amounts that are due Monday, yes, the Comptroller has been issuing checks for the money for which he has. There is 1.1 million dollars due Monday. There is only about 900,000 dollars left. There is insufficient amount of dollars, and the checks which must be written Monday or Tuesday, let me repeat, may not, may not legally be written without the authorization of this General Assembly. And people were talking about law-breakers. Nobody wants to place the Comptroller in the position of violating the law. And I would ask, Mr. Speaker, for an Oral Verified Roll Call on this question."

Speaker Ryan: "All right. All the Members will please be in their seats. All unauthorized people off the floor. The

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Gentleman has requested an Oral Verified Roll Call.
Representative Getty. Representative Greiman, you going to
violate the rules again?"

Greiman: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Ryan: "All right. Proceed."

Greiman: "A question...Procedural question. Is it my
understanding that we are not voting to take from the
table. Is that correct, Mr. Speaker? We are voting,
instead, to suspend Rule 63(a). Is that right?"

Speaker Ryan: "We're...We're voting to suspend the rules,
Representative. Rule 63(a), I believe it is."

Greiman: "Well...What...Pursuant to 63(d), we are voting to
suspend 63(a). We are not voting to take it from the table
at this time. Is that right?"

Speaker Ryan: "We're voting to suspend the rules. That's
correct."

Greiman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Conti: "Mr. Speaker, the fact that we're going into Verifi...a
Verified Roll Call, we have a large class, the 6th grade
class of 'Arova' School, accompanied by their teachers,
Mrs. Davis, Mrs. 'Sonnenberger', Mrs. 'Nolan', Mrs.
'Coslan'. They're represented by Neff, McMaster and
McGrew, in the back of the aisle. Let's welcome them."

Speaker Ryan: "Welcome to the Illinois House. You picked a good
day to visit. Call the roll, Mr. Clerk. The Clerk has
requested that, as your name is called, you answer the roll
and punch the button. Proceed."

Clerk Leone: "Abramson. Abramson passes. Ackerman. Ackerman
votes 'aye'. Alexander. Alexander passes. Alstat.
Alstat votes 'aye'. Balanoff. Balanoff passes.
Barkhausen. Barkhausen votes 'aye'. Barnes. Barnes

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passes...absent. Barr. Barr votes 'aye'. Bartulis.
Bartulis votes 'aye'. Beatty. Beatty votes 'present'.
Bell. Bell votes 'aye'. Bianco. Bianco votes 'aye'.
Birkinbine. Birkinbine votes 'aye'. Boucek. Boucek votes
'aye'. Bower. Bower votes 'aye'. Bowman. Bowman votes
'no'. Bradley. Bradley votes 'present'. Braun. Braun
passes. Breslin. Breslin votes 'present'. Brummer.
Brummer votes 'no'. Bullock. Bullock passes. Capparelli.
Capparelli passes. Carey. Carey votes 'no'. Catania.
Catania votes 'aye'. Chapman. Chapman votes 'no'.
Christensen. Christensen votes 'present'. Collins.
Collins votes 'aye'. Conti. Conti votes 'aye'.
Cullerton. Cullerton passes. Currie. Currie votes 'no'.
Daniels. Daniels votes 'aye'. Darrow. Darrow votes
'present'. Davis. Davis votes 'aye'. Deuchler. Deuchler
votes 'aye'. Deuster. Deuster passes. DiPrima. DiPrima
passes. Domico. Domico passes. Donovan. Donovan passes.
Doyle. Doyle votes 'present'. Jack Dunn. Jack Dunn votes
'aye'. John Dunn. John Dunn votes 'no'. Ralph Dunn.
Ralph Dunn votes 'aye'. Ebbesen. Ebbesen passes. Epton.
Epton votes 'aye'. Ewell. Ewell passes. Ewing. Ewing
votes 'aye'. Farley. Farley passes. Fawell. Fawell
votes 'aye'. Findley. Findley votes 'aye'. Flinn. Flinn
passes. Virginia Frederick. Virginia Frederick votes
'aye'. Dwight Friedrich. Dwight Friedrich votes 'aye'.
Garmisa. Garmisa passes. Getty. Getty passes. Giglio.
Giglio votes 'present'. Giorgi. Giorgi votes 'no'.
Greiman. Greiman votes 'no'. Griffin. Griffin votes
'aye'. Grossi. Grossi votes 'aye'. Hallock. Hallock
votes 'aye'. Hallstrom. Hallstrom votes 'aye'. Hanahan.
Hanahan passes. Hannig. Hannig votes 'no'. Hastert.
Hastert votes 'aye'. Henry. Henry passes. Hoffman.
Hoffman passes. Hoxsey. Hoxsey votes 'aye'. Hudson.

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Hudson votes 'aye'. Huff. Huff passes. Huskey. Huskey votes 'aye'. Jackson. Jackson votes 'present'. Jaffe. Jaffe votes 'no'. Johnson. Johnson passes. Jones. Jones passes. Kane. Kane votes 'no'. Karpiel. Karpiel votes 'aye'. Katz. Katz passes. Keane. Keane votes 'present'. Jim Kelley. Jim Kelley votes 'aye'. Dick Kelly. Dick Kelly votes 'no'. Klemm. Klemm votes 'aye'. Kociolko. Kociolko votes 'aye'. Koehler. Koehler votes 'aye'. Kornowicz. Kornowicz votes 'no'. Kosinski. Kosinski votes 'no'. Krska. Krska votes 'no'. Kucharski. Kucharski votes 'aye'. Kulas. Kulas votes 'no'. Kustra. Kustra votes 'aye'. LaHood. LaHood votes 'aye'. Laurino. Laurino passes. Lechowicz. Lechowicz votes 'present'. Leinenweber. Leinenweber votes 'aye'. Leon. Leon votes 'no'. Leverenz. Leverenz votes 'no'. Levin. Levin votes 'no'. Loftus. Loftus votes 'no'. Macdonald. Macdonald votes 'aye'. Madigan. Madigan votes 'no'. Margalus. Margalus votes 'aye'. Martire. Martire passes. Matijevich. Matijevich votes 'no'. Mautino. Mautino..."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Mautino, to explain your vote. One minute."

Mautino: "On the Motion. On the Motion, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The additional 251 people included in this proposal, 2204, leaves an awful lot to be desired, since 60 percent of those employees will be in the Chicago metropolitan area, about 10 percent downstate, which is less than what the State of New Jersey will receive under this proposal. I...Just to make mention of the fact, to the Members of this House, New Jersey's going to receive 23 of these employees; Dallas, Texas, 11; Los Angeles, 8; and Cleveland, 7. I think this is a proposal that is not acceptable to those of us in central and downstate Illinois and certainly doesn't warrant an 'aye'

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vote. I vote 'no'."

Clerk Leone: "Mautino votes 'no'. Mays. Mays votes 'aye'. McAuliffe. McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McBroom. McBroom passes. McClain. McClain votes 'no'. McCormick. McCormick votes 'aye'. McGrew. McGrew passes. McMaster. McMaster votes 'aye'. McPike. McPike votes 'no'. Roland Meyer. Roland Meyer votes 'aye'. Ted Meyer. Ted Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller. Miller votes 'aye'. Mulcahey. Mulcahey votes 'no'. Murphy. Murphy votes 'no'. Neff. Neff votes 'aye'. Nelson. Nelson votes 'aye'. Oblinger. Oblinger votes 'aye'. O'Brien. O'Brien votes 'no'. O'Connell. O'Connell votes 'no'. Olson. Olson votes 'aye'. Ozella. Ozella votes 'no'. Pechous. Pechous votes 'present'. Peters."

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

Peters: "Just very briefly, Mr. Speaker. The need for out-of-state auditors is obvious to any individual who claims to know the operations of the Revenue Department. It's obvious to anyone who knows that a great deal, a number of the corporations who operate in the State of Illinois have out-of-state offices; and, to insure that they are paying their fair share of taxes to the people of the State of Illinois for doing business here in the State of Illinois, you've got to have auditors in Cleveland, and New York, and Dallas, and Houston and wherever else big corporations might have big offices taking big money out of Illinois and not paying their fair share. I vote 'aye'."

Clerk Leone: "Peters votes 'aye'. Piel. Piel votes 'aye'. Pierce. Pierce passes. Pouncey. Pouncey votes 'no'. Preston. Preston votes 'no'. Pullen. Pullen votes 'aye'. Rea. Rea votes 'no'. Reed. Reed votes 'aye'. Reilly. Reilly votes 'aye'. Rhem. Rhem votes 'no'. Richmond.

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Richmond votes 'present'. Rigney. Rigney votes 'aye'.
Robbins. Robbins votes 'aye'. Ronan. Ronan passes.
Ropp. Ropp votes 'aye'. Saltsman. Saltsman votes 'no'.
Sandquist. Sandquist votes 'aye'. Satterthwaite.
Satterthwaite votes 'no'. Schneider. Schneider votes
'no'. Schraeder. Schraeder passes. Slape. Slape votes
'no'. Harry Smith. Harry Smith votes 'aye'. Irv Smith.
Irv Smith votes 'aye'. Margaret Smith. Margaret Smith
votes 'no'. Push your button, Representative. Stanley.
Stanley votes 'aye'. Stearney. Stearney passes. Steczo.
Steczko votes 'no'. E. G. Steele. E. G. Steele votes
'aye'. Stewart. Stewart passes. C. M. Stiehl. C. M.
Stiehl votes 'aye'. Stuffle. Stuffle votes 'no'.
Swanstrom. Swanstrom votes 'aye'. Tate. Tate votes
'aye'. Telcser. Telcser votes 'aye'. Terzich."

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

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I think, the Roll
Call isn't yet complete, and we can still hope for some
votes from the Democratic side of the aisle, but I think
what..."

Speaker Ryan: "Just a minute, Mr. Telcser. Just a minute. Mr.
Matijevich, let me point out to you that, on several
occasions, we've given the same privilege to your Minority
Leader that we're about to give to the Majority Leader.
Now, if you want to object to that on this case, then we'll
follow the rules from here on, on all cases. I have...I
have allocated that, allowed that privilege for Mr. Madigan
on every occasion. Proceed, Mr. Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, the Roll Call isn't
yet over, but I think that most of us can assume what the
outcome will be. I think it's a sad day today for
Illinois, to see the Legislature fail to do what is right;

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and, particularly, to see the Democratic Party turn their back and...on those who one would assume would be their basic constituency. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, if a statement is repeated often enough, it sometimes leads some to believe it's the truth. As far as the Revenue Department employees are concerned, we're talking about professional auditors who would collect some 15 million dollars, in the time period to which we refer, in order for us to help have the funds to make the very public aid payments to which we refer. I find it somewhat amusing to watch other Members of the aisle rise in self-righteous indignation about..."

Speaker Ryan: "Proceed, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "Terzich. Terzich votes 'present'. Topinka. Topinka passes. Tuerk. Tuerk votes 'aye'. Turner. Turner votes 'present'. Van Duyne. Van Duyne votes 'no'. Vinson. Vinson votes 'aye'. Vitek. Vitek votes 'present'. Watson. Watson votes 'aye'. White. White passes. Wikoff. Wikoff votes 'aye'. Winchester. Winchester votes 'aye'. J. J. Wolf. J. J. Wolf votes 'aye'. Sam Wolf. Sam Wolf passes. Woodyard. Woodyard votes 'aye'. Younge. Younge passes. Yourell. Yourell votes 'no'. Zito. Zito votes 'present'. Zwick. Zwick votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Ryan: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Please record me as 'aye'."

Speaker Ryan: "Record the Gentleman as 'aye'. Speaker votes 'aye'. Representative Garmisa. Representative Garmisa wishes to be recorded 'no'. Representative Balanoff."

Balanoff: "Please record me 'present'."

Speaker Ryan: "Record her...the Lady as 'present'. Representative White."

White: "Please record me as 'present'."

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Speaker Ryan: "Record the Gentleman as 'present'. Representative Braun."

Braun: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please record me 'no'."

Speaker Ryan: "Record the Lady as 'no'. Representative Alexander."

Alexander: "Please record me as 'no'."

Speaker Ryan: "Record the Lady as 'no'. Representative Huff."

Huff: "Record me as 'no', Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Ryan: "Record the Gentleman as 'no'. Representative McGrew."

McGrew: "'No'."

Speaker Ryan: "Record the Gentleman as 'no'. Do you care to change your vote, Representative Giorgi?"

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, I wanted to say earlier that I didn't think you need a point of privilege to apologize for not being able to get the votes to take it off the table. That was the first thing I said. And the other thing I wanted, on qualifying my vote, I don't think there's enough auditors around or revenue agents around to find all the money that Reagan gave away for the..."

Speaker Ryan: "You're not...If you wanted to change your vote, Representative, that's fine. Is there any other changes of vote? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this Motion there are 81 voting 'aye', 48 voting 'no' and 18 voting 'present', and this Motion fails. Representative Telcser."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker, I move the House stand adjourned 'til Monday morning, 10:00 a.m."

Speaker Ryan: "Gentleman moves the House stand adjourned until Monday morning at the hour of 10:00 a.m. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the House now stands adjourned 'til 10:00 a.m. Monday morning."