

78TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 12, 1974

1. SERGEANT AT ARMS:

2. May I have your attention, please? The Senate will convene
3. at 10:30. The Senate will convene at 10:30. Thank you. All
4. persons not entitled to the Floor, please retire to the gallery.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. The Senate will be in order. The invocation will be by
7. the Reverend George Hargis or the Cumler United Methodist Church
8. in Springfield, Illinois. Will our guests please rise and join
9. with us in this moment of prayer.

10. REVEREND HARGIS:

11. (Prayer by Reverend Hargis.)

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

13. Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the journal.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Thursday, June 27, 1974.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

17. Senator Regner.

18. SENATOR REGNER:

19. Yes, Mr. President, I move that the Senate do approve the
20. journal of Thursday, June 27th, 1974.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

22. You've heard the motion of Senator Regner. All in favor
23. signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Motion adopted.

24. SECRETARY:

25. Friday, June 28th, 1974.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

27. Senator Regner.

28. SENATOR REGNER:

29. Mr. President, I move that we approve the journal of Fri-
30. day, June 28th, 1974.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

32. You've heard the motion of Senator Regner. All in favor
33. signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The mo-

1. tion carries. Senator Regner.

2. SENATOR REGNER:

3. Mr. President, I move that we postpone the reading of the
4. journals until the arrival of the printed journals of June 29th,
5. 30th, July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and July 10th and 11th, 1974.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

7. You've heard the motion of the gentleman from Mt. Prospect.
8. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it.
9. The motion carries. Res...Resolutions. Before we go into that,
10. ladies and gentlemen of the Senate, we are prepared...we doing
11. this function of opening the Senate so that we may be in a posi-
12. tion to receive the messages that will be forthcoming from the
13. Conference Committees that are now engaged in working on, par-
14. ticularly the Department of Transportation bill, so as soon as
15. we clean up a little bit of business on the Secretary's Desk,
16. we will be in recess. The leadership on both sides of the aisle
17. certainly is very appreciative of the indulgence of...indulgence
18. of the members and their willingness to be near or about the
19. Senate Chambers so that when these matters come before us that
20. we will be here and prepared to act upon them and for those
21. that are still in their offices, we will be recessing very short-
22. ly and we thank all of you for your consideration. Resolution.

23. SECRETARY:

24. Senate Resolution 532, offered by President Harris, Sena-
25. tors Graham; Howard Mohr, and Weaver, and it's congratulatory.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

27. Senator Weaver moves for the suspension of the rules for
28. immediate consideration of this resolution. All in favor of
29. suspension, signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Senator Weaver
30. now moves the adoption of the resolution. All in favor signify
31. by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution's
32. adopted. Senator Weaver.

33. SENATOR WEAVER:

1. Mr. President, I would move that we recess to...at the
2. call of the Chair.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

4. You have heard the motion of the Senator from Urbana that
5. the Senate do stand in recess, subject to call of the Chair,
6. awaiting the arrival of the reports from the various Conference
7. Committees. All in favor of recess, signify by saying Aye.
8. Opposed. The Ayes have it and the Senate will be in recess at
9. the call of the Chair.

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11. (RECESS BEGINS.)

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13. SERGEANT AT ARMS:

14. There will be a Republican Caucus in President Harris'
15. office immediately. A Republican Caucus in President Harris'
16. office immediately. All persons not entitled to the Floor,
17. please retire to the gallery.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

19. For the Senators that are in their offices, we are going
20. to convene the Senate momentarily. I would suggest that you
21. proceed with some dispatch to the Chambers.

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23. (RECESS ENDS.)

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25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

26. The Senate will be in order. Mr. Secretary, what do you
27. have on your...Messages from the House.

28. SECRETARY:

29. (Secretary reads message from the House.)

30. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate
31. the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the
32. following title, and the passage of which I am instructed
33. to ask concurrence of the Senate to wit: House Bill 2587.

July 12, 1974
SB 1641

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

2. First reading. Do you have a couple of resolutions...
3. Resolutions.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Resolution No. 533, offered by Senator Conolly, and
6. it's congratulatory. Congratulates Sergeant Frank A. Barron of
7. the State...Illinois State Police.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

9. Senator Conolly moves for a suspension of the rules for
10. immediate adoption of the resolution. All in favor signify by
11. saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended.
12. All in favor of the adoption signify by saying Aye. Opposed.
13. The Ayes have it and the resolution is adopted.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Joint Resolution No. 84, offered by Senator Howard
16. Mohr.

17. (Secretary reads Senate Joint Resolution No. 84.)

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

19. Senator Mohr moves the adoption of the Adjournment Resolu-
20. tion. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes
21. have it and the resolution is adopted. Conference Committee
22. reports. Senator Moore...Don Moore, are you ready on 1641?
23. Conference Committee report on 1641. Senator Moore.

24. SENATOR MOORE:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. This is the Second Conference
26. Committee report on Senate Bill 1641. In that the Senate con-
27. cur in House amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 to Senate Bill 1641.
28. Senate...or amendment No. 1 is a clarifying amendment that states
29. that the County Board of Elections shall have jurisdiction over
30. only countywide elections. Amendment No. 2...

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

32. May we have some order, please. This bill is important to
33. some people. Several people, as a matter-of-fact.

July 12, 1974
SB 1641

1. SENATOR MOORE:

2. Amendment No. 2 includes employees of the State's Attorney's
3. office in addition to the employees of the County Clerk or Board
4. of Elections Office that can vote absentee ballot on Election Day.
5. Amendment No. 3 removes the employees from the State Board of
6. Elections from the Department of Personnel. Amendment No. 4 is
7. a technical amendment that eliminates old language in the statute
8. pertaining to the Primary Election of 1974 and states that there
9. shall be one Legislative committee for each party rather than the
10. old Representative and Senatorial committees that we have. The
11. committee...or the Conference Committee report was signed by all
12. 10 members of the Conference Committee. If there are no questions,
13. Mr. President, I would move that the Senate adopt Conference Com-
14. mittee Report No. 2 to Senate Bill 1641.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

16. Any further discussion? Question before the Senate is
17. shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report No. 2
18. to Senate Bill 1641. All in favor of the adoption will signi...
19. will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The
20. voting is open. Senator Scholl, will you vote me Aye, please?
21. Senator Mohr, thank you. Have...have all voted who wish? We'll
22. ...we'll...we'll...we'll wait...we'll wait...we'll wait. We're
23. ...it's the first roll call. I appreciate that. We'll give you
24. a little time. It's the first roll call. Have...have all voted
25. who wish? Take the record. On this...on this question the Yeas
26. were 48, the Nays were none. The Senate adopts the Conference
27. Committee report on Senate Bill 1641. This bill, having received
28. the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The
29. Conference Committee report is adopted; and the bill, having
30. received the affirmative vote of 3/5ths of the members, is de-
31. clared...effective immediately upon its becoming law. Senator
32. Scholl.

33. SENATOR SCHOLL:

1. Mr. President, I ask for a point of personal privilege.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

3. State your point, Senator.

4. SENATOR SCHOLL:

5. I would like to introduce to the members of the Senate an
6. uncle of mine who was a former Assistant Clerk of this Senate
7. back in 1943, Robert Burke. I wish he'd stand and be recog-
8. nized.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

10. Will the gentleman stand and be recognized by the Senate?
11. We have a Conference Committee Report No. 2 on Senate Bill 1382.
12. Senator Philip Rock.

13. SENATOR ROCK:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. This is the Second Conference
15. Committee Report on Senate Bill 1382, which is the ordinary
16. and contingent operating expenses for the Fiscal Year '75 for
17. the Capital Bond Development Board. The conferees were in
18. meeting all day. I think the bill is pretty much in the same
19. shape it was as it left the Senate with the sole exception that
20. we...the Attorney General amendment has, in fact, been removed.
21. I would urge that the Senate concur with the Second Conference
22. Committee report on Senate Bill 1382.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

24. Any discussion? Question before the Senate is shall the
25. Senate concur in Conference Committee Report No. 2 to Senate
26. Bill 1382. Those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those
27. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Senator Shapiro,
28. will you vote me please, Aye? Have all voted who wish? Have
29. all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question, the
30. Yeas are 47, the Nays are none. The Senate adopts the Con-
31. ference Committee report on Senate Bill 1382; and the bill,
32. having received the required constitutional majority, is declared
33. passed; and the bill, having received the affirmative vote of

1. 3/5ths of the members elected, is effective immediately upon its
2. becoming law. We have a Conference Committee Report No. 2 on
3. Senate Bill 1345. Senator James Donnewald, the gentleman from
4. Breese.

5. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

6. Well, this is the First Conference Committee Report, Mr.
7. President.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

9. Oh, the First, I'm sorry...

10. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

11. Yes. We...we only needed one.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

13. You're wonderful.

14. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

15. I...somebody said hurry up. This is like Senator Vadalabene
16. says, the biggie, and I want to express my sincere appreciation
17. to both sides of the aisle here, as well as both sides of the
18. rotunda. We made compromises and we did come out with...with
19. what I think is a decent product. It is the Department of Trans-
20. portation's appropriation bill and I would urge a favorable roll
21. call.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

23. Any discussion? The question before the Senate is shall
24. Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1345 be adopted?
25. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The
26. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? I'm waiting. Have
27. all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question the Yeas
28. are 47, the Nays are none. The Senate adopts the Conference
29. Committee report on Senate Bill 1345; and the bill, having re-
30. ceived the constitutional required majority, is therefore de-
31. clared passed; and the bill, having received the affirmative
32. vote of 3/5ths of the members elected, is effective immediately
33. upon its becoming law. Senator Harber Hall.

1. SENATOR HALL:

2. I would like the record, Mr. President, to show that had
3. I not been in a Conference, I would have voted for that last
4. bill, the Department of Transportation, but I wasn't able to.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. You have done already placed yourself on record, Senator
7. Hall, and we're sorry you were in Conference...just missed it.
8. House Bill 2416. Conference Committee Report No. 2 by Jim
9. Donnewald. House Bill 2416. Senator. Should I ask Senator
10. McBroom to make the motion?

11. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

12. Why don't...let's hold this a little while.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

14. ...the record. We are...we are now going to consider
15. the Second Conference Committee report No. 2 on House Bill 2416,
16. that's the Office of General Services. Senator Weaver.

17. SENATOR WEAVER:

18. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I'd move that we
19. adopt the Second Conference Committee report on House Bill 2416.
20. This is General Services. The basic change is just the deletion
21. of the Attorney General's amendment.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

23. Any discussion? Question before the Senate is shall the
24. Senate adopt the Second Conference Committee report on House
25. Bill 2416. Those in favor will signify by voting Aye. Those
26. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Senator Shapiro,
27. thank you. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
28. Take the record. On this question the Yeas were 45, the Nays
29. were none, and the bill, having received...the Senate adopts
30. the Conference Committee report on House Bill 2416; and the
31. bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is,
32. therefore declared passed; and the bill, having received the
33. 3...affirmatives 3/5ths vote of the members elected, is...be-

1. comes effective...it becomes effective immediately upon its
2. becoming law. The Regular Session of the 78th General Assem-
3. bly will be in recess.

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5. (RECESS BEGINS.)

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7. (RECESS ENDS.)

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9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

10. The First Special Session...have leave of the Senate to
11. return to the order of business to reconvene the First Regular
12. Session of the 78th...the Regular Session of the 78th General
13. Assembly. Leave is granted. And we will now come to order.
14. Senator McBroom.

15. SENATOR MCBROOM:

16. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I'd like
17. to move House Bill 2303 back to...have leave of the Body to
18. move it back to second reading for the purpose of an amend...
19. of an amendment.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

21. Senator McBroom has asked leave of the Senate to have
22. House Bill 2303 returned from the order of third reading to
23. the order of second reading for the purpose of consideration
24. of amendments. Is leave granted? Leave is granted, and the
25. bill is now on the order of second reading. Senator McBroom,
26. just a moment until the Secretary gets caught up with us.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Amendment No. 9, offered by Senator McBroom.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

30. Senator McBroom.

31. SENATOR MCBROOM:

32. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

1. May we just...just a moment Senator. Inside and outside
2. of the bar may we please have some order? That includes the
3. Senators. Senator McBroom.

4. SENATOR MCBROOM:

5. The purpose of this amendment, Mr. President. I under-
6. stand that the Illinois Governmental Information Service bill
7. was recently killed in the House. Therefore, there's no need
8. for the appropriation for it in House Bill 2303. It removes
9. the 475,200 dollars from 2303 and I move the adoption of the
10. amendment.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

12. Any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of the amend-
13. ment No. 9 to House Bill 2303 signify by saying Aye. Opposed.
14. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further amend-
15. ments?

16. SECRETARY:

17. Amendment No. 10, offered by Senator Rock.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

19. Sen...Senator Rock.

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. Thank you, Mr. President, this is amendment, what number?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

23. 10.

24. SENATOR ROCK:

25. 10. Amendment No. 10. This amendment contains the substance
26. of Senate Bill 1273, which was successfully passed here twice.
27. It's the...those monies for the distributive...various distri-
28. butive funds of the Comptroller, Senate Bill 1273, seems to be
29. caught in somewhat of a snag in the House, so we're going to put
30. it in this bill and I...I would move adoption of amendment No. 10.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

32. Any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of amendment
33. No. 10 to House Bill 2303 signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The

1. Ayes have it; the amendment's adopted. Any further amendments
2. from the Floor? Third reading. Senator Berning, did you seek
3. recognition?

4. SECRETARY:

5. Conference Committee report on House Bill 2347. Senator
6. Swinarski.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

8. Senator Swinarski. Senator Rock.

9. SENATOR ROCK:

10. Yes. This is the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, is
11. that correct? Yes. This is the ordinary appropriation for the
12. Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. I'm happy to say that there
13. seems to be general agreement. This bill...the Conference Com-
14. mittee report, which...whose adoption I will move shortly, puts
15. the bill in the exact same shape it left the Senate with again
16. the sole exception that the Attorney General amendment is off it.
17. There...there is itemization by both program and agency and I
18. would move adoption of the Conference Committee report...Second
19. Conference Committee report on House Bill 2347.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

21. Any further discussion? Question before the Senate. Shall
22. the Senate adopt Conference Committee report No. 2 on House Bill
23. 2347. All in favor will signify by saying Aye. Those opposed
24. will vote Nay. The voting is open. Vote me No, Senator Mohr.
25. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the
26. record. On this question the Yeas were 42, the Nays were 5.
27. The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on House Bill
28. 2347; the the bill, having received the required constitutional
29. majority, is therefore declared passed; and having received the
30. affirmative vote of 3/5ths of the members elected, is effective
31. immediately upon its becoming law. Resolution.

32. SECRETARY:

33. Senate Resolution No. 534 offered by Senators Scholl, Nimrod,

1. Howard Mohr and Regner.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

3. Executive....Secretary. Nothing on your desk? We will now
4. proceed to the order of House Bills, Third Reading. Senator
5. McBroom. Who...gentlemen, we're on the order of House Bills,
6. Third. Any of the gentlemen of the Senate have a desire...(ma-
7. chine cut off)...ing a request from Senators. House Bills,
8. Third Reading. The Chair recognizes the Senator from Chicago,
9. Senator Daniel Dougherty.

10. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

11. Thank you, Mr. President. I have here two bills, 2798 and
12. 2799. They're companion bills. 2798 provides for the transfer
13. of 55 acres from the Warren Park from the Department of Conser-
14. vation to the Chicago Park District. This will comprise a com-
15. plete park of 50...or 90 some odd acres. It has been in the
16. property of the Department of Conservation for a number of years
17. and absolutely nothing has been done. But in the interest of a
18. proper...and remains in the property of the Park District, the
19. Department of Conservation has agreed to turn this over, subject
20. to the approval of the Federal authorities. This will be re-
21. ceived. I ask a favorable vote.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

23. Mr. Secretary...

24. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

25. Also contained in is a section of land in Alton, Illinois,
26. which will be turned over to the City of Alton and Wood River
27. Township and a certain number of acres to the...the Bethalto
28. School District. This also has the approval. I would recom-
29. mend a favorable...pay...roll call.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

31. Since you explained them, we'll have the Secretary read
32. them by title.

33. SECRETARY:

1. SECRETARY:

2. House Bill 2798.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill.)

4. Third reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. Senator Howard Mohr.

7. SENATOR MOHR:

8. Yes, Mr. President. This is a good bill and would urge the
9. members on this side of the aisle to support Senator Dougherty.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

11. Senator John Knuppel. Senator Knuppel, you're recognized.
12. May we have some order, please? You can hardly tell it when
13. you're recognized. May we have some order? Senator Knuppel's
14. microphone. He's having...Senator Knuppel.

15. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

16. I can't support this legislation. I assume it's going to
17. pass anyway. I have no big quarrel with the Edgewater Beach
18. situation as it is because I think probably, if the State keeps
19. this property they'll spend a lot more for it in maintaining it
20. than...than...and it would be cheaper to give it away. But the
21. thing that...that I don't care about in this, and we heard it
22. in committee, is the ripoff for the land that's being given
23. away from a State hospital at Alton. This is being handled
24. differently again than the Peoria State Hospital where a
25. commission has been appointed and funded to study the disposition
26. of State property and what use is going to be made of it. An
27. earlier instance here, we had...Senator Buzbee had a piece of
28. land, which at least he's going to sell at public auction and
29. there's going to be some appraisals. Here, there were a group
30. of peop...the City of Alton was ready, willing, and able as I
31. understand it, to pay something like 356,000 dollars for this
32. land. Now it's going to be given to them. No study, as far as
33. I know, has ever been made. This is another irregular disposi-

1. tion of State property. It's three different pieces of pro-
2. perty, all, different State hospitals, being handled in three
3. different ways. This again highlights the need, if nothing
4. else, the need for a Legislative Commission or group or com-
5. mittee at the start of each Session to study dispositions
6. of State property and make recommendations with reference
7. thereto. I personally feel that...that in this instance, and
8. I know there are some extenuating circumstances, such as the
9. fact that some of the park lands in the City of Alton have
10. been taken for highway purposes and otherwise. But this is a
11. case where the City of Alton was willing, and indicated in com-
12. mittee that they were willing, to pay something like 350,000
13. dollars for this land and here we are giving it to them with-
14. out any study, any facts, figures, or otherwise. This...this
15. was tacked on as an amendment to the Edgewater Beach bill
16. when it was presented in the House. I personally can't support
17. this method of disposition of property, where it's tacked on
18. as an amendment. Some Legislator gets it through. As a...it's
19. the same as your creek bills, it's pork barrel, something that's
20. done without reason or rhyme in State Government.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

22. Senator Vadalabene.

23. SENATOR VADALABENE:

24. Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.
25. Here we go again. If you recall, Senator Knuppel offered an
26. amendment removing the Alton State Hospital and...and the...in
27. ...in regards to that property and we defeated it 51 to nothing
28. at that time. I rest assured that Senator Knuppel does not
29. realize this and Lieutenant Governor Neil Hartigan came down
30. into that area and through his hard effort and work, this
31. amendment was put onto this bill. I urge my colleagues on both
32. sides of the aisle to forget Senator Knuppel and to vote...to
33. vote favorable for this bill.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

2. Senator Mitchler.

3. SENATOR MITCHLER:

4. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I would rise
5. in support of this transfer of the State land to the Chicago
6. Park District, known as the Old Edgewater Golf Course. I rise
7. at this time to offer this suggestion. This was originally to
8. be a State Park, but again our Department of Conservation, un-
9. able to develop that area into a satisfactory State Park. It's
10. up in weeds now, I understand, and is just in a deplorable
11. condition. I guess it looks just about like our other State
12. Parks. We in Illinois cannot be proud of many of our State Parks
13. and type of facilities that we have, and I'm very much in favor
14. of transferring this over to the Chicago Park District. The
15. Chicago Park District has the finest parks of any place in the
16. United States and as a Senator serving on the periphery and
17. sort of out in the suburbs and the boonies. My people in my
18. district go into Chicago and they use these parks and they're
19. always welcome and I've never had anybody turned away. They
20. have boats in there that are tied up at the moorings. They use
21. the lake and the frontage and I can't speak any more than this
22. in favor of the Park District of Chicago taking this land over
23. and I know it will be put to good use for everybody in the State.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

25. Further discussion? Senator Howard Mohr.

26. SENATOR MOHR:

27. Yes, I wonder, Mr. President. I'd like to get a copy of
28. that speech off the tape, but Senator Mitchler, your people
29. will be coming in from there on...and they will be able to use
30. those fine facilities by taking the RTA very shortly.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

32. Senator Berning. May we have some order, please?

33. SENATOR BERNING:

1. Well, Mr. President. I...I merely want to comment that it
2. seems to me it was only two years ago that we were importuned
3. with the necessity for the State to acquire this Old Edgewater
4. Golf Course. It was touted as an ideal site for a State Park.
5. It merely appears to me that this is a classic example of the
6. old shell game. If it was the intention, as to me is...it is
7. now obvious it was, that the City of Chicago wanted this, we
8. should have just purchased it and outright gave it to them at
9. that time, instead of going through the machinations of acquir-
10. ing and designating it a State Park, and then allowing it to
11. go into a deplorable state of disrepair and now, as a magnani-
12. mous gesture, allow the City to take it over in order to salvage
13. it. I think we have been hoodwinked, Mr. President.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

15. Further discussion. Senator Dougherty moves for a favor-
16. able roll call. All in favor...the question before the Senate
17. is shall House Bill 2798 pass. Those in favor will signify
18. by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is
19. open. Vote me Aye, please, Senator Mohr. Have all voted who
20. wish? Take the record. On this question the Yeas were 38,
21. the Nays were 5, 1 voting Present. The bill, having received
22. the constitutional majority required, is therefore declared
23. passed; and having received the affirmative vote of 3/5ths of
24. the members elected, is effective immediately upon its becoming
25. law. Senator Dougherty.

26. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

27. I have one more bill. It calls for an appropriation of
28. 25,000 dollars for the expen...

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

30. Senator, that's...just a...is that 2799? Let the Secretary
31. read it by title.

32. SECRETARY:

33. House Bill 2799.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill.)

2. Third reading of the bill.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

4. Senator Dougherty moves for a favorable roll call on Senate

5. Bill 2799. Question before the Senate is shall House Bill 2799

6. pass. Those in favor will indicate by voting Aye. Those opposed

7. by voting Nay. The voting is open. Senator Berning. The vot-

8. ing is open. Vote me Aye, Howard. Have all voted who wish?

9. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question the

10. Yeas are 37, the Nays are 5, 3 are voting Present. The bill,

11. having received the constitutional majority required, is there-

12. fore, declared passed; and having received an affirmative vote

13. of 3/5ths of the members elected, is effective immediately upon

14. its becoming law. Senator Berning.

15. SENATOR BERNING:

16. Mr. President, let me then on a point of personal privilege

17. just make...

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

19. State your point, Senator.

20. SENATOR BERNING:

21. ...just make this point. Since 2798 passed as we knew it

22. would, 2799 is just a double insult. Where 8 million dollars of

23. valuable land is donated, at least the cost for the transfer

24. ought to be borne by the recipient. To me this is adding in-

25. sult to injury and I want to have the record show, in my opinion,

26. this is absolutely unjustified.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

28. You're on the tape, Senator. (Machine cut off.)...Weaver.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

30. 2666, Senator Partee.

31. ACTING SECRETARY (MR. WRIGHT):

32. House...House Bill 2666.

33. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill.)

1. Third reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

3. Senator Partee.

4. SENATOR PARTEE:

5. This is a bill which the Legislature passed last year and
6. the Governor vetoed for the reason that the definitions, he
7. said, were not in keeping with what he desired them. We re-
8. filed the bill. This is Representative Merlo's bill. It now
9. satisfies the requirements of that office and I'd ask for a
10. favorable roll call.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

12. Is there any discussion? Senator Clarke.

13. SENATOR CLARKE:

14. Mr. President, I'd just like to rise in support of this
15. bill. We had a full hearing a year ago in the Revenue Commit-
16. tee. Now this bill tie...got tied up in some parliamentary
17. maneuvering but it did pass last year. I think it's a better
18. bill today. It would help low income housing and it's a bill
19. that ought to be voted favorably.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

21. Any further discussion? Question is shall House Bill 2666
22. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The
23. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who
24. wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. Senator
25. Partee asks that House Bill 2666 be placed on the order of post-
26. poned consideration. 2897. Senator Rock. Are you handling
27. Senator Sours bill, Senator Rock? 287...97? 2868, Conference
28. Committee report. Senator Glass.

29. SENATOR GLASS:

30. Thank you, Mr. President and Senators. We have the Second
31. Conference Committee report on House Bill 2868, which has been
32. called to the attention of the Senate to the fact, signed by all
33. conferees, excepting Senator Nimrod, who I think will be heard

1. on this. The signature of Senator Rock, I'm advised, is in error
2. in that he was a member of the First Conference Committee and not
3. this one. There are nevertheless enough signatures on the report.
4. The report is the yellow sheet...2-page sheet on everyone's desk.
5. We recite in the preambles the background for the necessity for
6. the bill and I would suggest to you to look over that section and
7. I would emphasize in particular this preamble: Whereas the Depart-
8. ment of Local Government Affairs has failed utterly and may con-
9. tinue to fail to discharge its duties and responsibilities per-
10. taining to the issuance of the equalization factor. We have
11. been put in this position by the failure of that department to
12. issue the multiplier for Cook County. The various school districts
13. and other taxing bodies in the County, which have put their bud-
14. gets together months and months ago in reliance on past history
15. regarding the multiplier, would be placed in a position of being
16. hundreds of thousands of dollars and a total of millions of dol-
17. lars under their budgeted amounts. They would be forced to bor-
18. row money to meet their payrolls and we feel that the bill that
19. ...in...in this form does solve the problem. The...the multiplier
20. which has been proposed is 1.1418, 1.14...

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

22. Any discussion?

23. SENATOR GLASS:

24. 1 point...all right...I...I would just say in closing that
25. the...the provision allows the districts the amount that they
26. have already levied but not to exceed the amount that could be
27. produced by multiplying their maximum tax rate against last year's
28. assessed valuation. In other words they get the amount they
29. received last year or their maximum otherwise provided by law.
30. I would hope that we could get a favorable roll call now
31. with the Second Conference Committee report.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

33. Is there any further discussion? The question is shall the

1. Senate adopt the Second...Senator Nimrod.

2. SENATOR NIMROD:

3. Yeah. Mr. President and fellow Senators. As we have with
4. all bills and reports, I guess there's always some problems
5. that exist and I just would like to call attention to the fact
6. that I thought we had a seles...a successful solution to the pro-
7. blem of this complicated problem that would have provided equality.
8. However, there is one provision in this and that is if the
9. multiplier is maintained at 1.59 then in fact we are going to be
10. discriminating against one of the quadrants and that would be
11. quadrant 2 which taxes in that area might go up anywhere from
12. 10 to 20% and the...the problem is that I will support this on
13. the basis that this bill makes it possible to take the temporary
14. multiplier and make it permanent and if we don't do that, of
15. course, then in fact what I'm doing is leaving a loophole for
16. this thing against the people within quadrant 2 of which part
17. of my district is involved. So I would hope that...that there
18. would be the kind of sincerity on the part of both the Local
19. Government Affairs and the Governor's Office to make sure that
20. they don't do two things. One is leave it at 1.59 and No. 2
21. is to veto the bill on the premise that they're going to give
22. the taxpayers a break at the expense of the tax districts.
23. Now I, for one, am not concerned...I'm primarily concerned
24. with the taxing bodies, but I do think we own them a responsi-
25. bility to make sure that they are at least not going to get
26. hurt, and if we do this then at least the taxpayer is both
27. protected and the taxing body is protected. So I would hope
28. that this would pass with the expectations of which it was
29. presented and that is that we...we fix the multiplier, as a
30. permanent multiplier at 1.4813.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32. Senator Clarke.

33. SENATOR CLARKE:

1. Mr. President, let me just make a few comments because I
2. think that the problem we have here is unique in that the mul-
3. tiplier in Cook County has never been decreased in recent his-
4. tory, going back through the 60's to the degree that the De-
5. partment indicated by their estimated multiplier that they
6. were going to decrease it. The levies had already been made,
7. and what this really means is that if we do nothing and the
8. department goes ahead you're going to lose about 60 to 70
9. million dollars in tax money to all of the taxing districts
10. in Cook County. There's no way you can avoid that. And we
11. are in effect saying that for this one year we will give them
12. the option either way of getting what they ask for but I think
13. that every taxing district in Cook County is being put on
14. notice that as the assessments are increased, quadrant by
15. quadrant, that they are going to have to tighten their belt
16. and that the multiplier is going to be lowered in future years.
17. I think it's that simple. I think we've got to do this and I
18. urge you vote for it.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

20. Senator Dougherty.

21. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

22. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I am quite in
23. agreement with Senator Clarke on this. We did work hard on it.
24. It is just really a stop-gap answer for this particular problem
25. at this point in time.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

27. Any further discussion? The question is shall the Senate
28. adopt the Second Conference Committee report on House Bill 2868.
29. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting
30. is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
31. question the Ayes are 45 and the Nays are none. The Senate
32. adopts the Conference Committee report on House Bill 2868; and
33. the Bill, having received the required constitutional majority,

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1. is declared passed; and the bill, having received the affirmative
2. vote of 3/5ths of the members elected, is effective immediately
3. upon its becoming a law. Further bills? Senator Rock, do you
4. want to call this bill? House Bill 2897. Third reading.
5. For what purpose Senator Merritt arise?

6. SENATOR MERRITT:

7. Well, Mr. President. If Senator Rock is going to proceed
8. with that bill, I don't want to intervene, but I did have a
9. matter.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

11. We'll get right back to you, Senator.

12. SECRETARY:

13. House Bill 2897.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill.)

15. Third reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

17. Senator Rock. Senator Harris.

18. SENATOR HARRIS:

19. I think the record ought to show that in the absence of
20. Senator Sours that leave of the Senate has been given for
21. Senator Rock to serve as the sponsor of this bill. I would
22. request that leave of the Senate.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

24. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Rock may ex-
25. plain the bill.

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to ask for that
28. same leave. Senator Sours and I have worked on this bill when it
29. came over from the House. There were a couple of amendments
30. put one, one by Senator Berning and one by myself. It's an
31. amendment to the General Assembly Retirement System and it
32. allows credit for past service as a...a municipal...municipal
33. officer. We have provided with Senator Berning's amendment

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1. that the full cost must be paid with interest and I think the
2. bill is in good shape and I would urge a favorable vote.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

4. Senator Shapiro.

5. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

6. Mr...Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate.
7. I wish to say a few words in support of House Bill 2897. The
8. bill primarily deals with pension credit for public service
9. other than as a Legislator. Such credit, of course, is not
10. vital to the particular operation of a sound pension system,
11. but neither is it unwarranted. Extra service credit, in fact,
12. is fairly commonplace in many of the other pension systems. As
13. a matter of fact now Governmental service as an appointee
14. Assistant State's Attorney can now be transferred into the
15. General Assembly Retirement System. This past spring we passed
16. another bill which dealt with credit for Governmental service
17. outside the State of Illinois for participants in the University
18. Retirement System. The point that I really want to make though
19. concerning the significance of this bill and the reason that it
20. should receive a favorable vote, is the contribution requirement
21. that we in the Senate have attached to it in amendment No. 1.
22. Now to receive this service credit, which will be provided in
23. this Act the person who is transferring in this outside credit
24. must pay the full normal cost, which means that he has to make
25. not only his own contribution, but the contribution of the...of
26. the State at the salary in effect at the time that he transfers
27. this credit in which is 17,500 dollars. Then this transfer
28. of this yearly credit will be multiplied by the actual number
29. of years claimed. In other words the member will be paying the
30. full actuarial cost for the credit that he will be receiving.
31. The State and the taxpayers will bear none of the cost. I
32. think is a very important precedent to establish. It will have
33. an effect on future pension proposals and may help to curb the

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1. rapid increase in pension cost. I particularly want to urge
2. everyone to vote favorably on this particular measure.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

4. Is there any further discussion? Senator Berning.

5. SENATOR BERNING:

6. Thank you, Mr. President. Just one word of reassurance
7. to the members of this Body and that is that the...the House
8. members are fully aware of these amendments and are in con-
9. currence.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

11. Any further discussion? Question is shall House Bill
12. 2897 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.
13. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
14. On that question the Ayes are 45 and the Nays are none and
15. two voting Present. House Bill 2897, having received the
16. constitutional majority, is declared passed; and the bill,
17. having received the affirmative vote of 3/5ths of the members
18. elected, is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.
19. Senator Merritt.

20. SENATOR MERRITT:

21. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I don't
22. know whether we've reached the point in time that my comments
23. might be acceptable. It's in connection with our adoption
24. of the Conference Committee report on DOT, Senate Bill 1345.
25. The original bill, having stated on line...or on page 33,
26. beginning with line 13, for land acquisition and construction
27. on the alignment of FAP 411 for the Danville, Illinois, By-pass,
28. which is in my district, 4 million and that's been in the
29. appropriations for several past years, never been released
30. by the Governor. This time in the Conference Committee report
31. on page 12, it merely states on the alignment of FAP 411 from
32. Lawrenceville to Goodnow. Well, that's quite a stretch of
33. miles in there. I realize it does encompass Danville and

1. accounts for 6 million dollars and my only question is just for
2. the record. I'd like to ask the question of my seat mate, the
3. Chairman of the Senate Appropriation Committee, Senator
4. McBroom. Does this 6 million include the 4 million for the
5. Danville By-Pass?

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Senator McBroom.

8. SENATOR MCBROOM:

9. Yes, Senator Merritt, we have discussed this privately
10. and you are absolutely correct, it is compressed in there,
11. but it is included. The answer is yes to your question.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

13. Senator Merritt.

14. SENATOR MERRITT:

15. Well...well, thank you, Senator McBroom. I just didn't
16. want to go back home, as I'm sure none of the rest of us want
17. to, back to our home districts and find out that we finally
18. voted for a Conference Committee report that the...that we
19. weren't certain just exactly what it did do and at least we've
20. clarified this for the record that the 4 million is in there
21. for that Danville By-Pass. Thank you.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

23. Senator McBroom.

24. SENATOR MCBROOM:

25. Mr...is Senator Vadalabene on the Floor?

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

27. He's on the Floor.

28. SENATOR MCBROOM:

29. Senator Vadalabene...

30. SENATOR VADALABENE:

31. Yes, Senator Ben.

32. SENATOR MCBROOM:

33. I just had a report here from Senator Davidson and Roger

1. Sweet, who's a member of the Sangamon County Board. They tell
2. me that very shortly, perhaps by Fall, there will be a 4-lane
3. highway on West Madison Street...or West Washington Street
4. leading to the Ponderosa. There will be curbs, gutters, trees
5. will be planted and it will meet with your total approval and
6. I wanted to report that to you, Senator.

7. SENATOR VADALABENE:

8. Yes, thank you very much. As a taxpayer of Springfield
9. and a resident of...also of Washington Street, that's very
10. good news, Senator McBroom.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

12. Senator Davidson.

13. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

14. Senator McBroom didn't quite hear all that explanation.
15. I said if he got reelected enough times he would see this
16. 4-lane ex...boulevard with the trees and the landscape right
17. to his front door, but in the meantime, Senator Vadalabene,
18. please keep off the oil so 10 days from now they can put the
19. asphalt and chips on it so that when you come back in November
20. you'll have a nice highway out to your driveway and Roger
21. Sweet has volunteered, as committee of one, to carry you upon
22. his back if there's a chughole in it when you come back in
23. November.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

25. Senator Vadalabene, are you satisfied with that explana-
26. tion from the Street Commissioner of Springfield?

27. SENATOR VADALABENE:

28. Yes, thank you very much. I feel that having accomplished
29. so much in my Senatorial District, now that will get some few
30. things done in the Springfield area.

31. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

32. Mr. President, I'm glad to know that Senator Vadalabene,
33. as the leader of the...of the other side of the aisle, will now

1. support every project we need to fund that little extension
2. of West Washington Street when we come back in November on an
3. emergency appropriation and we'll have that built next Spring.

4. SENATOR VADALABENE:

5. I'll...I'll be there, Senator Davidson.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Yes. Senator Donnewald.

8. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

9. Yes, Mr. President. I've been requested by the Governor's
10. Office to deliver...or make a record on Senate Bill 89, which
11. has to do with a Veto Message that...attempted to deliver...

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Donnewald...Senator Donnewald...

14. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

15. ...to the Senate.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Donnewald.

18. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

19. I'll...I'll go on and continue. The Governor's Representa-
20. tive indicated that he did want the objection to the bill be
21. read in the record today, during the Session. So I...I would
22. make the point that it should have been received by the
23. Secretary and the Veto Message should be read.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Well, OK. Senator Donnewald, we will receipt for that
26. Veto when we adjourn today. I don't think anybody wants to
27. deny a sponsor the 15 days to...to run and you can make a big
28. public issue out of this and that kid from the Governor's
29. Office can make a big public issue out of it, but if he wants
30. to join in denying a sponsor's constitutional rights, that's
31. fine. We're going to receipt for that bill when we adjourn
32. and it will be read into the record on the 7th of November,
33. and the 15 days that is allotted by the Constitution will run.

1. OK. Now, Senator McBroom...Senator McBroom is recognized.

2. SENATOR MCBROOM:

3. Mr. President, can we stay in Limbo just a minute until
4. I can talk with you, please?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Yes. For what purpose does Senator Knuppel arise?

7. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

8. Well, I just have a question. As I understand it, and
9. you can answer this or not. Since the bill has actually been
10. delivered to the Secretary's Office and will be receipted after
11. we adjourn. Is that correct?

12. PRESIDENT:

13. That's correct. It's on the order of House Bills on
14. Third Reading. House Bill 2303. Senator McBroom.

15. SENATOR MCBROOM:

16. Yes. This is the Omnibus Commission bill, Mr. President,
17. 2303. I think all the members are aware of what the bill is,
18. and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Is there further discussion? Question is shall House
21. Bill 2303 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed
22. will vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
23. Take the record. On that question the Yeas are 45, the Nays
24. are none, and House Bill 2303 is declared passed. The bill,
25. having received the affirmative vote of 3/5ths of the members
26. elected, is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.
27. Is there any further business to come before the Senate?
28. Senator Partee, do you have any announcements to make? Senator
29. Rock?

30. SENATOR ROCK:

31. Was there some discussion about the Conference Committee
32. concerning a House Bill, Pension Bill, which we just...

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Yes, I have a message from Representative Shea that he
2. understands that that might not get consummated today, and
3. that if it does not then we will deal with it in November.
4. He has...he...I...I had conversation with the Speaker. We'll
5. keep the paperwork going, but it may not get addressed. Sena-
6. tor Partee.

7. SENATOR PARTEE:

8. There is one other bill on postponed consideration that
9. I told Representative Merlo and Telcser I would run again to
10. see if...if the necessary votes were there for it.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. All right. On the order of Postponed Consideration.
13. House Bill 2666.

14. SENATOR PARTEE:

15. Now, let me just say this, Mr. President. This is a bill
16. that was passed last year and we overrode the Governor's Veto
17. on it and then we got involved in a problem and as a result of
18. that problem, the bill didn't get out last year and I'm frank-
19. ly sorry that I took the sponsorship of the bill, because
20. apparently some of the votes which are not...which are being
21. withheld are being withheld to teach me something, I suppose,
22. or to punish me, but I want you to know that the bill means a
23. great deal to Representative Telcser and Representative Merlo;
24. and they are anxious to pass it and I hope that whatever I did
25. that brought about any displeasure would not be visited upon
26. those two fine Legislators. So I'd ask for a roll call.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Is there further discussion? Senator Palmer.

29. SENATOR PALMER:

30. I...I would just like to add that my leader should have
31. included Senator Palmer as one of the advocates and sponsors
32. of this bill. Senator...I mean...I...Representative Merlo is
33. in my district. We did a lot of work on this bill, and we

1. appreciate the sponsorship by our leader our it affects many,
2. many people that live in our district - in my district, and
3. also Senator Netsch's district, I am sure. And we...I would
4. like to ask that in reconsidering you cast a favorable vote
5. for this measure. Thank you.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. The question is shall House Bill 2666 pass. Those in favor
8. will vote Aye. Those opposed No. The voting is open. Have
9. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the
10. Yeas are 25, the Nays are none. House Bill 2666, having failed
11. to receive the constitutional majority, is declared lost. Is
12. there further business to come before the Senate? Senator
13. Howard Mohr.

14. SENATOR MOHR:

15. Mr. President, I've been waiting to do this for a long,
16. long time. I'm not going to ask for a roll call, but I move
17. that we adjourn till Thursday, November 7th, 1974, at 12
18. o'clock noon.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The
21. Senate stands adjourned until 12 o'clock noon, Thursday,
22. November 7th, 1974.

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