

78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 14, 1974

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The Senate will come to order. Mr. Sweeny, do you want to
3. make your announcement please. The Senate will come to order.
4. The prayer will be offered by the Reverend Herbert Crede of the
5. Wesley United Methodist Church of Springfield. Will our guests
6. in the balcony please rise. Reverend Crede.

7. (Prayer by Reverend Herbert Crede)

8. Reading of the Journal. Senator Soper.

9. SENATOR SOPER:

10. Mr. President, I now move that we postpone the reading and
11. the approval of the Journal...Journals of Wednesday, May 8th and
12. Monday, May 13th, pending the arrival of the printed Journals.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Soper has moved that we postpone the reading and the
15. approval of the Journals of Wednesday, May 8th and Monday, May 13th
16. pending the arrival of the printed Journal. All in favor of the
17. motion signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries.
18. So ordered. Committee reports.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senator Ozinga, the Chairman of the Committee on Executive to
21. which was referred SJR 62 reports the same back with a recommendation
22. the resolution be adopted.

23. Senator Harris, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules reports
24. that the committee recommends that Senate Bills numbered 1210, 1230,
25. 1233, 1294, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330, 1334, 1367, 1368, 1369,
26. 1370, 1371, 1402, 1409, 1452, 1453, 1454, 1455, 1456, 1464, 1467,
27. and 1479, be read by title a first time, ordered printed, and re-
28.ferred to the Committee on Assignment of Bills.

29. Senator Harris, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports
30. that the Committee on Rules recommends that Senate Bills 1487, 1488,
31. 1489, 1490, 1491, 1492, 1493, 1494, and 1495 be read by title a first
32. time, ordered printed, and referred to the Committee on Assignment of
33. Bills.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Resolutions.

3. SECRETARY:

4. SR 424 - By Senator Mitchler and all members of the Senate.

5. And, it's congratulatory.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Senator Mitchler moves to suspend the rules for the immediate
8. consideration of SR 424. On the motion to suspend, all in favor
9. signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries. On the
10. motion to adopt, all in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no.
11. The motion carries and Resolution 424 is adopted.

12. SECRETARY:

13. SR 425 - By Senator Bruce and all members of the Senate.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Bruce moves to suspend the rules for the immediate
16. consideration of the resolution. All in favor signify by saying
17. aye. Contrary no. The motion carries. On the motion to adopt,
18. all in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion
19. carries and SR 425 is adopted.

20. SECRETARY:

21. SR 426 - By Senators Mitchler, Harris, Graham, Weaver, Howard
22. Mohr, Partee, Donnewald, Rock, and all members of the
23. Senate.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Mitchler. Senator Mitchler.

26. SENATOR MITCHLER:

27. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, if I may have
28. the attention of the Senators. I would like to, on behalf of all
29. of the Senators, have introduced into our Journal, a resolution that
30. I think is most appropriate. Yesterday, throughout our nation, we
31. observed Mother's Day and I would like to share with you what I have
32. put into the form of a resolution, what I believe some very wonderful
33. words. And, after I read them, I'm going to tell you actually who

1. the author of these words was. The resolution goes:
2. (Senator Mitchler reads SR 426)
3. PRESIDENT:
4. Senator Mitchler. Senator Mitchler it is perfectly obvious
5. that the Senate wants more.
6. SENATOR MITCHLER:
7. I would like to...I would like to give recognition, Mr. President
8. members of the Senate, to the individual who created these lovely
9. words and that is one by the name of Homer W. Hall, of Bloom-
10. ington. I believe he was the grandfather of our illustrious Senator,
11. Harber H. Hall, and this was printed in 1951 in the Daily Pantagraph,
12. I believe, and I think it...that it was most fitting that we would
13. bring this to the attention.
14. PRESIDENT:
15. Senator Regner.
16. SENATOR REGNER:
17. Would Senator Mitchler yield to a question?
18. PRESIDENT:
19. He indicates that he will yield. Proceed.
20. SENATOR REGNER:
21. Senator Mitchler, would you mind telling the...our colleagues
22. here what you purchased your wife for Mother's Day?
23. PRESIDENT:
24. Senator Mitchler.
25. SENATOR MITCHLER:
26. I'd be very pleased. I made a wonderful presentation from our
27. two sons, and our lovely daughter, to my wonderful wife, something
28. that she has wanted for many many years. And, that was a 100cc
29. Kawaski motorcycle.
30. PRESIDENT:
31. Senator Carroll.
32. SENATOR CARROLL:
33. Mr. President, Senator Mitchler, I wonder if you would break

1. your long standing rule and just this once distribute copies.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Howard Mohr.

4. SENATOR MOHR:

5. Along those same lines, Senator Mitchler, I was going to ask
6. with all of the material that you have placed on all of our desks
7. over the years, this is the one piece that you could have done away
8. with the speech and given us a copy of.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Knuppel.

11. SENATOR KNUPEL:

12. Mr. Chairman, this is the kind of expletive, expletive, exple-
13. tive that really does away with our time and makes this Body a joke.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator McBroom.

16. SENATOR MCBROOM:

17. Yes, Mr. President, I don't want to take anything away from
18. Mother's Day but before they leave, I would like to introduce the
19. eighth grade class and their instructors from the Cissna Park High
20. School in Iroquois County in the gallery behind me. Thank you very
21. much.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Partee.

24. SENATOR PARTEE:

25. Mr. President, I want the record to show that Senator Donnewald
26. is absent today, because he is attending a funeral and in his absence
27. I would like to introduce a group of school children from his district.
28. They're from Collinsville and are at the rear of the Chamber and I
29. would ask them to stand and be recognized by the Senate.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Yes, I would like to add also, that the Journal should show
32. that Senator Chew is absent today because of illness. He has an
33. appointment in Chicago at the hospital for some treatment that he

1. is undergoing. Senator Sommer.

2. SENATOR SOMMER:

3. Was Senator Mitchler's talk in the nature of a resolution or
4. was that a speech?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Mitchler.

7. SENATOR MITCHLER:

8. Well, Senator, after you've been around here awhile and stop
9. introducing bills to...bills to have us get our salary by the month
10. instead of by the year, so you can go back home, say that we can
11. purchase a car for cash, instead of by that, then you'll learn your
12. way around the Senate. I'd sit down if I was you.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Glass, did you wish recognition? All right, Senator
15. Sommer.

16. SENATOR SOMMER:

17. Senator Mitchler is that a resolution or a speech that you just
18. gave?

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Is there further discussion? Senator Mitchler moves to suspend
21. the rules for the immediate consideration of the resolution. All in
22. favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries. On
23. the motion to adopt, all in favor signify by saying aye. Senator
24. Sommer.

25. SENATOR SOMMER:

26. I'd like to request a roll call on that.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Is Senator Sommer joined by another Senator? All right. The
29. question is shall Resolution...shall SR 426 be adopted? On that
30. question, those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. The
31. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
32. Take the record. On that question, the yeas are forty-six, the nays
33. are one, four voting present. Resolution 426 having received a con-
stitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Glass.

1. SENATOR GLASS:
2. Mr. President, I would ask leave of the Body to be shown as the
3. Senate sponsor of HB 19 of the First Special Session.
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Senator, that motion will have to wait until we are in the
6. First Special Session.
7. SECRETARY:
8. SR 427 - By Senator Davidson.
9. It's congratulatory.
10. PRESIDENT:
11. Senator Davidson.
12. SENATOR DAVIDSON:
13. Mr. President, members of the Senate, this is commendatory to
14. Mrs. Clarke who is the State Regent of Catholic Daughters of America
15. and I appreciate if all Senators would join in cosponsorship of this
16. resolution and ask for the immediate adoption.
17. PRESIDENT:
18. Senator Davidson seeks leave for all Senators to serve as
19. cosponsors. Is there leave? On the motion to suspend, all in favor
20. signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries. On the
21. motion to adopt. All in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no.
22. The motion carries and the resolution is adopted.
23. SECRETARY:
24. SR 428 - By Senators Savickas, Daley and Johns.
25. Congratulatory.
26. PRESIDENT:
27. Senator Savickas.
28. SENATOR SAVICKAS:
29. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would ask that all
30. Senators join in this resolution. It's a congratulatory one for
31. Reverend Dominick Coniglia who's celebrating his silver anniver-
32. sary of his ordination.
33. PRESIDENT:
Is there leave for all Senators to serve as cosponsors? Leave

1. is granted. On the motion to suspend, all in favor signify by
2. saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries. On the motion to
3. adopt, all in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion
4. carries. The resolution is adopted.

5. SECRETARY:

6. SR 429 - No sponsor.

7. It's congratulatory. On Joe McGuire.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Bruce. Senator Bruce.

10. SENATOR BRUCE:

11. Mr. President, I would ask for the suspension of the rules of
12. immediate introduction and consideration of the resolution.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Bruce moves to suspend for immediate consideration.
15. All in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries.
16. On the motion to adopt. All in favor signify by saying aye. Con-
17. trary no. The motion carries. The resolution is adopted. Senator
18. Bruce.

19. SENATOR BRUCE:

20. I'd like to have all members...

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Yes. Is there leave for all Senators to serve as cosponsors?
23. Leave is granted. So ordered. Senate bills on first reading that
24. have been reported by the Rules Committee.

25. SECRETARY:

26. SB 1210.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. SB 1230.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. SB 1233.

31. (Secretary reads title of bill)

32. 1294.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1326.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 2.
3. 1327.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 4.
5. 1326. (He means 1328, but says 1326)
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 6.
7. 1329.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 8.
9. 1330.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 10.
11. 1344.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 12.
13. 1376.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 14.
15. SB 1368.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 16.
17. SB 1369.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 18.
19. 1370.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 20.
21. 1371.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 22.
23. 1402.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 24.
25. 1409.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 26.
27. 1452.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 28.
29. 1453.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 30.
31. 1454.
(Secretary reads title of bill)
- 32.
33. 1455.
(Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1456.
 2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 3. 1464.
 4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 5. 1467.
 6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 7. 1479.
 8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 9. 1st reading of the bills.
 10. SB 1487.
 11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 12. 1488.
 13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 14. 1489.
 15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 16. 1490.
 17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 18. 1491.
 19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 20. 1492.
 21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 22. 1493.
 23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 24. 1494.
 25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 26. 1495.
 27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 28. 1st reading of the bills.
 29. PRESIDENT:
 30. Introduction of bills.
 31. SECRETARY:
 32. SB 1501 - By Senators Partee, Rock and Donnewald.
 33. (Secretary reads title of bill)
- 1st reading of the bill.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Partee.

3. SENATOR PARTEE:

4. This is a bill that relates to the start up of the lottery and as
5. you know there has been another bill pending some time which has
6. not yet had action. I had a conversation, a rather serious one this
7. morning with Senator McBroom, and Senator McBroom and I, and I think
8. you are aware of it, feel that we ought to ask that the rules be sus-
9. pended and this bill be placed on the order of second reading without
10. reference to committee. We have a very thorough understanding con-
11. cerning progress of this piece of legislation.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Partee, then, moves to suspend the rules for the pur-
14. pose of having SB 1501 read a first time and advanced to second
15. reading without reference to committee. Is there further discussion?
16. All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The
17. motion carries. The rules are suspended. The bill has been read a
18. first time and it will be ordered, then, to second reading pursuant to
19. Senator Partee's motion. Second reading. SB 1501. Senator Graham.

20. SENATOR GRAHAM:

21. Mr. President, the Secretary has on his desk a number of bills.
22. I think they'll be numbered 1502 through 34 but I move, now, that the
23. rules be suspended, these bills be assigned a number and referred to
24. the Committee on Rules.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Graham moves that the rules be suspended and the bills
27. on the Secretary's desk be assigned a number, identified by principal
28. sponsor and referred to the Committee on Rules. On that motion all
29. in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries.

30. SECRETARY:

31. SB 1502 - By Senators Weaver, Bartulis, Bell, Berning, Clarke,
32. Conolly, Davidson, Fawell, Graham, Harber Hall, Harris,
33. Knuepfer, Latherow, McBroom, Merritt, Mitchler, Howard
Mohr, Don Moore, Nimrod, Ozinga, Regner, Roe, Schaffer,
Shapiro, Sommer, Soper, Sours, and Walker.

1. SB 1503 - By Senators Weaver, Bartulis, Bell, Berning, Clarke,
2. Conolly, Davidson, Fawell, Glass, Graham, Hall,
3. Harris, Knuepfer, Latherow, McBroom, Merritt, Mitchler,
4. Howard Mohr, Don Moore, Nimrod, Ozinga, Regner, Roe,
5. Schaffer, Shapiro, Sommer, Soper, Sours, and Walker.
6. 1504 - By the same sponsors.
7. 1505 - By the same sponsors.
8. 1506 - By the same sponsors.
9. 1507 - Same sponsors.
10. 1508 - Same sponsors.
11. 1509 - Same sponsors.
12. 1510 - Same sponsors.
13. 1511 - Same sponsors.
14. 1512 - The same sponsors.
15. 1513 - The same sponsors.
16. 1514 - The same sponsors.
17. 1515 - The same sponsors.
18. 1516 - The same sponsors.
19. 1517 - By the same sponsors.
20. 1518 - The same sponsors.
21. 1519 - The same sponsors.
22. 1520 - The same sponsors.
23. 1521 - The same sponsors.
24. 1522 - The same sponsors.
25. 1523 - The same sponsors.
26. 1524 - By the same sponsors.
27. 1525 - By the same sponsors.
28. 1526 - By the same sponsors.
29. 1527 - By the same sponsors.
30. 1528 - By the same sponsors.
31. 1529 - By the same sponsors.
32. 1530 - By the same sponsors.
33. 1531 - By the same sponsors.

1. 1532 - By Senators Graham, Shapiro, Roe, Glass and Harris.
2. 1533 - By Senators Graham, Shapiro, Roe and Glass.
3. 1534 - By Senators Carroll, Palmer, Kosinski, Scholl, Partee,
4. Rock, Donnewald, Saperstein, Newhouse and Smith.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Pursuant to Senator Graham's motion, Senate Bills 1502 through
7. 1534 are referred to the Committee on Rules. Senate Bills on second
8. reading. I'm sorry, Senator Fawell.

9. SENATOR FAWELL:

10. Yes, Mr. President, SB 1409 was just read a first time and at
11. this time I'd like to make a motion that the rules be suspended, to
12. have the Committee of Assignment on Bills discharged from further
13. consideration of SB 1409 and that the bill be placed on the order of
14. second reading without reference to committee. I've talked to both
15. committee...to Senator Soper and Senator Dougherty, also, in reference
16. to the bill.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Yes, Senator Fawell moves that SB 1409 be ordered to second reading
19. without further reference to committee. On that motion, all in favor
20. signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion carries and SB 1409
21. is ordered to second reading. Senate Bills on second reading. Is
22. Senator Vadalabene on the Floor?

23. SECRETARY:

24. SB 1227.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Are there amendments from the Floor? Third reading. Senator
29. Netsch do you wish...Senator Fawell, do you wish to advance 1396?
30. SB 1396.

31. SECRETARY:

32. SB 1396

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Are there amendments from the Floor? Senator Fawell.

3. SENATOR FAWELL:

4. Yes, Mr. President, there is one amendment which we discussed
5. in Education Committee which makes it clear that the act...in regard
6. to a debt service grant that one cannot be...a school district cannot
7. obtain a school construction grant and a debt service grant. And, I
8. think, there's no opposition to this. It clarifies what the intention
9. of the bill was and I move the adoption of Amendment Number 1.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Is there further discussion on the amendment? On the question
12. for the adoption of Amendment Number 1, all in favor signify by say-
13. ing aye. Contrary no. The motion carries and the amendment is
14. adopted. Are there further amendments from the Floor? Third read-
15. ing. SB 1397.

16. SECRETARY:

17. SB 1397.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Oh, Senator Fawell, you wish to hold that? All right. Senate
20. bills on third reading. SB 1269.

21. SECRETARY:

22. SB 1269.

23. (Secretary reads title of bill)

24. 3rd reading of the bill.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Merritt.

27. SENATOR MERRITT:

28. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, the bill is just
29. exactly as the title indicates. It's the annual appropriation for
30. Fiscal Year '75 for the Commission for Economic Development. I might
31. add upon a favorable vote out of this Body, the bill will remain in
32. the House, pending the outcome of the Omnibus Bill, which also includes
33. this commission for the same amount. That's HB 2303. I'd appreciate

SB 1293
3rd Reading
5/14/74

1. a favorable roll call vote.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Is there further discussion? The question is shall SB 1269
4. pass. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. The voting
5. is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question
6. the ayes are fifty, the nays are none. SB 1269 having received a
7. constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Bruce. Senator
8. Clarke. SB 1293.

9. SECRETARY:

10. SB 1293.

11. (Secretary reads title of bill)

12. 3rd reading of the bill.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Clarke.

15. SENATOR CLARKE:

16. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill does exactly
17. what it says except there was an amendment. The Department of Revenue
18. wanted to have the time reduced and we amended it to extend the date
19. only two years, to 1976, to give them time to make these refunds which
20. you will recall we appropriated the money for a couple of years ago
21. and then it ended up in a court case until the Supreme Court adjudi-
22. cated it, they were not able to go ahead. So this just extends the
23. time for them to give these refunds on the sales tax.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Is there further discussion? The question is shall SB 1293
26. pass. Those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote nay. The voting
27. is open. Have all voted who wish? We'll wait. Have all voted who
28. wish? Take the record. On that question, the ayes are fifty-one,
29. the nays are none. SB 1293, having received a constitutional majority,
30. is declared passed. SB 1390...Senator Shapiro does not wish it called.
31. Senator Glass, do you wish to call 1399? Hold it. Senator Don
32. Moore. SB 1421.

33. SECRETARY:

SB 1421.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)

2. 3rd reading of the bill.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Moore.

5. SENATOR MOORE:

6. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate. SB 1421 is
7. a merely bill, Mr. President. It merely makes a supplemental appro-
8. priation of fifty million dollars to the Department of Public Aid
9. to finish out the Fiscal Year 1974. This did not come as a great
10. surprise to many of the members of the Appropriations Committee or
11. the Legislative Advisory Committee on Public Assistance, last year
12. when we predicted that the amount that was appropriated or recommended
13. by the Governor, would be sufficient for Public Aid for Fiscal Year '74.
14. We estimated that there would be a sixty to eighty million dollar
15. deficiency and it turns out, with the subsequent bills, the total
16. amount will be a sixty-seven million dollar deficiency. Of the fifty
17. million, Mr. President, forty-five million is appropriated to the
18. AFDC category and five million to the General Assistance category.
19. I'd be happy to answer any questions of the members, or if not, I'd
20. request a favorable roll call.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Is there further discussion? Senator Smith.

23. SENATOR SMITH:

24. I agree with the statement made by the chief sponsor of this
25. bill. This deficiency appropriation is most certainly necessary.
26. There are various reasons why it becomes necessary to introduce this
27. particular bill. One of the major reasons is, as he indicated, that
28. when the fiscal appropriation was presented to the Audit Committee,
29. we were under instructions to accept and present it and seek its passage,
30. just as introduced just as drafted, and with the exact amount that
31. was indicated. That was done. After the commission had studied that
32. bill, we did exactly what Senator Moore said. We called attention in
33. our humble way to the fact that the sum appropriated for the fiscal

1. year was altogether an inadequate amount and the conditions,
2. insofar as the appropriation and the department are concerned, has
3. certainly born out our vin predictions. We have done so with reference
4. to another bill that will be presented next week. It, too, is al-
5. together insufficient. I might call your attention to the fact that
6. when the fiscal appropriation was made, and I do this if the Senator
7. has no objection, that when the fiscal appropriation was given to us,
8. our reasoning was that it was done so without regards to the known
9. facts, to the economic conditions, to the inflationary period, through
10. which we were then and now passing, and without any regards to the
11. known fact that of October the 1st, of last year, the Modified Flat
12. Grant form of dispensing such funds would and did become the law
13. here in the State of Illinois. In anticipation of anything that
14. might be said against this appropriation, would it or not be proper
15. for me to call attention to the fact, that this deficiency was not
16. caused by Cook County alone. Cook County shares a major part of the
17. distribution of these funds for the purposes indicated. But, I have
18. either here, in the drawer, or certainly outside in the corridor in my
19. office, the fiscal statement which shows that each and every county
20. in this State is touched and effected by this particular appropriation.
21. And, should this appropriation fail, clients in every county in the
22. State of Illinois would find themselves destitute. And, may I Senator
23. Moore, call attention to the further fact that should this deficiency
24. appropriation fail, funds for the present month, the month of May
25. and the month of June, will not be available and I wouldn't dare
26. stand here and attempt to make reference to what might happen through-
27. out this state should this bill face a fail of passage. Now, the
28. members of the Legislative Advisory Commission, men selected by you,
29. without regards to party, we are unanimous in our relief and knowledge
30. of the fact that this deficiency appropriation is necessary. It
31. passed through the good Senator who is now pointing in my direction,
32. committee, the Appropriations Committee, without a descending vote,
33. and as a humble member of the Advisory Commission I earnestly solicit

1. your support for this particular deficiency appropriation.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator McBroom.

4. SENATOR MCBROOM:

5. Well, Mr. President, members of the Senate, I...I arise for

6. two purposes, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Moore a

7. question or two, but prior to doing that I...I would like to have

8. the approval of the Senate for another brief introduction. It...

9. it is the Momence Junior High School...Momence Junior High School

10. class is in the balcony behind me with their principal, Mr. Alexander

11. Delk. I wish they'd arise and be acknowledged by the Senate. We

12. hope you enjoy your day here young ladies and gentlemen. Senator Moore,

13. can you...can you tell me, sir, what the request...the...for the De-

14. partment of Public Aid for Fiscal Year 1975 is? Do you recall the figure

15. Senator Moore?

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Moore.

18. SENATOR MOORE:

19. Yes, Senator McBroom. \$1,490,607,500.00.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator McBroom.

22. SENATOR MCBROOM:

23. It's fair to say then, Senator Moore, that it's a billion, five

24. hundred million. Is that approximately correct?

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Moore.

27. SENATOR MOORE:

28. In round figures, yes, Senator.

29. SENATOR MCBROOM:

30. Well, now, Senator Moore, when you brought this bill into the

31. Appropriations Committee you were questioned some. I know that you

32. said...last year, Senator Moore, that you felt that the appropriations

33. request was understated and your prediction turned out to be true by

about fifty million dollars...or sixty-seven million. There were

1. some members of this Senate, I think it's accurate to say and perhaps
2. some on both sides of the aisle, that felt that this underestimation
3. was part of a rather clear scheme to understate the entire budget
4. last year as it turned out to be. Now, Senator Moore, my question is
5. do you feel that the second floor is again playing games with us in
6. regard to the budget and the administration will again come in next
7. year with fifty million or seventy-five million or a hundred million?
8. I think if that's the plan and that is your prognostication that some
9. of us would like to know about it now. Can you answer that Senator
10. Moore?

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Moore.

13. SENATOR MOORE:

14. Senator McBroom, the Legislative Advisory Committee on Public
15. Assistance has been studying and working on the bill, which will be
16. introduced in a week or so, going over in detail the proposed budget
17. as submitted to us by the administration. As close as we can figure
18. now, I think an educated guess would be that you can expect us back
19. here next year with a deficiency appropriation of approximately one
20. hundred million dollars. I intend to appear before your committee
21. with my commission and propose amendments and show you, specifically,
22. where, in our opinion, the Governor's budget is deficient and whatever
23. action your committee takes and the members of the Senate takes on
24. those amendments, that will be it. But, I do want to forewarn you,
25. don't be surprised if the budget stands as is now, that you can antic-
26. ipate a deficiency appropriation next year of approximately one
27. hundred million dollars.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator McBroom.

30. SENATOR MCBROOM:

31. Well, then, Senator Moore, one final question. Were you at the Grid-
32. iron dinner the other evening, Senator Moore? I don't recall seeing
33. you there.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Moore.

3. SENATOR MOORE:

4. Yes, I was there for a while, Senator.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator McBroom.

7. SENATOR MCBROOM:

8. Then, I guess it would be fair to say, Senator Moore, there
9. was an individual that came on the platform and...and I don't know
10. whether it was Director Hovey or Governor Walker, but he had a sign
11. on him that said two plus two equals three or two plus two equals
12. twenty-two. I would deduce that you kind of concur with that player
13. on the stage at the Gridiron dinner. Is that correct?

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Moore.

16. SENATOR MOORE:

17. The only reply I'd make is that the members of the Legislative
18. Advisory Committee can add a lot better than some people in the Bureau
19. of the Budget.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator McBroom.

22. SENATOR MCBROOM:

23. Thank you, Senator Moore.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Is there further discussion? Senator Howard Mohr.

26. SENATOR MOHR:

27. Yes, Mr. President, members of the Body, it's quite common to
28. find fault with the Governor's budget and I'm always amused when I
29. see the Governor on television, especially last week, where he was
30. backed by a number of members of the House supporting him in holding
31. the line. Of course, it depends on which lines you want to hold
32. I guess. But, I'd just like to speak in behalf of the people of my
33. area that have been very patient over the years waiting for the

1. Governor to... take care of some of the problems that he promised
2. that he'd take care of. Namely, the flooding situation. Now,
3. many people hear every morning on the news broadcasts dealing with
4. weather, and when they talk about weather, they give road conditions and
5. nearly every morning, when we have a heavy dew, you'll hear the Lake
6. Street Underpass is closed. This is due to flooding and it's almost
7. a daily occurrence. To do that complete project and take care of
8. some of the other flooding areas in that district, would take ten
9. million dollars and all we're asking is that the Governor and the
10. Department of Transportation give some thought to those poor people
11. that are bothered by the flooding, the back up of water in homes and
12. so forth, and you talk about a fifty million dollar deficiency, this
13. year, and a hundred million dollars next year, we'd like just a little
14. bit of this and we don't mind holding the line in on going along as
15. best we can but somewhere along the line, we'd like to be recognized
16. and would hope that the Governor would be concerned with people and
17. would do something about these flooding conditions. I'm reluctantly
18. going to vote for this but would hope that consideration would be
19. given in the next few weeks when I propose a bill and I would hope
20. that when I get up to talk about an appropriation that effects people
21. and I might say that there would be a lot of people that might put on
22. Public Aid if they're not able to get to their jobs and this is what's
23. happening. The people aren't able to get to work because of the...
24. the flooding of the Lake Street Underpass. So if we're concerned
25. about reducing the roll, that just might be an area we can consider.
26. So, those of you that might talk about holding the line, I'm going
27. to be watching the roll call today.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Knuppel.

30. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

31. Well, I've been trying to get a coal gasification plan in West-
32. Central Illinois and I just realized that we just move this Senate
33. out there, we wouldn't have to get a coal gasification plan. They do

1. a pretty good job of turning solid fuel into gas. But, I want to
2. remind the people on the other side of the aisle that this is not
3. something new and I voted against it every time and I'm going to
4. vote against this one. But, we heard this same garbage all the
5. time Governor Ogilvie was Governor. He came back with the...with
6. deficiency appropriations. So, this is nothing new so don't be
7. appalled.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Weaver.

10. SENATOR WEAVER:

11. Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Moore one question about
12. this seventeen million dollar transfer from Medical to General Assis-
13. tance. Are we going to have to make that up in next years appro-
14. priation Senator Moore?

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Moore.

17. SENATOR MOORE:

18. Well, that's the bill that's coming up very shortly after this
19. one Senator. My reply would be yes, we're going to have to pick it
20. up.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Merritt.

23. SENATOR MERRITT:

24. Mr. President, members of the Senate, I wonder if Senator Moore
25. would yield a question.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. He indicates that he will. Proceed.

28. SENATOR MERRITT:

29. Senator Moore, refresh my memory, along about this time last
30. year, what was the fiscal '73 deficiency in the Public Aid Department?

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Moore.

33. SENATOR MOORE:

To the best of my recollection, there wasn't any Senator. To the

1. best of my recollection for the last term of Governor Ogilvie's
2. administration, which I believe would be fiscal year '73, there was
3. money that was lapsed in the Department of Public Aid.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Merritt.

6. SENATOR MERRITT:

7. In other words, you can assure me beyond any question of a
8. doubt, that this Body was not called upon, along about this time last
9. year, to pass a deficiency appropriation. Is that correct?

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Moore.

12. SENATOR MOORE:

13. That is correct, to the best of my recollection Senator. In
14. fact, I'm sure of it because there was an amendment put on, I be-
15. lieve, for a cost of living increase of some sixteen million dollars
16. which was the amount that had lapsed the preceding year and that
17. was adopted by the House and Senate and the Governor used his amend-
18. atory veto and struck it.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Senator Merritt.

21. SENATOR MERRITT:

22. Well, thank you very much Senator Moore. It just comes to my
23. mind at this moment that we've got a hold of a monster here that I
24. don't know how you're going to deal with. In other words, fifty
25. million this year it's projected it could be as much as a hundred
26. million next fiscal year and then on and on adinfinitum. I...if...
27. I haven't made up my mind what I'm going to do on this but I'm go-
28. ing to serve notice on this Body right now that should I vote for
29. this appropriation, for this deficiency, it'll be the last one that
30. this Senator will ever vote for, I can assure you.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Dougherty.

33. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

Mr. President, I believe you could move the previous question.

1. However, before so doing, I would like to point out to the members
2. of the Body that we have to vote favorably for this fifty million
3. dollar appropriation and for the transfer of funds, unless we have
4. chaos in the welfare situation right now. This is vitally needed.
5. We have to go through July the 1st of this year, up to July 1st, so
6. let's get on with the show. Let's vote this up and take up the '57
7. budget, or the '75 budget, at a later date. I move the previous ques-
8. tion.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Dougherty, we have had an understanding that those
11. members who have gotten my attention prior to this motion would be
12. identified. They are Senators Sours and Harber Hall. Would you
13. hold your motion until they can proceed? Beyond their debate, then
14. I will recognize Senator Dougherty for his motion. Senator Sours.

15. SENATOR SOURS:

16. Mr. President and Senators, I haven't said much about this
17. appropriation. I've been here a few years and I've seen these appro-
18. priations increase to a point where they may, in the near future,
19. break our economic back. Now, as I understand our appropriations
20. for what we'll classify, generally, as welfare. It approximates a
21. billion, four hundred million dollars. I'm assured by Senator
22. Latherow, a billion, five hundred million. Now, on that money and
23. that's hard, that's not easy money, that's hard money taken involun-
24. tarily from the taxpayers. You either pay or...you pay or you go
25. to jail or you get your property sold out from under you. There
26. must come a time when the cheaters are eliminated as the objects of
27. the bounty of this Legislature. In the last month, in Peoria County,
28. there have been suits filed against the cheaters. I think those
29. suits, just the mere filing, will have a salutary effect upon those
30. people who want things for nothing. My law firm offices are located
31. right across the street from the food stamp dispensary. I see Lincoln
32. Continentals, even those with all the chrome, they call that Mark IV,
33. I think, I see the latest model Cadillacs, and sometimes when I drive
my little Chevrolet around I feel like a church mouse in the Vatican.

1. Now, maybe it's time that some of us faced the people who send us
2. here and pay our salaries and permit us to dig down into their
3. pockets unmercifully. If chaos is going to occur, maybe we'd better
4. nip it in a small appropriation. Now, I'm just as humane and just
5. as sensitive to people who are impoverished, as you, and the next man,
6. and yet I see the hard earned tax money, in many instances, I'm not
7. saying all instances, I'm saying many instances, whittled away. Not
8. too many years ago, on my way home, I would stop, at my butchers, who
9. had a meat block, and he would...he had served our family for years
10. and in came a welfare patient...a welfare recipient and said to the
11. butcher, I'd like a rolled roast. So the butcher took out his little
12. carving knife and he carved out the bones and he got the string and
13. the...and he wired it all up and he...it was a thing of beauty for a
14. cook. He gave it to the lady, it was fourteen dollars and the remark
15. of the lady was, there's no waste in that. And, as I went home, I
16. thought about that word waste. Had my wife caught me bringing that
17. home, there would've been hell to pay, frankly, and my mother would
18. have probably just dissipated in thin air with her anxiety, as well as
19. anger. Now, these are things, maybe some day, we'd better address our-
20. selves to because we don't have too many longer days. I cannot support
21. this. I may be the only one but I've been in that position before.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Hall.

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1. HARBER HALL:

2. Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, I just
3. want to make one remark. I made it before the appropriations
4. committee in the study of this supplementary appropriation for
5. the Department of Public Aid. I've had many calls and I think
6. my colleagues in the Senate should be aware if they haven't
7. already had similar contacts. I've had many calls from people,
8. citizens, taxpaying citizens, who call and question me about the
9. propriety of tax monies subsidizing recipients who live in
10. relatively high cost apartment projects or apartment houses.
11. They suggest that there are people on the welfare rolls who
12. live in new apartments that rent for 150, 175 and even 200 dol-
13. lars a month when they, who pay the bill, cannot afford to live
14. in this type housing. In talking with my county Public Aid de-
15. partment, I find this is true, although they say it's economically
16. impossible the way they...the way it's handled is that we are
17. actually underwriting the attractiveness and the possibility of
18. families divorcing so that the mother can receive aid for de-
19. pendent children and the father continue to receive income and
20. not have any liability for the cost of the family, and thereby
21. they can, in effect, live together in a more expensive housing.
22. Now I don't have at this time a complete study, factual study,
23. on how widespread this is, but I have a feeling that as long as
24. I've been in the Legislature, when I find complaints coming
25. time after time, after a few examples coming from several differ-
26. ent areas on the same problem, it's been my experience that there
27. is some validity to the objection. And, I suggest all of us here
28. pay very close attention to whether our new system of flat grant
29. aid to recipients is the solution to what has been a dilemma in
30. this General Assembly and I suspect all over the country. It is
31. certainly the easiest way to handle the problem but if it provides
32. a means where families are separating, breaking up, in order to
33. take advantage of a flat grant and thereby gives the family a so-

1. called unit, a higher level of income and living, then I would
2. suggest we are not doing anyone a service. I think public aid
3. should only be offered and dispensed to those who have a real
4. and proven need. And it's this question of proven that I think
5. our departments have got to find the solution to and we must be
6. a part of that solution. I, for one, have real question about
7. the advisability of giving flat grant aid from the public purse
8. without further investigation, clear and concise investigation,
9. to prove that this is being well spent. To answer the point that
10. Senator Merritt made about from now on he is not approving more
11. deficiency appropriations in years to come, I made the same
12. pledge last year. Thank you, Mr. President.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Dougherty moves the previous question and on that
15. question, all in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The
16. motion carries. Senator Don Moore may close the debate.

17. SENATOR MOORE:

18. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I can
19. appreciate well the feelings of some of the members of the
20. Senate in voting on this deficiency appropriation. I might add
21. that the reason that I am the chief sponsor of this bill is that
22. this bill, after a thorough investigation by the Legislative
23. Advisory Committee on Public Assistance, which is a solely Legis-
24. lative group, this bill was co-sponsored by Senators Smith,
25. Dougherty, Saperstein, Roe and Bartulis, who are the six members,
26. sec Senate members of that commission, it will be handled in the
27. House by the six members of the commission in the House. But it
28. isn't entirely all bad, Mr. President, our roles for the last
29. eight or nine months are leveling off inspite of an economy that
30. has not been conducive to that, and I'd also like to make the
31. point that in the past year, Mr. President, the present Director
32. of the Department of Public Aid and his staff have closed out
33. 20% more cases in the last year than have ever been closed out

1. in the history of the State of Illinois. The quality control
2. measures that have been instituted by Director Edelman are
3. very much largely responsible for this. As an example, and
4. I'm sure that Senator Sours and Senator McBroom and a few others
5. would like to hear, in the month of April for this, as an exam-
6. ple, April of 1974 this year, we closed out 2000 more cases than
7. we did in the month of March of this year. We are making steps
8. in the right direction, as Senator Sours eluded to, there are
9. prosecutions that are going on throughout the State of Illinois
10. and they're not only in Peoria Senator, they're in Rockford and
11. they're in other areas too. I think there are more prosecutions
12. going on to clean up the rolls, and as you say, go on after the
13. cheaters. The other thing I would like to make mention of in as
14. far as this entire budget is concerned, we want to keep in mind
15. that approximately 60 million dollars of this money, ladies and
16. gentlemen of the Senate, is used for medical expenses which is
17. pretty hard to control, particularly since January 1st when the
18. new supplemental security income program was taken over by the
19. Federal Government... the State is still entitled to... the State
20. is still responsible to cover them under Medicare... or Medi-
21. caid, I'm sorry. So, it isn't all bad. We have made a great
22. progress in the last year. I hope we'll be able to do the same
23. in the future and in closing, all I'd ask for, is at least a
24. majority vote up there so that we can get this bill over to the
25. House of Representatives. Thank you, Mr. President.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1421 pass? Those in
28. favor vote Aye, those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open.
29. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,
30. the Ayes are 37, the Nos are 17. Senate Bill 1421, having re-
31. ceived a Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. Senator
32. Partee.

33. SENATOR PARTEE:

1. Just for a moment while there is a lull before the next
2. bill, I wanted to rise on a point of personal privilege to be
3. complimentary of one of our members. Sometimes we work pretty
4. hard down here and there are a lot of things that get done that
5. nobody really seems to know about or care about, but you have
6. on your desk a print from the Space Needs Commission from our
7. Court Chairman of that commission, Senator Howard Mohr. I just
8. wanted to be personally expressive of my appreciation of him as
9. well as Senators Davidson, Donnewald, Dougherty, Graham, Harris,
10. Mohr and there's one other name I can't read so well, I think it's
11. Partee, who serve on that Space Needs Commission. I think it is
12. significant that we now have here in Room 400 a room right in
13. this building that has been sealed off for 44 years, a building
14. with 2900 square feet of space, giving us an additional hearing
15. room, and this was by the event of the good work done by the
16. Space Needs Commission, which of course, is composed of both
17. Senators and Representatives with Paul Hewitt as its executive
18. director. The kind of indepth work that they have done in
19. terms of trying to find space in this Capitol Building. And, I
20. think it's something worthy of compliment and I just simply took
21. the time to do it.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Well, I certainly want to concur in your remarks that were
24. directed particularly to Senator Howard Mohr. He has really
25. been doing an outstanding job with the interest of the entire
26. General Assembly in mind and the...it is a refreshing and satis-
27. fying evidence to see this good work being done. I join Senator
28. Partee in his comments. Senator Mohr.

29. SENATOR MOHR:

30. Thank you Senator Partee and Mr. President. I would just
31. ask, you know a lot of these programs are put together and people
32. don't realize the work that goes into them and I would just ask
33. that the members take time and go up and look at Room 400 because

1. we're going to be talking or we are talking to some...the com-
2. mittee chairman now to give thought to moving from the M rooms,
3. we'd like to vacate the M rooms and eliminate using those rooms
4. for hearings. And use...I think we can get by very nicely in
5. using A-1 and 400 and 212, and do away with the use of the
6. Senate Chamber for hearings and that is something you are going
7. to be hearing about in the next week or so...so the committee
8. chairman in particular I ask to take a look at this room and
9. get back with us and hopefully we can...we're going to use it
10. tomorrow for the first time but I think it's a thing of beauty
11. and worth the time of the members of the Senate to go up and look
12. at it and thank you for your kind remarks.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senate Bill 1422. Senator Moore.

15. SECRETARY:

16. Senate Bill 1422.

17. (Secretary reads title of the bill.)

18. Third reading of the bill.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Senator Moore.

21. SENATOR MOORE:

22. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. This
23. bill, 1422, Mr. President, transfers 720 thousand dollars be-
24. tween the Retirement and Social Security appropriations of the
25. appropriation for the Department of Public Aid to implement the
26. transfer of the Cook County Public Aid employees to the state.
27. It does not change, and I want to reiterate, it does not change
28. the total appropriation. I'd respectfully request a favorable
29. vote.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall Senate
32. Bill 1422 pass? This in favor vote Aye, those opposed vote No.
33. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.

1. On that question, the Yeas are 54, the Nays are none, one voting
2. present. Senate Bill 1422, having received a Constitutional
3. Majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1423.
4. SECRETARY:
5. Senate Bill 1423.
6. (Secretary reads title of the bill.)
7. PRESIDENT:
8. Senator Moore.
9. SENATOR MOORE:
10. Thank you, Mr. President, Senate Bill 1423 is another trans-
11. fer bill. It transfers 17 million dollars from the appropriation
12. for medical assistance to the appropriation for general assistance.
13. It does not change the total amount of the appropriation for fiscal
14. year '74. I would appreciate a favorable roll call.
15. PRESIDENT:
16. Senator Bell.
17. SENATOR BELL:
18. I'd like to ask Senator Moore a question if I might.
19. PRESIDENT:
20. He indicates that he will yield. Proceed.
21. SENATOR BELL:
22. Senator Moore, one of the great difficulties that I've had
23. in my Senate District concerning the Department of Public Aid, is
24. getting some of our doctors paid, some of our dentists paid, be-
25. cause of a tremendous amount of paper work or because funds
26. aren't present or for any number of different reasons. Some
27. cases I have incidents of seven years of deficiencies in paying
28. for the public aid recipients in their medical care. Now my
29. question in reference to the transfer of this 17 million, is just
30. how is this going to affect the alleviation of that problem that
31. is rampant in my district. Lord knows it must be horrendous in
32. Chicago and it must be of significant difficulty and probably in
33. every Legislative district in the State. Senator, could you ex-

1. plain that to me?

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Moore.

4. SENATOR MOORE:

5. One, this bill won't affect your particular problem at all,
6. Senator. I am well aware of the problems that the Department of
7. Public Aid has in paying vendors of the Department. You might
8. be interested to know that I sent out notices today for a meeting
9. that will be held on Wednesday, May 29th, in Room 400 of the
10. Capitol Building, to hear from representatives of the Illinois
11. Medical Society, the Illinois Nursing Home Association, the
12. Illinois Hospital Association and the Illinois Association of
13. Health Care Facilities on the question of payment to vendors and
14. problems concerning payment procedures. I am well aware of the
15. problem that you have mentioned, I have numerous letters on it,
16. not only from people in my district, from people throughout the
17. State of Illinois, and I figure that one way to bring this to a
18. head is for my commission to have a meeting and thoroughly ex-
19. plore why these payments are late. There is a great problem,
20. and you want to realize that of the computers we have at MID to-
21. day, the Department of Public Aid uses about 45 to 50 percent of
22. the time of those computers, at a cost to the department of a
23. little over 2 million dollars for this fiscal year. We do not
24. control those computers. We do not control who has priorities
25. in the use of those computers. The hardware that the State has
26. in MID is adequate. The software, which we have, is not adequate.
27. They have a great capacity. Our software accompanies, as I re-
28. call, about 900 thousand items a month and we are processing a
29. million six...a million six hundred thousand items a month. The
30. solution to this, like the commission is going to investigate, if
31. it need be, that the Department of Public Aid gets its own com-
32. puter so that we can control the time of using that, then I
33. think this problem will be solved. I'm sure that the meeting we'll

1. have on the 29th, and you're welcome to attend, you will hear
2. this go into much more detail.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Bell.

5. SENATOR BELL:

6. Mr. President, Senator Moore, members of the Senate body,
7. thus far in these Public Aid bills I've cast one negative...I've
8. cast one present and I'm going to cast another present vote and
9. I know that very possibly it seems like maybe a Legislative cop-
10. out and that some other Senator may have to do the job for me in
11. reference to getting the job done. But I know of no other way
12. to make my voice heard to the Department of Public Aid, other
13. than by means of voting here in the Senate body with the dis-
14. satisfaction of so many of the people of my district that I
15. think is probably prevalent throughout the State of Illinois and
16. the dissatisfaction of this Senator. Now I also know, I happen
17. to be a member of the Public Health, Welfare and Corrections
18. Committee and I've sat in session after session of committee
19. hearing, listening to this problem for the past...well since
20. I've been a member of the Illinois Senate for the past year and a
21. half. I know there is no simply solution. I know that the dif-
22. ficulties that are being faced here are just almost to defy so-
23. lution and I know that Director Edelman is a capable, hard
24. working man and Lord knows I don't know how he puts up with it.
25. I wouldn't have that job for all of the money in the world, I
26. don't believe. I take my hat off to him, and yet I know of no
27. other way to make my voice heard to the Department of Public Aid
28. and try to represent the taxpaying public and those people of
29. my district that are so...so dismayed, so disgruntled, and so
30. disheartened about the situation we're in in the State of Illinois
31. and this whole issue. And so therefore, Senator Moore and mem-
32. bers of this body, I will again vote Present.

33. PRESIDENT:

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1. Senator Soper.

2. SENATOR SOPER:

3. Mr. President, members of the Senate, I wonder if Senator

4. Moore would answer a few questions? The 17 million dollar trans-

5. fer you're asking for is going from medical assistance to...to

6. the public assistance. What was the appropriation for medical

7. assistance? The total appropriation? If you could answer that.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Moore.

10. SENATOR MOORE:

11. Some place in the vicinity, Senator, of 575 million to 600

12. million.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Soper.

15. SENATOR SOPER:

16. Little over a half a billion dollars. Now what was the

17. appropriation for general assistance? Or maybe I'd ask another

18. question. Is this the...is general assistance in the same cate-

19. gory as that 50 million dollars that we just voted for the supple-

20. mental additional appropriation?

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Moore.

23. SENATOR MOORE:

24. Forty-five million of that was for the aid to dependent

25. children category and five million was to general assistance and

26. to local aids, to the medically indigent.

27. SENATOR SOPER:

28. So now you had...you're going to take seventeen million out

29. of the medical aid that you just got through putting some money

30. into, you just said, out of this fifty million. Is that what

31. you're going to do?

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Moore.

1. SENATOR MOORE:

2. No...no. They're...they're different categories. The
3. general assistance and local aid to the medically indigent is
4. a separate category from the line item for medical, Senator.
5. In other words, the GA includes principally GA but there is also
6. some medical, a small amount of medical, for the medically in-
7. digent.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Soper.

10. SENATOR SOPER:

11. Just so we know what we're doing here, we're going to take,
12. what was the...the...the...did we use up the total appropriation
13. in the last...the last fiscal year as far as medical assistance
14. is concerned and what was it. How much did it entail?

15. SENATOR MOORE:

16. No, we did not use up the medical assistance. We're trans-
17. ferring seventeen million from the medical assistance to the
18. general assistance category. We still have sufficient monies
19. in the medical assistance line item to run us through the balance
20. of fiscal year '74.

21. SENATOR SOPER:

22. How much money will we have left if we take the seventeen
23. million out and put it in general assistance...in the medical
24. assistance?

25. SENATOR MOORE:

26. As a guess Senator, I would estimate a very small amount,
27. probably some place in the vicinity of five to ten million.

28. SENATOR SOPER:

29. You mean between now and July 1st all you've got is five to
30. ten million and a lot of unpaid bills after you take out seven-
31. teen million?

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Moore.

1. SENATOR MOORE:

2. I don't know about the unpaid bills Senator. I don't know
3. whether we're working on an accrual system or on a fiscal year
4. basis. I believe they have 90 days after the close of the fis-
5. cal year to pay those bills out of the existing appropriations
6. that are there. It's estimated there will be a small balance
7. in the medical after this transfer.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Soper.

10. SENATOR SOPER:

11. Now it seems to me that if we appropriated 500 million dol-
12. lars in the medical assistance and now this is about the 14th
13. day of May and we have bills that have become payable here - may-
14. be haven't been put in for the last month and half, and if we're
15. going to have five million dollars left beside this twenty-two
16. out of 500 million to take us up to July 1st, what's going to
17. happen with this whole program is that they're going to come in
18. for a supplemental appropriation on this...on this medical...
19. medical thing because it's...they'll say well you don't want to
20. take care the medical aid for our poor indigent citizens and
21. that's going to be an easier way to cry than this general as-
22. sistance and I'll...I'll say this that if we transfer this fund
23. at this time all we'll have is an appropriation...a supplemental
24. appropriation for about a 100 million dollars in this category.
25. Because if we've got approximately two months left, May and
26. June, and out of twelve months that you take 1/6th of 500 mil-
27. lion dollars you don't have to be a genius or a...or a...or a
28. ...an expert gin rummy player to know that you're going to be
29. a little short so I...I unless there's unless somebody can show
30. me where some money is going to lapse and that we can transfer
31. from one category to another without coming up with supplemental
32. appropriation on something that seems easier to get, I think...
33. I think we're following a bad precedent here and I think we...if

1. we need some more money in general assistance, I think they
2. ought to come up and face the subject matter directly and say,
3. we need a supplemental appropriation and quit playing games
4. with this thing. I...I couldn't vote for this.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Moore.

7. SENATOR MOORE:

8. To briefly respond Senator, I'm informed that we have
9. approximately 130 million left in the medical fund now. We
10. have two months to go. We're spending some place between 50
11. and 55 million a month on medical. So assuming it would be 55
12. million for the months of May and June, that would be a hundred
13. and 10 million, less this 17, would be 127 million, there would
14. be 3 million left in the fund and there would be sufficient
15. monies at the rate of approximately 50 to 55 million a month
16. that we're paying now.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Merritt:

19. SENATOR MERRITT:

20. Yes, Mr. President, members of the Senate, I certainly
21. share Senator Soper's views and in order to put this in proper
22. prospective, it looks like to me it's just about this simple
23. that if they'd come with Senate Bill 1421 for deficiency in
24. the amount of 67 million dollars that that's being placed in
25. the proper prospective. Now would you agree to that Senator
26. Moore?

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Moore.

29. SENATOR MOORE:

30. Would you rephrase the question, Senator?

31. SENATOR MERRITT:

32. Let's just as I say get it in proper prospective, it's just
33. this simple, this two bills is...is more than I can quite com-

1. prehend, but to me, with my limited knowledge on appropriations,
2. certainly amounts to a 67 million deficiency anyway you want to
3. slice it. Senator Moore?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Moore.

6. SENATOR MOORE:

7. I would agree Senator to put it in proper prospective, this
8. is a 67 million dollar deficiency.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Merritt.

11. SENATOR MERRITT:

12. Well thek, I would just conclude and also sharing Senator
13. Bell's views, I have a great deep regard and respect for Direc-
14. tor Edelman. I don't know how he's going to tackle this monster
15. we have a hold of. I will support a realistic 1975 fiscal year
16. appropriation to that department based upon some figures that
17. are sound and reasonable and just quit trying to kid ourselves
18. and continually come in here for 50, a 100 million next year,
19. and as I said before, the good Lord only knows where we go from
20. there. My heart goes out to these people that really deserve
21. and need these payments but it doesn't go out to these people
22. that hide behind Public Aid, Unemployment Compensation, a myriad
23. of dole payments who won't even take a day's work when it's of-
24. fered. I think it's about time we begin to face this situation
25. realistically. I will not support the deficiency but I will sup-
26. port a realistic appropriation bill for next fiscal year.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Nimrod.

29. SENATOR NIMROD:

30. Well, Mr. President and members of the Session, Senate, I
31. would just like to point out one other aspect to this and I
32. think it might help to relieve some of this burden, we...we
33. know in general assistance we're talking about local government

1. money and general assistance money that's paid by the State is
2. only that money which is in excess of what the local community
3. pays as far as its maximum amount of contribution. So what
4. we're saying is that there are millions of dollars that are
5. being spent by local governments that is not included in here,
6. and we did elude to the fact that the thousands of supervisors
7. in all these townships ought to be given an opportunity to
8. work closer with the Public Aid Department and be able to have
9. first hand information so that we as Legislators will have first
10. hand information from our local elected officials who'll be re-
11. sponsible for this rather than appointed officials coming in
12. this area. Now I think millions of dollars can be saved in
13. this way. I would hope that we can go on with this, certainly
14. we cannot stop general assistance. It's an aid that's provided
15. locally and administered in this area. I would think that in
16. this case we have to provide this but there's no reason not to
17. support Legislation that might remedy this particular affect and
18. I would hope that you remember this. I hope that we would remem-
19. ber this when Legislation of this type comes up, that it is one
20. step in a remedy in this area where we could have the local
21. elected officials provide the kind of information that we need,
22. who are doing the job there.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Shapiro.

25. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

26. Mr. President, will the sponsor yield for a question?

27. PRESIDENT:

28. He indicates that he will.

29. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30. Senator Moore, is it my understanding this is a transfer
31. from the medical assistance line item to the general assistance
32. line item?

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Moore.

2. SENATOR MOORE:

3. That is correct, Senator.

4. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

5. ...Senator Moore, how much is the general assistance expen-

6. diture up this year over a year ago?

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Moore.

9. SENATOR MOORE:

10. As I recall, Senator, in the vicinity of, and this is a

11. ball park figure, I would say probably...no I wouldn't say.

12. I'm sorry I can't answer your question, it is up substantially.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Shapiro.

15. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

16. Well, Senator Moore, you know what my hang-up is on the

17. general assistance program. What's being done as far as that

18. particular program is concerned to bring it under control. You

19. know in most of the counties of the State, general assistance

20. is handled by the Township Supervisor, where as I think in Cook

21. County it is still handled by the Cook County Department of

22. Public Aid and now the State. Is this true?

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Moore.

25. SENATOR MOORE:

26. As of January 1st, the Cook County Department of Public

27. Aid became an instrumentality of the State of Illinois. This

28. is May. We have been in there about four months. A vast

29. majority of the GA money is spent in the County of Cook in ad-

30. dition to as I recall 23 other units for local government

31. throughout the State. There are steps going. General assis-

32. tance, as you know, Senator, is principally to be a short term

33. type of assistance. We have found that due to one reason or

1. another, either a lack of adequate employees in the County of
2. Cook in order to follow-up on these cases within 45 days which
3. we are not doing but which we are starting this month to as-
4. certain whether or not they are back on the job and so forth
5. and they should be taken off the rolls or in the alternative
6. if they are eligible for one of the categorical grants which
7. are matched 50-50 with the Feds, then we want to get them onto
8. the categorical. These steps are being taken now not only in
9. Cook County but throughout the rest of the State.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Shapiro.

12. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

13. Well, Mr. President, I honestly feel that the, of all the
14. programs we have in the Public Aid field, the general assistance
15. program as it operates in those counties where the supervisor
16. does not have his thumb on the problem, the expenditures are out
17. of proportion and I think until such time as the authority for
18. this program is redelegated to the local township official,
19. we're going to be in trouble with it. As Senator Moore has
20. pointed out to you, there just are not the personnel to keep
21. track of this program. It's too easy for a county Department of
22. Public Aid and now the State of Illinois to just hand this money
23. out on a weekly basis with not the adequate personnel to follow-
24. up to make sure that these recipients are worthy of the general
25. assistance and, as in the past, I have had an extremely difficult
26. time bringing myself to vote for the Public Aid appropriation and
27. it's mainly due to the abuse of the General Assistance Program.
28. Again, on this particular bill, I am going to have to vote No.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall Senate
31. Bill 1423 pass? Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed
32. will vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
33. Take the record. On that question the Yeas are 40. The Nays

1. are 14. Senate Bill 1423, having received the Constitutional
2. Majority, is declared Passed. Senate Bill 1477. Senator
3. Clarke.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Bill 1477.

6. (Secretary reads title of the bill.)

7. Third reading of the bill.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Clarke.

10. SENATOR CLARKE:

11. Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a bill that
12. was requested by the printing industry, relating to the used
13. tax and materials that are brought into the State, processed in
14. the State and then sent out of the State for use. This type of
15. exemption, which is called a temporary storage exemption, had
16. been in long standing by the Department of Revenue, and then
17. there was a court case that enlarged it, and as a result of that
18. court case, there is a potential for loss of tremendous busi-
19. ness in this field in the State of Illinois, which is one of the
20. leaders in the printing industry. For that reason, they all, and
21. by they I mean the industry, the, I've got indications from the
22. labor groups, who are in favor of it, and the department is
23. neutral, would like to see this put into statutory form, so that
24. there is no question as to the fact that this is an exemption
25. which is presently recognized by the Department of Revenue and
26. has been of long standing. The problem really boils down to
27. the question of whether we want to lose jobs in Illinois, because
28. the big printing industry, the companies that print catalogs, can
29. do this printing outside of Illinois if necessary and will and
30. in the last five years the Illinois share of this business has
31. dropped from 15% to approximately 11% even today just because
32. of the competition the fact that this state pays one of the
33. highest labor rates for the printing field. So that is the

1. background and the reason for this bill and it merely, as I say,
2. puts into the statute what is presently the case by ruling of
3. the Department of Revenue.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Wooten.

6. SENATOR WOOTEN:

7. Mr. President, I think it would be useful for us to repeat
8. our question and answer that we had off the Floor. My initial
9. concern was that the language might be so broad that it would
10. open up other loopholes that, and permit exemptions that we do
11. not really intend. Would you respond to that please, Senator?

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Clarke.

14. SENATOR CLARKE:

15. Yes, that was a concern of ours, and last week in the
16. Revenue Committee hearing, Willard Ice was there. I asked him
17. that direct question, whether this would create any loopholes
18. that would allow other type of manufacturing to escape taxation,
19. and he answered that any type that is presently of that nature
20. is already exempted and this would not create any loopholes for
21. any type of manufaction that is not already exempted by the
22. Department. I might add in that reply that the language we're
23. putting in the statute here is the identical language that is
24. in the statute of other large industrial states like California
25. and New York, so it just follows what is already the practice
26. across the country.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Is there other discussion? Senator Berning.

29. SENATOR BERNING:

30. I'd like to inquire of the sponsor. Is this used tax now
31. being assessed and collected on disservice?

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Clarke.

1. SENATOR CLARKE:

2. No, it is not. The Department of Revenue is, by rule,
3. exempting it, but they're in a little embarrassing position be-
4. cause they brought the court case against Time Magazine and
5. the interpretation of the court was far broader. But in the
6. court case, the court itself even said in the decision that
7. the Legislature should address itself to this issue and clarify
8. it.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Berning.

11. SENATOR BERNING:

12. My question, and I assume is answered, we are not going
13. to lose any revenue we are now achieving. Thank you.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. The question is shall Senate Bill 1477 pass? Those in
16. favor will vote Aye. Those opposed vote No. The voting is
17. open. Have...have all voted who wish? Take the record. That
18. question. The Yeas are 50, the Nays are none. Senate Bill 1477,
19. having received a Constitutional Majority, is declared passed.
20. Message from the Governor.

21. SECRETARY:

22. (Secretary reads message from the Governor.)

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Executive. Committee reports.

25. SECRETARY:

26. Senator Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Assignment of
27. Bills, reports the following assignments.

28. Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bill 1485.

29. Education - Senate Bill 1402.

30. Elections & Reapportionment - Senate Bill 1210.

31. Executive - Senate Bill 1467.

32. Local Government - Senate Bill 1464.

33. Transportation & Public Utilities - Senate Bill 1230,

1. 1233, 1294, 1326, 1327, 1328, 1329, 1330,
2. 1344, 1367, 1368, 1369, 1370, 1371, 1452,
3. 1453, 1454, 1455, and 1456.

4. Senator Graham, Chairman of the Committee on Assignment of
5. Bills, reports the following assignments.

6. To the Committee on Transportation & Public Utilities
7. - Senate Bills 1487, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94 and
8. 1495.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Is there further business to come before the Senate?

11. Senator Latherow. Oh. Senator Regner, yes, I have your motion.

12. Senator Latherow.

13. SENATOR LATHEROW:

14. Mr. President, I just wish to announce that the meeting
15. of Agriculture, Conservation, and Ecology, has been cancelled.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Regner.

18. SENATOR REGNER:

19. Yes, Mr. President, I would like to now move to discharge
20. the Committee on Local Governments from further consideration of
21. Senate Bill 84 with House Amendment No. 1. I have discussed
22. this with Senators Partee and Soper.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Regner moves to discharge the Committee on Local
25. Government from further consideration of Senate Bill 84. All
26. in favor of that motion signify by saying Aye. Contrary No.
27. Motion carries. Senator Regner.

28. SENATOR REGNER:

29. I would like to now move that the Senate non-concur on
30. House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 84.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Yes. Now the motion was that the bill be discharged from
33. Local Government and referred to - alright, the bill has been

1. discharged. Senator Regner's motion is to non-concur in House
2. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 84. All in favor of the motion
3. to non-concur, signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion
4. carries. Senator Knuepfer.

5. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

6. I just want to remind you, those of you on Public Health,
7. Welfare, and Corrections, at 2:00 we are meeting with Director
8. Miller. I hope all of you do plan to attend and .. 2:00 on the
9. Floor of the Senate here.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Mitchler.

12. SENATOR MITCHLER:

13. Mr. President, I would ask Leave of the Body to be added
14. as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 1246.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Is there Leave? Leave is granted. So ordered. Senator
17. Rock.

18. SENATOR ROCK:

19. Thank you, Mr. President. There will be a Democratic
20. Caucus immediately after adjournment on the Sixth Floor. Caucus
21. immediately after adjournment.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Berning.

24. SENATOR BERNING:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. I merely want to remind the
26. members of Pension and Personnel Committee that we will meet
27. in Room 212 at 6:00 p.m. There are witnesses scheduled. I
28. hope you will make every effort to be there and at the same
29. time I respectfully encourage any other members of the Legis-
30. lature to attend this meeting, which will have before it a
31. rather significant bit of Legislation.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. The....Senator Course.

1. SENATOR COURSE:

2. Yes, Mr. Speaker and Members of the Senate. I think it's
3. appropriate at this time that we all stand and wish our col-
4. league, Frank Savickas, many happy returns of the day - it's
5. his, I believe, 39th birthday, so we'll call him Frank "Jack
6. Benny" Savickas.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Howard Mohr.

9. SENATOR MOHR:

10. Mr. President the Senate schedule calls for coming in
11. tomorrow morning at 10:00. That's going to be changed till
12. 10:30. I'm going to make that motion now that the Senate do
13. stand adjourned until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Alright. Senator Mohr moves that the Senate stand adjourned
16. until 10:30 Wednesday - at 10:30. 10:30, Wednesday, May 15.
17. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion
18. carries and the Senate, in regular session, stands adjourned
19. until tomorrow morning at 10:30.

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