

2nd SPECIAL SESSION
of the 78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
October 22, 1973

1. PRESIDENT:

2. ...Order. On the Secretary's desk is a joint
3. proclamation calling the General Assembly into its
4. Second Special Session. The Secretary will read
5. the proclamation.

6. SECRETARY:

7. To the Honorable Edward E. Fernandes, Secretary
8. of the Senate.

9. (Secretary reads Proclamation from
10. Michael Howlett, Secretary of State)

11. PRESIDENT:

12. You have heard the proclamation. The Second
13. Special Session is convened pursuant to the proclamation
14. and for purposes...organization the Chair recognizes
15. Senator Graham. Resolutions.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Senate Resolution No. 1 by Senator Graham.
18. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 1).

19. SENATOR GRAHAM:

20. Mr. President, members, this only applies the rules
21. to this Session. I move the adoption of the resolution.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Graham moves the adoption of Resolution No. 1
24. which provides for the adoption of the rules for the...
25. for Special Session No. 2. All in favor of the resolution
26. adoption signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The motion
27. carries. The resolution is adopted.

28. SECRETARY:

29. No. 2 by Senator Graham.
30. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 2)

31. SENATOR GRAHAM:

32. Mr. President, another housekeeping resolution setting
33. up our standing committees. I move the adoption.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):
2. Senator Graham moves the adoption of Resolution
3. No. 2. All those in favor signify by saying aye.
4. Opposed. Resolution No. 2 is adopted.
5. SECRETARY:
6. Senate Resolution No. 3 by Senator Graham.
7. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 3)
8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):
9. Senator Graham moves the adoption of Resolution
10. No. 3. All those in favor signify by saying aye.
11. Opposed. Resolution is adopted.
12. SECRETARY:
13. Senate Resolution No. 4 by Senator Graham.
14. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 4)
15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):
16. Senator Graham moves the adoption of Resolution
17. No. 4. All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed.
18. Resolution No. 4 is adopted.
19. SECRETARY:
20. Senate Resolution No. 5.
21. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 5)
22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):
23. Senator Graham moves the adoption of Resolution
24. No. 5. All those in favor signify by saying aye.
25. Opposed. Resolution No. 5 is adopted. Introduction
26. of bills.
27. SECRETARY:
28. Senate Bill No. 1 introduced by Senators Harris,
29. Bartulis, Bell, Berning, Clarke, Conolly, Davidson,
30. Fawell, Glass, Graham, Hall, Knuepfer, Latherow, Mc-
31. Broom, Merritt, Mitchler, Mohr, Howard Mohr, Don
32. Moore, Nimrod, Ozinga, Regner, Roe, Schaffer, Scholl,
33. Shapiro, Sommer, Soper, Sours, Walker and Weaver.

1. (Secretary reads title of SB No. 1)

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

3. Senator Harris.

4. SENATOR HARRIS:

5. Mr. President, members of the Senate, point
6. of inquiry...we are on the order of introduction
7. of bills? Yes. I want to call attention to the
8. Senate that on the Secretary's desk is SB 1 in
9. the Second Special Session of the 78th General
10. Assembly sponsored by the President and the 29
11. other Republican Senators. This bill addresses
12. itself to the question of tax relief. It provides
13. for direct tax relief without any confusion. It
14. provides for tax relief with no additional adminis-
15. trative cost. We have calculated that the effect
16. on a per capita basis in the operation of the present
17. sales tax for vernacular identification operations
18. that the effect of this will be to provide tax relief
19. on a per capita basis of \$14 per person as compared
20. to a suggested plan by the Governor of \$10 per individual
21. relating to those who apply. The cost of this suggestion
22. the administrative cost has been estimated at anywhere
23. from four to six million dollars. Certainly those who
24. are members of the Revenue Committee recall the testimony
25. of the Department of Revenue when Senator Weaver's bill
26. providing for rebates under the provisions of the Sales
27. Tax Act relating only to food purchases and medicine
28. purchases and restricted to ten thousand dollars a year
29. my recollection is gross income - Senator Weaver is off
30. the Floor right now - but essentially those were the
31. facts involved in Senator Weaver's bill. That would
32. involve far less numbers than every individual in the
33. State of Illinois. So the cost of that administration

1. was estimated at four million dollars. The cost of
2. administration of the Governor's plan has to be ad-
3. mitted to be significantly more expensive than that.
4. I make the point that tax relief, that's what we're
5. talking about, tax relief should be accomplished
6. through the means of reducing a tax and not providing
7. for the distribution of State largess through some
8. scheme of rebate or redistribution of what must be
9. then a surplus accumulated because the existing taxes
10. are too high. And I make that point very clear. Tax
11. relief should be consistent with and applied to
12. existing taxes and affect taxpayers. I want the
13. Senate to understand what we are about here in this
14. Second Special Session. A bill has just been read
15. by title, SB 1, and I now seek leave of the Body to
16. have that bill read a first time and advanced to the
17. order of second reading without reference. Shall be
18. happy to respond to any questions but do wish to take
19. that action this afternoon.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

21. Senator Harris moves that his bill, SB No. 1, be
22. advanced to the order of second reading without reference.
23. Is there...Senator Partee.

24. SENATOR PARTEE:

25. I'm not rising to object to that in any way, I just
26. would assume that it will be held there until we can
27. have hearings and will know when you're going to move
28. it from there. Is that correct?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

30. Senator Harris.

31. SENATOR HARRIS:

32. You will be advised.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

1. ...Senator Knuppel. ...Senator Harris has asked
2. leave that we advance the bill to the order of second
3. reading without reference. Is there leave? Leave
4. is granted. Senator Knuppel.

5. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

6. For the sake of consistency, I still fail to see
7. why we're here other than for the override messages.
8. It reminds me of the story of the man asked a patient
9. in the mental institution he said, why are you here.
10. He said, we're here because we ain't all there. And
11. I think that probably describes what's going on here.
12. We're playing a lot of political tic tac toe and I
13. wouldn't be surprised at all if we'll be drinking
14. eggnog around here for a Christmas party. Cause I
15. can't see anything coming out of this Session and I
16. want to be consistent with all these Special Sessions
17. and...no reflection on Senator Harris but I want to
18. move to adjourn this one sine die too and I just hope that
19. I get more votes than I did on the other one because the
20. further we go I think as they used to say about Goldwater
21. in your heart you know he's right. You know I'm right
22. and that all these Special Sessions are nothing but a...
23. political tic tac toe wasting the taxpayers money. I
24. also would like a ruling whether or not I'm entitled to
25. thirty-two dollars a day for each of the Special Sessions
26. or if I have to satisfy myself with thirty-two dollars
27. a day for the Regular Session. It's a motion to adjourn
28. sine die.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

30. Senator Harris.

31. SENATOR HARRIS:

32. Well, I recognize that the motion is not debatable
33. but there was a question posed that I think probably

1. only I can answer and that is that I will approve
2. vouchers, only for thirty-two dollars a day no matter
3. how many special sessions are concurrent with the
4. regular session. Just want that question to be clear.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

6. Would a Senator...

7. SENATOR HARRIS:

8. I...I vote no on the sine die adjournment motion.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. The Chair has a question President Harris. Does
11. a member have to accept that thirty-two dollars?

12. SENATOR HARRIS:

13. ...There...very frankly the question has been
14. raised there were some who did not accept it. They
15. learned that they will be required to pay tax on it
16. whether they accept it or not so...from the Internal
17. Revenue Service so with that background and understanding
18. I think each person can proceed with his own conclusion
19. on it. I notice that there are 59 Senators...if there
20. had been 59 Senators in attendance being provided with
21. the thirty dollar...thirty-two dollar per diem allowance.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

23. Senator Knuppel's motion to adjourn sine die is
24. in order and requires a roll call. For what purpose...
25. Senator Nudelman arise?

26. SENATOR NUDELMAN:

27. Would Senator Knuppel yield to an amendment? I
28. would suggest an amendment that we...that the...motion
29. relate to both special sessions that we...

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

31. ...That's not amendable or debatable Senator you...
32. Secretary will call the roll on the motion to adjourn
33. sine die. President Harris.

1. SENATOR HARRIS:

2. Mr. President on a point of parliamentary in-
3. formation. Last week we proceeded with Senator
4. Partee's motion to Table, I believe, and I just
5. point out that this motion involves a majority of
6. those voting on the question so I would admonish
7. the members and I urge you to vote no on this
8. motion. We are voting direct on the motion to
9. adjourn sine die and it does require a no vote in
10. order to be recorded because a simple majority is
11. not what is required but a major..of...of the
12. members elected but a majority of those voting on
13. the question. I think we should be mindful of that.
14. I urge you to vote no.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

16. Secretary will call the roll.

17. SECRETARY:

18. Bartulis, Bell, Berning, Bruce, Buzbee, Carroll,
19. Chew, Clarke, Conolly, Course, Daley, Davidson, Donnewald,
20. Dougherty, Fawell, Glass, Graham, Harber Hall, Kenneth
21. Hall, Hynes; Johns, Keegan, Knuepfer, Knuppel, Kosinski,
22. Latherow, McBroom, McCarthy, Merritt, Mitchler, Howard
23. Mohr, Don Moore, Netsch, Newhouse, Nimrod, Nudelman,

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

25. No explanation of votes I'll remind you, Senator,
26. on roll call.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Ozinga, Palmer, Partee, Regner, Rock, Roe, Romano,
29. Saperstein, Savickas, Schaffer, Scholl, Shapiro, Smith,
30. Sommer, Soper, Sours, Swinarski, Vadalabene, Walker,
31. Weaver, Welsh Wooten, Mr. President.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

33. Kosinski, no. Dougherty, no. Carroll, no. Johns, no.

1. Palmer, no. ...On that question the yeas are 5 the
2. nays are 43. The motion fails. ...Weaver.

3. SENATOR WEAVER:

4. Mr...Mr. President, I would move that this
5. Second Special Session adjourn until 10:15 Tuesday,
6. October 22nd...23rd, excuse me.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

8. Senator Weaver moves that the Special Session
9. No. 2 adjourn 'til 10:15 October 23rd. All those in
10. favor signify by saying aye. Opposed. Special
11. Session No. 2 is adjourned until 10:15 tomorrow
12. morning.

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