

SPECIAL SESSION
77th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SENATE FLOOR DEBATE
December 14, 1972

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

2. The Senate will come to order. First Special Session.
3. The prayer will be by the Reverend George L. Morelock,
4. of Springfield, Illinois, Pastor of the St. Agnes Catholic
5. Church of Springfield.

6. REVEREND MORELOCK:

7. (Prayer)

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

9. Reading of the Journal. Motion by Senator Collins
10. that the reading of the Journal be dispensed with. All in
11. favor, aye. Ayes have it. So ordered, Senator Donnewald.

12. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

13. Yes, Mr. President, this is the Special Session, is
14. it not? And weren't we to call both Sessions simultaneously
15. is that . . .

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

17. This is the Special Session.

18. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

19. All right. Would I be in order now, then Mr. President
20. to recess for the purpose of caucus, Democratic caucus,
21. and I think that Senator Clarke or Harris, or somebody over
22. there would have an announcement.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

24. Correct. Senator Harris. Senator Donnewald has moved
25. that we adjourn . . . recess for a caucus. Senator Harris.

26. SENATOR HARRIS:

27. Mr. President, I might inform the members on this
28. side of the aisle, that we likewise will caucus. Where
29. are you meeting? 421.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

31. Sixth Floor. We're on the Sixth Floor.

32. SENATOR HARRIS:

33. Oh, all right. Well, let's meet in M-1.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

2. No, we're on the Sixth Floor. You can go on the
3. Fourth if you like.

4. SENATOR HARRIS:

5. All right. Fine. Let's go up to the Fourth Floor
6. and engage in mutual dialogue that our Democrat colleagues
7. are going to be discussing.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR PARTEE):

9. Motion is that the Senate recess until one o'clock.
10. All in favor. So ordered.

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PRESIDENT:

18. The Special Senate . . . Session of the Senate will
19. now come to order. We'll have a moment of silent prayer.
20. The . . . we are now in the Special Session. Is . . . there
21. is a motion . . . Senator Laughlin is recognized.

22. SENATOR LAUGHLIN:

23. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I filed a
24. motion, and I've advised Senator Course, Chairman of the
25. Revenue Committee, that I filed this motion and intend to
26. call it. It's very brief. It says that I move to discharge
27. the Revenue Division of the Public Finance Committee from
28. further consideration of Senate Bills 6 and 7 and that
29. these bills be placed on the order of Second Reading.
30. These are the tax freeze bills. I've had some communications
31. in my district. They relate to pay increases and property
32. tax freeze. I'm a member of the Senate Revenue Committee
33. and it was my own fault that I did not attend the first

1. meeting when there were hearings and witnesses produced.
2. I fully intended to go to Chicago. That meeting was
3. cancelled. I fully intended to be here today. That
4. meeting was cancelled. I've discussed the matter with
5. Mr. Scott of the Taxpayers Federation and I'd like this
6. motion to carry and if it does on Second Reading, I
7. would propose to offer some amendments, one of which
8. would be to limit the extent and duration of the freeze to one
9. year and certain other amendments which have been suggested
10. by Mr. Scott. I do not make this motion facetiously or
11. for show because if I can accomplish what I'm trying to
12. accomplish, I assure you I'll do my best to pass the
13. bill on Third Reading and I will vote for it. That's
14. the explanation of the motion. I'd like a roll call please.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Roll call has been requested. Senator Lyons.

17. SENATOR LYONS:

18. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I think it's a
19. particularly unseemly tactic for this Body to engage in
20. to withdraw this bill from committee. Now we all know
21. that these bills are immensely complicated. We know, for
22. instance, that the . . . even the proponents of the bill,
23. who are the only ones to date who have been heard in
24. committee. These people appearing in behalf of it . . .

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Just . . . just a moment. What is your point of
27. order, Senator McCarthy?

28. SENATOR McCARTHY:

29. My point of order is that I think we're in Regular
30. Session and they're dealing with matters . . . oh . . .

31. PRESIDENT:

32. We're . . . we're in the Special Session.

33. SENATOR LYONS:

1. The only . . . the only . . .

2. PRESIDENT:

3. The point of order has been withdrawn. Senator Lyons
4. is recognized.

5. SENATOR LYONS:

6. The only people, Mr. President and Senators, who
7. appeared at the hearing of the Revenue Committee were those
8. who appeared in favor of the bill. Many people . . . even
9. they want to tender some twenty-one amendments. These . . .
10. these bills, even in the opinion of those who are in favor
11. of it, are not in shape to be passed. They're certainly
12. not in shape to be withdrawn from the committee. I'd like
13. to remind also, the membership, that one half of this
14. Body will not be back after the new Legislature convenes.
15. One third of the House will not be back. We have a new
16. Governor and a new administration taking office in
17. January. I think it's . . . I think that precipitate
18. action, and that's what this would be, on matters as
19. immensely complicated as these bills are, with such far
20. ranging, unforeseeable implications as these bill . .
21. these bills contain, for this Body to take this precipitate,
22. unseemly, hurried, untimely action would be most unfortunate
23. and I oppose this reso . . . this motion made by Senator
24. Laughlin.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Is there further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

27. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

28. At this time, and I think it's proper at any time,
29. I'd like to move to adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning
30. at the Special Session. And maybe the committee that's
31. been considering it should get together in the meantime
32. and make a report to this Body. I move we adjourn until
33. 9:30 tomorrow morning.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. That . . . that . . . that motion is in order.

3. The . . . and roll call has been requested. The question
4. before the Body is adjourning until 9:30 tomorrow

5. morning. For what purpose does Senator O'Brien arise?

6. SENATOR O'BRIEN:

7. Point of order . . . point of information.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Yes.

10. SENATOR O'BRIEN:

11. I believe that we've already adjourned the Regular
12. Session until 9:30 tomorrow morning. So then I think
13. Senator Knuppel would want to adjourn until ten o'clock
14. perhaps, for this Special Session on the tax freeze bills.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Well we've been adjourning to identical times without
17. any difficulty. So I . . . I think the motion to adjourn
18. 9:30 is in order. Roll call has been requested. The . . .
19. for what purpose does Senator Laughlin arise?

20. SENATOR LAUGHLIN:

21. A point of inquiry. Should the motion to adjourn
22. pass, the first point . . . the first order of business
23. in the morning is the motion that I've made. Is that
24. right?

25. PRESIDENT:

26. That is correct. If the motion to adjourn prevails, the
27. first order of business in the Special Session will be
28. the motion by Senator Laughlin. The Secretary will call
29. the roll. The . . . just a moment. For what purpose
30. does Senator Clarke arise?

31. SENATOR CLARKE:

32. This motion takes 30 votes I understand.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Just a majority of those voting on the question.

2. SENATOR CLARKE:

3. Just a majority of those voting?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. That is correct.

6. SECRETARY:

7. Arrington, Baltz, Berning, Bidwill, Bruce, Carpentier,
8. Carroll, Cherry, Chew, Clarke, Collins, Coulson, Course,
9. Davidson, Donnewald, Dougherty, Egan, Fawell, Gilbert,
10. Graham, Groen, Hall, Harris, Horsley, Hynes . . .

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Horsley.

13. SENATOR HORSLEY:

14. May I ask the sponsor a question?

15. PRESIDENT:

16. You may.

17. SENATOR HORSLEY:

18. Would you please tell us why you want to adjourn?
19. Why you want to delay this matter rather than to do it
20. now?

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Just . . . just a moment. Senator Horsley has the
23. floor. Are you completed with your question, Senator?

24. SENATOR HORSLEY:

25. Yes. I'd like to have it answered.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Yes. All right. Senator Knuppel. Senator Knuppel.

28. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

29. I'll be happy to answer the question, but please have
30. him ask me one at a time. He asked me about four questions
31. and I just wanted to stop him because I had forgotten the
32. first one already.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Well, you have a total of three minutes to ask and
2. answer the questions, gentlemen.

3. SENATOR HORSLEY:

4. My first question is, are you opposed to the freezing
5. of real estate taxes? Is that why you're using this
6. dilatory tactic?

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator . . . Senator Knuppel.

9. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

10. I'll answer the first question first. The answer is
11. absolutely not. I'm in favor of a tax freeze, if it's
12. thought out, if it's intelligently arrived at, if it
13. carries with it proper and conceptual use of this new
14. concept we have, like revenue sharing. As I said before,
15. revenue sharing is kind of like a new wife, it takes a
16. little living with. And I can't possibly see, when we've
17. appointed a committee here to study this thing and report
18. back, that now when we have not heard anything from that
19. committee and the chairman of the House committee, who I
20. understand is a Republican . . . I'm answering the question.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Just a moment. You're both gonna be . . . for what
23. purpose does Senator Horsley arise?

24. SENATOR HORSLEY:

25. I didn't ask for a speech, I asked a question and
26. he's already answered it and now he's making a speech.
27. Now my next question is . . .

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Just . . . just a moment. Senator Horsley has the
30. Floor. We're on . . .

31. SENATOR HORSLEY:

32. My next . . . my next question is . . . my next question
33. is . . .

1. PRESIDENT:
2. Just a moment . . .
3. SENATOR HORSLEY:
4. My next question is . . .
5. PRESIDENT:
6. Senator . . . Senator Horsley . . .
7. SENATOR HORSLEY:
8. Is my time running, Mr. President? You've already
9. made a speech. May I ask my question, please.
10. PRESIDENT:
11. Senator Knuppel is out of order. I know, but . . .
12. were on the Senator's time and the . . . when we're on
13. the . . . just . . . just a moment. The Senator is out
14. of order. Senator Knuppel is out of order. The . . .
15. just a moment. Just a moment. Senator, we . . . Senator
16. Horsley is recognized.
17. SENATOR HORSLEY:
18. My second question is this.
19. PRESIDENT:
20. Just a moment. Just a moment.
21. SENATOR HORSLEY:
22. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please shut up big mouth
23. over there.
24. PRESIDENT:
25. Just . . . just . . . Senator Horsley is out of order
26. with that remark. Just a moment. So we . . . we are in
27. a situation where Senator Horsley is on his three minutes
28. when he feels that the question has been answered. He
29. is entitled to proceed with his use of the three minutes.
30. Senator Horsley may proceed.
31. SENATOR HORSLEY:
32. My second question. If you feel these bills need
33. amendment, have you got amendments prepared and ready to

1. offer to correct any defects that you claim are in these
2. bills?

3. PRESIDENT:

4. The . . . Senator Knuppel is recognized and then the
5. three minutes will be up.

6. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

7. Mr. Chairman, I would certainly appreciate it and I
8. assumed that Mr. Horsley was a reasonably bright lawyer.
9. He was taught in law school, you never ask a witness why.
10. He just may tell you why. And I wanted to tell you why.
11. Now the answer to this is, that we haven't even heard
12. the testimony. Certainly I might have amendments, but
13. the committee has to hear what the people, the proponents
14. and the opponents have to say about this. This is an
15. extremely complicated thing as Senator Horsley knows.
16. What's being done here, this is political gimmickry in
17. an attempt to get a vote on something that has not been . . .
18. has not been completely heard. Now, only one side of
19. this has been heard and I'd like to hear the other side
20. of it so that if I have amendments I can draw them. I'm
21. certainly not opposed to a tax freeze. In fact I'm one
22. of the most vehement proponents of a tax freeze, but
23. it has to be an intelligent tax freeze to take into
24. consideration who's getting revenue sharing funds . . .

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Just a moment. The Chair is going to rule . . . the
27. Chair is going to rule that Senator Horsley's time and
28. explanation vote is up. How . . . how do you wish to
29. vote, Senator Horsley?

30. SENATOR HORSLEY:

31. I wish to vote to take it away from committee and
32. give the people of this State what they're asking for.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. The question before the Body is . . .

2. SENATOR HORSLEY:

3. I vote aye.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Does Senator Horsley wish to change your vote?

6. SENATOR HORSLEY:

7. Yes. I was watching Mr. Knuppel and he persuaded me.

8. So, I vote no.

9. SECRETARY:

10. Johns, Knuepfer, Knuppel . . .

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Knuppel.

13. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

14. I vote aye. We've sat here all day and so far I
15. haven't seen very much we accomplished. I wonder why
16. we're even here, actually. Except that . . . except for
17. two things. Number one, we all preoccupied with pay
18. raises for the General Assembly and the judges, and
19. secondly, we're still floating around here fighting over
20. a gimmick. A political gimmick that was put out during
21. the campaign when the Repulican Governor felt himself
22. slipping, in an opportunity to try to secure some
23. additional votes. Now I can't see any particular reason
24. that we ought to stay here into the night hours to
25. debate this issue. We're going to be here all day
26. tomorrow and a couple of other days and we've only got
27. two or three things to talk about, so we'll have plenty
28. of time to talk about this tomorrow and maybe give it
29. full debate. I say we should adjourn now and go home.

30. I vote aye.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Kosinski, Kusibab, Latherow, Laughlin . . .

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Laughlin.

2. SENATOR LAUGHLIN:

3. Very briefly. This isn't political gimmickry, not
4. to the constituents that I represent. They do expect
5. something to happen. I'm told that something reasonably
6. could be worked out. This is not any kind of political
7. shenanigan at all. Certainly, as far as I'm concerned,
8. I could care less, except I'd like to end here doing
9. something besides voting for pay increases or against
10. them. I think the taxpayers are around. And I'd say,
11. whether the Legislature is here or not, the taxpayers are
12. there. The people we represent are there all the time.
13. I'd also say, that according to the newspaper, and it
14. may be wrong, that there were opponents to this legislation
15. who appeared at the hearing. And why the hearings were
16. cancelled, I don't know. There may have been excellent
17. reasons for it, but there is no reason for further delay.
18. I vote no. We lose a legislative day by doing this and
19. that may be the purpose of it. It will make it far more
20. difficult to help the taxpayer, but to help the people
21. on the gravy train.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Lyons, McBroom, McCarthy . . .

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator McBroom.

26. SENATOR MCBROOM:

27. Well, Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate, I wasn't
28. going to engage in this debate, but I, sitting here
29. thinking as this exchange went on and the way ... the
30. way we sometimes conduct ourselves, that it is no wonder
31. that the public thinks so many of us are clowns, and
32. perhaps maybe some or all of us are on occasions. And I would
33. only say to you, Senator Knuppel, when you raise the charge of

1. political gimmickry, I would have to suggest that your
2. motion to adjourn smacks of that too. I vote no.

3. SECRETARY:

4. Merritt . . .

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Merritt.

7. SENATOR MERRITT:

8. Like . . . like others here, I hesitate to engage in
9. this debate, but I'm moved by it simply because of the
10. composite picture of my district. Now you can call this
11. politically motivated, political gimmickry, call it
12. whatever you may, but believe you me and others that come
13. from the same type of rural districts that I do, if they're
14. in tune with the people, they're sick and tired and fed
15. up with the ever increasing real estate taxes, increasing
16. assessed valuations with no accompanying decrease in
17. rates. It's made it an almost intolerable . . . intolerable
18. situation for some of our people. And to think that
19. we're down here considering pay increases for the judiciary,
20. for state officers, yes, for ourselves, I just wish some
21. of you go home and say you voted so that you wouldn't
22. bring this to a halt. This Senator is happy to vote no
23. and let's get this issue out and give the people some
24. tax relief that's been long, long overdue.

25. SECRETARY:

26. Mitchler, Mohr, Neistein, Newhouse, Nihill, O'Brien,
27. Ozinga, Palmer, Partee . . .

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Partee.

30. SENATOR PARTEE:

31. Maybe one day I'll stand up to this mike and just
32. vote without thinking about what I'm doing or why I'm
33. doing it so long as it is popular and palatable. When

1. that day comes gentlemen, I shall find out if there is
2. any money in the Pension Fund and I shall retire from
3. this Body. I just sort of believe that issues ought to
4. be crystalized and that issues ought to be considered
5. in the kind of way that is intelligent. Here are bills,
6. which if there is any rush to pass, should never have
7. in the first instance been sent to a committee for
8. hearings. You are now saying that these bills are A. O. K.,
9. let's get them up so we can vote on them when just last
10. week or so you voted to send them to a committee. You
11. are not fooling me, and I can tell you, you are not
12. fooling the taxpayers. They're a great deal more intelligent
13. than you think they are. This entire question came up on
14. tax freezes a few weeks before the election. I studiously
15. avoided, both privately and publiclly, of accusing the
16. Governor of any political gimmickry. I studiously
17. avoided that. I did it not only for him but for my own
18. image as a member of this Senate and as a person gingerly
19. referred to as a politician. I did, however, in answer
20. to questions say that I did not know whether or not the
21. passage of this freeze would make for an increase in the
22. income tax. I told people yes, I did not know. And then
23. they said to me, yes, but he didn't say anything about
24. the income tax, and I said, yes, that's so. Then other
25. persons in that audience said, yes, but four years ago
26. he said there would not be an income tax and one was
27. there. I'm suggesting perhaps, that the issue as raised
28. by this tax freeze, brought back into focus, brought back
29. into the campaign the entire income tax issue and matter.
30. I have no opinion on that. I'm just saying that it's
31. entirely possible that that is what happened and that
32. that was one of the components in the election which
33. effectuated the result as we now know it. Now let's talk

1. about these bills and what we are going to do with them.
2. Those persons who are the most knowledgeable people in
3. this State, like the Taxpayers Federation, who spend
4. every waking hour making a determination as what ought
5. to be and what ought not to be in our taxing structure,
6. have said that even they do not know what should be in
7. these bills and have suggested that there should be at
8. least twenty-one amendments to those bills. Had they
9. been drawn, the question was asked. No, they have not
10. been drawn. It's exceedingly difficult. It's exceedingly
11. complicated subject matter and we cannot yet do it. Now
12. you come today, in this moment of upset, frustration and
13. travail, and say to us, let's get it out of committee and
14. let's vote it up and down. The most irresponsible thing
15. that I've heard since I've been here and I say to you,
16. I'm only voting for this motion of Senator Knuppel's,
17. not because I hope to avoid a final vote on this situation,
18. because we'll have it again tomorrow. But I say to you
19. because I think it's wrong. Because I think it takes
20. advantage of the system which prevails here. Because
21. I think that this is not the way to go. To not consider
22. something that the most knowledgeable people in this
23. State say they don't even have an answer to yet. And
24. we're going to stand here without even seeing the bills,
25. without determining which part of the package we're talking
26. about and vote up on them. To imagine ourselves in the
27. community as being responsible people when we are just
28. the opposite. And when we are making the most irresponsible
29. vote we could ever vote on in this Session to take this
30. out of the committee. Why do you think I was the one who
31. helped to sponsor and set up and orchestrate the hearings
32. And I stood at this microphone, and I stood at the television
33. camera, and I stood on the radio, and I said that this was

1. an important question and that input should be made by all the
2. people of this State. I recommended and suggested that not only
3. should the hearings be in Chicago but that the hearings should
4. be every place in this State . . .

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Just . . . just a moment. For what purpose does
7. Senator Walker arise? Just . . . just a moment. For
8. what purpose does Senator Walker arise?

9. SENATOR WALKER:

10. A point of order. Number one, I'm under the impression
11. that Rule 47 . . . Well let me call your attention on
12. other points then. Rules 29, 30 and 31 . . . rules 29,
13. 30 and 31, which address themselves to decorum and debate.
14. And you're just as guilty as the farmer from Petersburg over
15. there, at the present time. The gentlemen who couldn't wait
16. 'til our good friend, Senator Lyons, . . .

17. PRESIDENT:

18. What is your point of order?

19. SENATOR WALKER:

20. . . . seat was cool before jumping down there in
21. the front row.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Just a moment. The Chair is going to rule . . .

24. SENATOR WALKER:

25. My point of order is he is not speaking to the point
26. and he's . . .

27. PRESIDENT:

28. The Chair is going to rule . . .

29. SENATOR WALKER:

30. . . . talking overtime and a motion to adjourn is
31. not debatable and you can check Rule 47 on that one.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Well, the Chair is going to rule that your first
point is not in order. He is speaking on the subject.

1. The second point that his time is used up, the Senator
2. is correct in that. The third point is not in order
3. because roll call on anything, you can explain your
4. vote. The Senator will conclude his remarks.

5. SENATOR PARTEE:

6. I . . . I vote aye.

7. SECRETARY:

8. Rock, Romano, Rosander, Saperstein, Savickas, Smith,
9. Soper, Sours . . .

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Sours.

12. SENATOR SOURS:

13. Mr. President and Senators, I desire to speak to the
14. motion. A little while ago, our beloved Pro Tem repeated
15. how studiously he had avoided the politics of this
16. legislation. I should like . . . now, Senator, let me
17. finish and then you may make your asinine motions or
18. comments.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Just a moment. For what purpose does Senator
21. Knuppel arise?

22. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

23. I think we're on the motion to adjourn and I . . . I
24. don't think it's germane and I raise . . . I raise the
25. germaness of the argument with respect to taxes and
26. the germaness of the Senator's argument.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Well, the Chair hasn't heard enough of the Senator's
29. remarks to able to say whether it's a valid point of order
30. or not. The Senator may proceed.

31. SENATOR SOURS:

32. I'd like to compliment the President for his
33. perspicacity in that matter. Now, I have here, Senator

1. Partee, what purports to be a publication entitled,
2. "News Release From the Office of Senator Cecil A. Partee"
3. October 16. It said, quoting . . .

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Just . . . I know the point that the Senator is
6. about to make and Senator Sours will confine himself to
7. the motion to adjourn.

8. SENATOR SOURS:

9. We should not adjourn because this is not a political
10. matter. We should stay here and we should come to grips
11. with it. Notwithstanding the fact that Senator Partee
12. stated, "considering that he is up for reelection in a
13. few days, I think the Governor's announcements smacks of
14. opportunism and politics".

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Just a moment. The Chair is going to rule that the
17. Senator must confine himself to the motion, the discussion
18. of the motion to adjourn.

19. SENATOR SOURS:

20. Well, I won't advert to any more of this rather
21. voluminous press release that is literally acrawl with
22. politics. But I would like to read . . . I would like
23. to read something more germane about deflation. The
24. Peoria County Board . . .

25. PRESIDENT:

26. For what purpose does Senator Knuppel arise?

27. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

28. A point of order. I fail to understand how deflation
29. has anything to do with adjournment and I raise the
30. germaness of the issue. I think that if he wants to talk
31. about whether he's tired or exuberant, whether he wants
32. to carry on, those things, that's appropriate.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. The Chair will rule Senator Knuppel's point is well
2. taken. Senator Sours will confine himself to the
3. discussion of the motion to adjourn.

4. SENATOR SOURS:

5. I should like to confine my comments to the fact that
6. if we adjourn we will be losing time in some of the
7. legislation that our constituents desire. Now a little
8. while ago someone stated in this Chamber about how this
9. smacks the politics and how studiously and all that business.
10. Looking back within the last two years, we finally were able
11. to fix the equalized assessed valuation of real estate,
12. Senator, at 50%. And only when the roof was about to
13. fall in, did you worthys . . . now please don't interrupt me . . .

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Just . . . Senator Sours has the Floor.

16. SENATOR SOURS:

17. Only when the roof was about to fall in on some of
18. the Southern Illinois Senators on your side, when they
19. could see November 7th coming up, did they finally support
20. long overdue reform for the beleaguered, impoverished
21. taxpayer. Now we can fiddle around here forever, but we're
22. going to have to someday, do something for the poor stiff
23. on the street called the taxpayer who pays your salary
24. and mine. And who watches us waste. One of your members
25. was described as an inflation fighter in the last campaign.
26. I have yet to see one scintilla of evidence that he has
27. ever fought inflation and he and I entered this Chamber
28. the same day and the same hour.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. How does the Senator vote?

31. SENATOR SOURS:

32. The Senator votes no.

33. SECRETARY:

1. Swinarski, Vadalabene, Walker, Weaver.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. For what purpose does Senator Knuppel arise?

4. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

5. A point of personal privilege, and this has to do,
6. I waited until the roll call was done. Some of the
7. remarks of Senator Walker I take umbrage to. I think
8. he was far out of line in some of the remarks which
9. he made and I . . . I think they're highly . . .
10. referring to where I sit in this Chamber or something is
11. highly out of place.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. On the motion the yease are 21, the nays are 20, The
14. Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

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