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Speaker Hannig: "The regular Session of the House of Representatives will be in order. Is there leave to use the Attendance Roll Call (sic-of the First Special Session)? Leave is granted and a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Brosnahan, Chairperson from the Committee on Telecommunications, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on July 30, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 837."

Speaker Hannig: "On the Supplemental Calendar is Senate Bill 837. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 837, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "We're gonna hold that on the Order of Second Reading at this time. Are there any announcements? Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Question of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much. Is Representative Hoffman still in the chamber?"

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman is over with..."

Black: "Perhaps he could enlighten me. I saw on the television news all weekend, I mean, CNN, FOX, you name it, it was all over the news. I thought I saw his picture. Down in Collinsville, I believe he represents Collinsville, they

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were filling the world's largest packet of ketchup. And I thought I saw Representative Hoffman putting some ketchup in this humongous packet of ketchup. And I'd just like to know if he was working on that. And then a question did come up in my district. If... if that thing was so huge, it was like four hundred and fifty (450) pounds of ketchup, they wanted to know if they stuck a hotdog in there and if so, what hotdog they stuck in there? Now, I've got my vote, but I still believe in secret ballots, so I'm not gonna tell ya. But I'd like to know about this world's record tomato ketchup packet that was put together in Collinsville over the weekend. Perhaps Mr. Hoffman could illuminate that. I know they have the largest water tower in the shape of a ketchup bottle, but this was something to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. It was... it was really nice. I thought I saw Representative Hoffman there, but I wasn't sure."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Of course, Representative, I was aware of the fundraiser for the... the school and the church, which was the largest ketchup packet. We are not only the ketchup capital of the world, but just so you know we're also the horseradish capital of the world. So, we would be the condiment capital of the world in Collinsville, Illinois."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

Black: "I really... as always I do appreciate Mr. Hoffman's enlightening me, but I got the ketchup part and the fundraiser part, but I only got part of the horse capital of the world. What he... what was it? Radish? Horseradish."

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Okay. And by the way, in the old days when you were but just a young lad, Collinsville was noted for its basketball teams. I think Danville High School played them. And as I recall we got beat by thirty-four (34) points, but come to think of it you might've been the referee in that game."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "So, just... part of it, it would've been the Collinsville Kahawks, which we're very proud of in Collinsville, which had a legendary coach, Virgil Fletcher, who was one of the winningest basketball coaches. But not only... we are the horseradish, not the horses, capital of the world and the Horseradish International, not the national, but the International Horseradish Festival is there every June and you're all invited to attend. Hopefully, we... we won't still be here. We'll be out by then and you're all invited next June to the International Horseradish Festival."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further business to come before the House? Then Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 31, at the hour of 1 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."