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1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

2. The Senate will come to order. All unauthorized people  
3. please leave the Floor. The prayer this morning will be  
4. offered by Reverend Richard Ahlgrim of the Berean Baptist  
5. Church of Springfield. The guests in the Gallery please  
6. rise.

7. REVEREND AHLGRIM:

8. (Prayer by Reverend Richard Ahlgrim)

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. For what purpose does Senator Merritt rise?

11. SENATOR MERRITT:

12. Mr. President, a point of personal privilege. In the  
13. Gallery to my right here is Clascenna Harvey with the di...  
14. Division of Tourism, Department of Business and Economic  
15. Development. With her are two guests from Singapore. The  
16. gentleman has a high post in education there and his wife  
17. is a teacher in that system and I'd like for them to rise  
18. and be recognized by the Senate.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

20. Reading of the Journal. Senator Soper.

21. SENATOR SOPER:

22. Mr. President, I now move that we postpone the reading  
23. and the approval of the Journal of December 4th pending the  
24. arrival of the printed Journal.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

26. You heard the motion of Senator Soper. All in favor  
27. say Aye. Opposed. So ordered and motion carries. We'll go  
28. to the order of House Bills, third. I understand some  
29. Members have some bills which they'd like to bring for  
30. amendment. If they would advise the Chair, why we'll get at  
31. that first order of business. Senator Latherow.

32. SENATOR LATHEROW:

33. Mr. President, I'd like for recognize that on your

1. desk is a copy of the amendment of HB 1277 and I'd like for  
2. you all to take the opportunity to take a look at that.  
3. That's the results of the subcommittee that we had that  
4. worked on this for a considerable time that Senator Sommer  
5. was the Chairman of. And we have an agreed piece of legis-  
6. lation and when you get ready to back that up from third  
7. to second, I'd be glad to move to put this amendment on,  
8. Mr. President.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. That motion is in order now. Senator Latherow moves to  
11. ...or asks leave of the Body to bring HB 1277 back from  
12. third reading to second reading for the purpose of an amend-  
13. ment. Would you explain the amendment, Senator.

14. SENATOR LATHEROW:

15. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, this amendment  
16. makes several changes in the strip mine reclamation legisla-  
17. tion, as it came to us. We have a bill that we feel like we  
18. have arrived where there's agreements both in the industrial  
19. complex and also those others concerned. It changes the permit  
20. section from one year to three years with a yearly re...review  
21. of the department. We also create an advisory council to the  
22. ...to the department. And then the...the industry submits  
23. their plans not only in the State of Illinois but also to the  
24. county board and the county board has some rights to come back  
25. in and ask for a review. We made several other changes, of  
26. course, and we still are maintaining that dark and surface be  
27. returned to the...to the surface up to eighteen inches in  
28. depth, no more than that but never less than eight inches. We  
29. did take the aggregate people from this bill and we think that  
30. in our conversations with the Attorney General's Office and an  
31. opinion we have coming to us, we think we can consider them  
32. separately. We felt that this legislation, the way it was  
33. written and so on could do nothing but detrimental progress of

1. that element as far as the high walls and so on are concerned  
2. and we did create a commission in here that is to act on the  
3. reviewing of those portions that has to do with the aggregate  
4. industry and then make their report next year to the General  
5. Assembly on May 2nd. And after the report is made that  
6. commission dies. So, it's not something that's going to be  
7. with us forever and we'll have a...a piece of legislation next  
8. year that we feel like we can make for reclamation in the  
9. aggregate industry as well as in the other mining industry.  
10. We...we've worked hard on this, Senator Knuppel and myself,  
11. Senator Sommer, Senator Merritt, we...the four of us, I think,  
12. attended almost every meeting we had. We spent a lot of time  
13. on this. Senator Horsley, ex-Senator Horsley worked with this  
14. too and we feel like we've had great accomplishments with this.  
15. So, Mr. President, if there are no questions, I'd be glad to  
16. move for the adoption of this amendment to HB 1277.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

18. Any further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

19. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

20. I want the due credit to go where it should go here. We  
21. had a subcommittee that was chaired by Roger Sommer and he  
22. did a terrific job. We held meetings in several different  
23. places in the State and flew over to Iowa to observe some  
24. experimental areas where they had reclaimed by recovering the  
25. ...the strip mined area with soil and I think he deserves the  
26. tremendous amount of credit. It was a working subcommittee  
27. and...and I don't want to take any credit and I know Cliff  
28. doesn't either. The...the credit here for getting this bill  
29. in shape, we helped, but...but it was Senator Roger Sommer.  
30. I'd tell the Members on my side of the aisle here, I think  
31. this is good legislation particularly in facing the world  
32. with a food shortage coming. The amendment is a...an amend-  
33. ment that been worked out between the operators, the miners

1. and those people who...who are sponsors of the bill and I  
2. would ask you to vote in favor of it, in favor of this  
3. amendment.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

5. Further discussion? Senator Latherow moves for the  
6. adoption of Amendment No. 1 to HB 1277. All those in favor  
7. signify by saying Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1 is adopted.  
8. Further amendments? Third reading. Senator Knuppel.

9. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

10. With leave of the sponsor, I'd like to be shown as  
11. co-sponsor of this bill and he in turn, I have a HB 1114,  
12. 1115 and he'd like to be shown as co-sponsor of those two  
13. bills.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

15. Is there leave? Leave is granted and you will be  
16. shown as co-sponsor. Senator Johns.

17. SENATOR JOHNS:

18. Mr. President, I'd ask leave, the same privilege on  
19. 1114 and 1115, that my name be added as a co-sponsor.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

21. Is there leave to have Senator Johns added as a co-sponsor  
22. to HB 1114, 1115? Leave is granted. Senator Knuppel.

23. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

24. At this time, I would like to call back 1114 from  
25. third reading to second reading for the purpose of an amend-  
26. ment which has been filed with the Secretary. May I have  
27. leave to do so?

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

29. Senator Knuppel's asking for leave of the Body to bring  
30. back HB 1114 for the purpose of amendment. Is there leave?  
31. Leave is granted. Explain your amendment, Senator.

32. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

33. The amendment which has been filed to HB 1114 has been

1. worked out with the House sponsor. It's purely a housekeeping  
2. measure which cleans up some of the language and so forth in  
3. the bill. It makes no change in substance. I move the  
4. adoption of Amendment No. 1 to HB 1114.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

6. Further discussion? Senator Knuppel moves the adoption  
7. of Amendment No. 1 to HB 1114. All in favor signify by  
8. saying Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Further  
9. amendments? Third reading. Do you want to go, Senator  
10. Knuppel, with 1115 and then back to 1114? If...if that's  
11. agreeable, we'll have the Secretary read it, Senator.

12. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

13. All right, if he would.

14. SECRETARY:

15. HB 1115.

16. (Secretary reads title of bill)

17. 3rd reading of the bill.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

19. Senator Knuppel.

20. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

21. HB 1115 is a bill that deals with the appropriation of  
22. two million five hundred thousand dollars for the purposes  
23. of reclaiming abandon mined lands. Now, this is not limited  
24. necessarily to strip mine land, it also includes work with  
25. respect to gob piles and other wastes in deep mining as well.  
26. The bill is quite similar to the bill that we passed out of  
27. here, out of the House two years ago, and which passed out of  
28. our committee last Spring but failed to clear the House. I  
29. would ask for a favorable roll call for this appropriation to  
30. undertake this work of reclaiming abandoned or orphanage strip  
31. mined land.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

33. Further discussion? The question is shall HB 1115 pass.

1. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay.  
2. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
3. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
4. fifty-one, the Nays are none, none Voting Present. HB 1115  
5. having received the constitutional majority is declared  
6. passed. Senator Latherow, for what purpose do you arise?

7. SENATOR LATHEROW:

8. Mr. President, were you ready to call HB 1277?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. We'll go to 1114 and then 1277.

11. SECRETARY:

12. HB 1114.

13. (Secretary reads title of bill)

14. 3rd reading of the bill.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

16. Before you start on that, Senator, I would point out  
17. that the previous bill, 1115, having received fifty-one  
18. votes more than the three-fifths is effective immediately.  
19. HB 1114, Senator Knuppel.

20. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

21. This is the bill that carries the guts part of it for  
22. the start in reclaiming land much of which were stripped or  
23. abandoned years ago when we didn't have reclamation laws in  
24. the State of Illinois. This bill encompasses a lot study  
25. on the part of the House. It's gone through committee in  
26. the Senate. It...and it includes much of the original  
27. concepts that we had...many of the original concepts we had  
28. in this Body when the first reclamation bill passed here two  
29. years ago or three years ago. I would...I would be happy  
30. with a favorable roll call.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

32. Senator Berning.

33. SENATOR BERNING:

1. Would the sponsor answer a question?

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

3. He indicates he will.

4. SENATOR BERNING:

5. Who now holds title to these lands? Are they public  
6. lands or are they privately owned?

7. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

8. Many of these lands are private lands and they would  
9. not...State money, however, would not be spent on private  
10. land. The land would have to be taken over in some way by working  
11. it out with the companies to try to get these lands reclaimed  
12. and work it out. And then these lands could be turned over  
13. to parks or otherwise or resold.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

15. Senator Berning.

16. SENATOR BERNING:

17. Not having had an opportunity to read this measure, is  
18. there any guarantee that public ownership will occur prior to  
19. the expenditure of any public monies?

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

21. Senator Knuppel.

22. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

23. It's my understanding that the only way money can be spent  
24. is by the...by title being taken by the State.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

26. Senator Berning.

27. SENATOR BERNING:

28. Is...is that spelled out in the bill?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

30. Senator Knuppel.

31. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

32. Well, Section 8 provides something on this. It provides  
33. that the Department may contract in writing with any person

1. partnership corporation or local state or federal government  
2. entity in relation to the reclamation of abandoned lands  
3. acquired by the Department in fee-simple title. And under  
4. Section 5, it says the Department at the direction of the  
5. council which is provided for in the bill shall acquire by  
6. purchase exchange, gift or otherwise the fee-simple title or  
7. any lesser interest in and to such lands, rights or other  
8. property that the council considers necessary for the reclama-  
9. tion of abandoned lands. So, it does provide for public  
10. ownership of the fee title interest or something approaching  
11. that.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

13. Senator Berning.

14. SENATOR BERNING:

15. I don't want to appear argumentative. It's just that I  
16. have reservations about it being absolutely certain that funds  
17. cannot be spent and Section 8 seems to imply that a contract  
18. can be made with any person or...or corporation for improve-  
19. ment but it does not preclude that action by prior public land  
20. ownership. And I just want to be sure that that guarantee is  
21. there and I can't pick it out just...that...this quickly.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

23. Senator Knuppel.

24. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

25. Are you dealing with Section 8 now, you mean?

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

27. Senator Berning.

28. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

29. ...Or five?

30. SENATOR BERNING:

31. Well, Section 5 and 8 both relate to this but Section 8  
32. seems to indicate that a contract can be entered into with a  
33. private party.



1. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

2. Well, it says that they may...the Department may contract  
3. and write with any person, partnership, corporation or local  
4. state or federal government entity in relation to the reclama-  
5. tion of abandoned land acquired and it doesn't include anything  
6. else but land acquired by the Department at fee-simple title  
7. or any...or lesser interest. Seeming to indicate to me in  
8. unequivocal terms that the State must either own the land in  
9. fee -simple title or at least have an interest therein that the  
10. council think protects the people of the State of Illinois. I  
11. think it's unequivocal that the Department must either own it  
12. in fee-simple title and the amendment adds or in some lesser  
13. interest because it relates back to 5 where they refer to a  
14. lesser interest. So...so, I think it states in unequivocal  
15. terms that the State must own or at least own some interest  
16. recommended by the council in those lands and I don't...I can't  
17. see what lesser interests they could own. At least they'll  
18. own some interest in the land they're reclaiming.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

20. Have you completed, Senator Berning? Senator Rock.

21. SENATOR ROCK:

22. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill  
23. and I...I can appreciate fully the amount of work that has gone  
24. into it. The question I have for Senator Knuppel if he will  
25. yield is one really of a policy nature. Does not a section of  
26. that bill provide that the State will, in fact, pay property  
27. taxes, local property taxes?

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

29. Senator Knuppel.

30. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

31. Yes, it does under Section...Section 6 and this is a type  
32. of a revenue sharing proposition where the State, at the present  
33. time, even though these lands are abandoned, most of the coal

1. companies continue to pay taxes at the rate that they paid when  
2. these lands were taken in 1930. So that this will maintain the  
3. tax base of school districts and units of local government  
4. during the reclamation period.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

6. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Well, again, that...that is really, sincerely, the only  
9. reservation I have. It is, you know, as it were a foot in the  
10. door, we are now subjecting our State in its sovereignty to a  
11. local taxing district and I just...I question that but I...I  
12. do not disapprove and I would urge support for this legislation.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

14. Senator Latherow.

15. SENATOR LATHEROW:

16. Well, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I, too,  
17. rise in support of this piece of legislation. I think this is  
18. a concept, as we all know, that hasn't been done in the State  
19. of Illinois and I have said this may become an expensive project,  
20. but I think probably for the good of the State of Illinois and  
21. some of the areas that are so desolate today probably this is  
22. one of our finer pieces of legislation for the aspects of reclama-  
23. tion.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

25. Any further discussion? Senator Knuppel may close.

26. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

27. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call. This is legislation  
28. that's been too long delayed and I'd appreciate any support  
29. anyone can give me. Thank you.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

31. The question is shall HB 1114 pass. Those in favor will  
32. vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
33. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,

1. the Yeas are fifty-six, the Nays are none, none Voting Present.  
2. HB 1114 having received the constitutional majority is declared  
3. passed and the bill having received the affirmative vote of  
4. three-fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately  
5. upon its becoming a law. Senator Daley on 2480.

6. SENATOR DALEY:

7. Mr. ...Mr. President and fellow Senators, I ask leave of  
8. the Body to bring HB 2480 back to second reading for amendments.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. Senator Daley asks leave of the Body to bring HB 2480  
11. back from third to second reading for the purpose of amendment.  
12. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator, explain your amend-  
13. ment.

14. SENATOR DALEY:

15. The, first...the first amendment of HB 28...2480 is the  
16. effective date of the unemployment compensation increase, would of  
17. been January 12th, 1975.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

19. Further discussion? Senator Daley moves the adoption of  
20. Amendment No. 1 to HB 2480. All in favor signify by saying  
21. Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Further amendments?  
22. Senator Daley has another amendment.

23. SENATOR DALEY:

24. The second amendment of HB 2480 deletes the Catania  
25. amendment which has placed...in the House. The Catania amendment  
26. allowed anyone of any household member who contributed less  
27. than two or three or four percent of the household salary to  
28. receive unemployment compensation for children. This would  
29. delete that amendment.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

Senator Graham.

31. SENATOR GRAHAM:

Mr. President, I'm glad Senator Daley has a good, clear

1. voice because of the extraordinary noise in this Chamber or  
2. otherwise we'd not be able to hear him. I think we ought to  
3. be entitled to some order.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

5. Your point is well taken, Senator.

6. SENATOR GRAHAM:

7. These are pretty important bills. I think we ought to  
8. know what's going on.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. We can hold down some of these caucuses. Senator Daley,  
11. and Amendment No. 2. Move the adoption?

12. SENATOR DALEY:

13. Move the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to HB 2480.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

15. Senator Daley moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to  
16. HB 2480. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed.  
17. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Amendment No. 3. Senator  
18. Daley.

19. SENATOR DALEY:

20. Amendment No. 3 of HB 2480 would keep in the one week  
21. waiting...waiting period for unemployment compensation.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

23. Senator Berning.

24. SENATOR BERNING:

25. I'm sorry. I couldn't hear what was said. Would you  
26. explain that?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

28. Senator Daley.

29. SENATOR DALEY:

30. Amendment No. 3 would keep in the present waiting week,  
31. one week, to receive unemployment compensation.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

33. Further discussion? Senator Daley moves the adoption of

1. Amendment No. 3 to HB 2480. All in favor signify by saying  
2. Aye. Opposed. Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Further amend-  
3. ments? Senator Nimrod. Amendment No. 4.

4. SENATOR NIMROD:

5. Mr. President and fellow Senators, Amendment No. 4 pertains  
6. to the beginning dates for the benefits and also takes care  
7. of changes on Page 10, on lines 13 and 23, with respect to  
8. any of the benefits after January 12th, 1975, that the paid...  
9. that the base period wages for the insured were...it'd be not...  
10. it'd be raised from eight hundred to a thousand and that it be  
11. equal to at least two hundred seventy-five instead of two  
12. hundred twenty-five during that part of the base period for  
13. which does not include the calendar quarter. And what we're  
14. doing is...is raising the base on this commensurately from eight  
15. hundred to a thousand and from two twenty-five to two seventy-  
16. five and I would move for the adoption.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

18. Senator McCarthy.

19. SENATOR MCCARTHY:

20. Yes, Mr. President, I think the implications of this  
21. amendment should be fully explained. I favor its adoption as  
22. a matter of compromise. What it does, it amounts to prospectively  
23. a decrease of about one percent of the total payout...in  
24. exchange for the twelve percent increase but what it is is a  
25. part of a compromise that's been hammered out and I'm...I'm in  
26. favor of accepting this amendment.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

28. Further discussion? Senator Nimrod moves the adoption of  
29. Amendment No. 4 to HB 2480. All in favor signify by saying Aye.  
30. Opposed. Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Further amendments?

31. Third reading. HB 1277. Senator Latherow.

32. SENATOR LATHEROW:

33. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is

1. the bill that we just put the amendment which carries practically  
2. entire characteristics of the bill on strip mine reclamation of  
3. those lands that are presently being mined today. And I'd be  
4. glad to answer any questions and would appreciate a favorable  
5. roll call.

6. SECRETARY:

7. HB 1277.

8. (Secretary reads title of bill)

9. 3rd reading of the bill.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

11. Senator Knuppel.

12. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

13. Mr. President, I think this is an excellent and outstand-  
14. ing bill and the people who worked on it are to be complimented  
15. including the industry. This will put Illinois in the fore-  
16. front of States engaged in reclamation of strip mine lands. It  
17. requires on row crop land a return of...of at least eighteen  
18. inches of topsoil with a suitable base for root structure for  
19. plants below that and where they've been fighting about recla-  
20. mation in Congress and other places, it puts us as one of the...  
21. one of the premier States in this regard and I'm very proud to  
22. be a part of having worked out this legislation. I would urge  
23. those people on my side of the aisle to join in voting for this  
24. legislation.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

26. Further discussion? The question is shall HB 1277 pass.  
27. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay.  
28. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.  
29. On that question, the Yeas are fifty-six, the Nays are none,  
30. none Voting Present. HB 1277 having received the constitutional  
31. majority is declared passed and the bill having received an  
32. affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members elected is  
33. effective immediately upon its becoming a law. HB 2480.

1. SECRETARY:

2. HB 2480.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

6. Senator Daley.

7. SENATOR DALEY:

8. House...HB 2480 is an increase in the unemployment

9. compensation by twelve percent. I would ask for a favorable  
10. roll call.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

12. Senator Mitchler.

13. SENATOR MITCHLER:

14. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I'd like to  
15. call your attention to the bill we're discussing now. This  
16. is HB 2480. Let me give you the genesis of this. This bill  
17. came over from the House along with a workman's compensation  
18. bill and a minimum wage bill. The bill was referred and held  
19. in the Rules Committee. As Chairman of the Senate Industry  
20. and Labor Committee, I have never been consulted or members of  
21. my committee to my knowledge on any of those three bills whether  
22. they should be held in the Rules Committee, released or what.  
23. Now, at this late date, at the time when we come back here and  
24. everybody agreed in various caucuses and different places that  
25. we just consider veto messages. I now find that in the wisdom  
26. of some people in the Rules Committee, they agreed to release  
27. HB 2480. And they tell me that there has been an agreement by  
28. people that are affected, industry and labor, that with these  
29. amendments now they're all agreed to this bill. I stand before  
30. you as the Chairman of the Senate Industry and Labor Committee  
31. and tell you I have not been contacted or discussed this with  
32. anybody from labor or industry. That is the Illinois Manufacturers  
33. Association has not consulted me or any members of my committee

1. to my knowledge. If this bill is acted upon, I want it labeled  
2. a Republican leadership bill because the Republican leadership  
3. controls that Rules Committee and they released it. These  
4. amendments that's put on and when you say you're doing a big  
5. thing by removing that one week waiting period that was in there  
6. and that so-called Catania amendment, you make me laugh up my  
7. sleeve. That's no compromise. Now, this bill, if it was going  
8. to be heard, should have been released by that Rules Committee  
9. and heard in Committee. And this ignoring of the Committee  
10. structure by the leadership in the last minutes to get this  
11. legislation through that requires a twelve percent increase in  
12. unemployment compensation that the little employer is going to  
13. feel it. And up in your district, man, in Rockford they're  
14. going to feel it. You watch how you vote on this bill because  
15. the little guy, Caterpillar Tractor Company and the biggies,  
16. doesn't phase them one bit. They've got the one week...working  
17. ...one week waiting period in their contracts. But the way this  
18. bill is being handled in the last minute, I want to go on record  
19. I think it's very improper and I'm going to put everybody on the  
20. alert so you know what you're voting on and how this is being  
21. railroaded through and this, the base, on January 8, when they  
22. come back and start talking about unemployment comp, the base  
23. that they're going to start with now will be a twelve percent  
24. increase that you got now and then I'm going to laugh up my  
25. sleeve when they put on that Catania amendment and that one  
26. week waiting period.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

28. Senator Sours.

29. SENATOR SOURS:

30. Mr. President and Senators, this is a bill that I too would  
31. like to have heard in committee because like most legislation,  
32. there are two sides. I suppose everybody voting on this bill  
33. today knows that this is employer contribution only not employee.



1. At the present time in many of the industries, one can draw  
2. unemployment compensation and sub, sometimes called supplemental,  
3. to the extent of a hundred and fifty-two dollars a week. Well,  
4. let me tell you that beats working and sooner or later by this  
5. kind of handout, we're going to continue to spring a leak in the  
6. moral fiber of the people. If you can get a hundred and fifty-  
7. two fifty for sitting home and watching television with that six  
8. pack by your side, very little incentive remains to work. Now,  
9. I said yesterday in supporting a bill to increase these...the  
10. pay for State employees, I will always vote for something where  
11. they need the money to survive. But this is a handout if there  
12. ever was one and as Senator Mitchler has pointed out, next month  
13. they'll be back for more and while they're coming back for more,  
14. Chrysler will be piling more vehicles on its parking lot in  
15. Belvidere because this is bound to be added on to the ultimate  
16. cost to the consumer and the consumer is getting far more busted  
17. every day. This is a kind of regressive legislation that the  
18. weeping willow some day ought to change about and at least until  
19. we know what the unemployment situation is going to be next year  
20. and it's going to be terrible, this kind of legislation is  
21. certainly uncalled for at this time.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

23. Senator Chew.

24. SENATOR CHEW:

25. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I heard the  
26. distinguished Senator from Oswega state that he wanted it to  
27. be a Republican bill. It did not come to his committee. Well,  
28. the Rules Committee released the bill and where it may not be a  
29. dire emergency for this unemployment compensation, I would just  
30. say here and now, maybe the real reason it didn't come through  
31. his committee because he hasn't been the best chairman of that  
32. committee. He gets up on the Floor and he ad-libs and he  
33. ad-libs and ad-libs and when he sits down, he hasn't said anything.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

2. Senator, you will confine your remarks to the bill.

3. SENATOR CHEW:

4. I'm speaking on the bill. I don't think we are concerned  
5. about who sponsors a bill, who gets it out, if it is designed  
6. to help the people of the State of Illinois. Now, we don't  
7. intend to go to Detroit, Michigan, and pay those people at  
8. Chrysler any unemployment compensation. We intend to take  
9. care of the people of the State of Illinois. They need it and  
10. I'm certain that the distinguished lawyer from Peoria, if he  
11. works one day, makes more than a hundred and fifty-two dollars  
12. that day. And we ought to stop kidding ourselves and get on with  
13. the business at hand and get on...we put the amendments on that's  
14. necessary. I'd like to see this bill passed, on the Governor's  
15. desk where it can be signed, and take...and for us to take care  
16. of these people. But this rhetoric that's coming out of Oswega,  
17. he should be talking to the Northern Gas Company.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

19. Senator Glass.

20. SENATOR GLASS:

21. Thank you, Mr. President. This...this bill is a very  
22. important bill and it has come, obviously, at the eleventh  
23. hour of this Session. And I know of some of the amendments  
24. that have been added to it are amendments that are important  
25. procedurally, but I don't think, at least, that most of the Member-  
26. ship, and certainly speaking for myself, I don't understand what  
27. they are. And I would like to ask either Senator Daley or...or  
28. anyone who's familiar with the amendments that have been added to  
29. describe them so we know what it is we're voting on.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

31. Senator Harber Hall.

32. SENATOR HALL:

33. Mr. President, I rise to oppose the passage of a bill that

1. has not been thoroughly heard merely by bringing it out from  
2. a committee status at this late time and saying that it's an  
3. agreed to bill. Every Member of this Body and the House of  
4. Representatives knows that the agreed arrangement on unemploy-  
5. ment compensation and workman's compensation has not worked  
6. for the past two years. So, I say agreed by whom? It's not  
7. agreed so far as I know by any Member of the Industry and Labor  
8. Committee on this side of the aisle who are charged with really  
9. understanding and studying the full implication of any measure  
10. that comes before it. I would suggest to you that you have  
11. a strong possibility at some future date and maybe not too far  
12. in the future that the unemployment compensation fund will be  
13. empty of funds and unable to pay just claims against it. I  
14. would say that time will come much sooner if we increase the  
15. rate of compensation for unemployment and I'm not saying that  
16. I ...necessarily would oppose this measure but I certainly, I  
17. certainly would like the privilege as a Member of the Labor  
18. Committee to hear some testimony as to what it will do, how  
19. much it costs, how much will be withdrawn if we reach an  
20. unemployment rate in the State of Illinois of perhaps 8 or how  
21. much will it take if it goes to nine percent. These are  
22. distinct possibilities my fellow Senators and I would hesitate  
23. and I would urge you to hesitate to pass this bill at this  
24. late hour with so litt...little study having gone to it.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

26. We have others on the list. I'll give you the order.

27. Senator Regner, Senator McCarthy, Senator Merritt, and  
28. Senator Soper. Senator Regner.

29. SENATOR REGNER:

30. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I just want to  
31. echo the statements made by the previous speakers who were  
32. Members of the Industry and Labor Committee and I would like  
33. to say that Senator Mitchler, as far as I'm concerned, is

1. Chairman of that Committee, did a commendable job. He wasn't  
2. a bad Chairman as was stated earlier. Maybe that was stated  
3. because every bill that did come before Committee and was heard  
4. was given a thorough hear...hearing and then a vote was taken  
5. on them. Several of the bills were put in subcommittees,  
6. traveled around the State, and those bills were given a thorough  
7. hearing before any action was taken. Bills, such as this,  
8. coming at this late hour, again, with no committee hearing, no  
9. information as to what it really does to the employers of the  
10. State of Illinois and I did talk to some of those employers last  
11. night after I was told during the day that supported it  
12. and were in full agreement, told me that that was not true.  
13. That...they were told that this was the best they could do, the  
14. least they would have to pay and force more inflation upon this  
15. State by increasing unemployment compensation at a time when  
16. we're in an inflationary period and a recessionary period. And  
17. I certainly would urge a no vote at this time on this bill. If  
18. we're going to hear legislation of this type, let's do it next  
19. Spring and give it the hearing that it deserves in committee.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

21. Senator McCarthy.

22. SENATOR McCARTHY:

23. Yes...yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, several  
24. questions have been raised. I'd attempt to answer some of the  
25. questions that have been raised and I'd like to be able to be in  
26. a position to answer any other questions that I'm able to answer.  
27. I make that statement because it's been my privilege to work with  
28. Senator Daley in the negotiations on this bill.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

30. Excuse me, Senator, may we have a little order in the  
31. Chamber please. And unauthorized people please leave the Floor  
32. or you'll be escorted off. Sergeant at Arms. Senator Graham.

33. SENATOR GRAHAM:

1.           Didn't we have an agreement that extra staff and so forth  
2. would not be on the Floor? I think during this time, we have  
3. more than an adequate supply of personnel on this Floor and I  
4. think they might have some work to do elsewhere and I'd suggest  
5. they do it.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

7.           We have asked that and we've also asked the secretary's  
8. to talk to their Senators off the Floor. Senator McCarthy.

9. SENATOR McCARTHY:

          Yes, Senator Glass quite properly asked for an explanation  
of the amendments. And Senator Glass and other Members that  
might be interested, I'll attempt to explain them. Amendment  
No. 1 makes the effective date of the new act, January 12, 1975,  
so that the twelve percent increase in the unemployment compen-  
sation would not be effective until January 12, 1975. Is that  
a clear, concise, full explanation? Thank you. Amendment No. 2  
deletes the Catania amendment. What then was the Catania amend-  
ment? The Catania amendment provided that if either a husband  
or wife was off work through unemployment, they could claim any  
of the dependents even though they couldn't meet the fifty-one  
percent test. That has been deleted so that a person on unemploy-  
ment compensation claiming a dependent has to prove fifty-one  
percent of the support. Is that a clear, concise explanation?  
Amendment No. 3 deletes the one week waiting period. The one  
week waiting period is part of the law now. It was deleted in  
the bill in the House and now it's been put back in. You under-  
stand that one, clear and concise? Anyone interested in 4?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

Senator Merritt.

SENATOR McCARTHY:

No, I...I want to do 4.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

Oh. Senator McCarthy.

1. SENATOR MCCARTHY:

2. Well, if Tom wants to talk, I'll give them 4. Whatever  
3. your choice is. All right, 4. Four has to do with the  
4. qualification for unemployment compensation benefits. The  
5. present act provides that in order for a person to be eligible  
6. he must have earned eight hundred dollars during the preceding  
7. year and they must have earned two hundred and twenty-five  
8. dollars in the highest quarter before they...that three month  
9. period before they draw the benefits. This has been changed  
10. from eight hundred to a thousand dollars and from two hundred  
11. and twenty-five dollars to two hundred and seventy-five dollars.  
12. What this means is that some people who presently would be  
13. earning, we'll say nine hundred and fifty dollars per year, would  
14. next January not be eligible for unemployment compensation unless  
15. they went out and got another job that would take them up to the  
16. thousand dollar figure. Now, what it means in take out is this.  
17. That of the total work force in the State, let's assume there's  
18. about two million people according to figures from the Department  
19. of Labor, there's about five thousand people that would be taken  
20. out of the unemployment compensation eligibles on account of  
21. this amendment. It would mean that on the total payout of  
22. compensation based on '72 figures, there'd be about one percent  
23. that would be taken off. These people can be characterized  
24. as college students that work for a short period of time, they  
25. can be characterized as housewives that work second temporary  
26. jobs at Christmas time and they'd have to meet these new qualifi-  
27. cations of the thousand dollars for the year as opposed to the  
28. eight hundred and the two hundred and seventy-five as opposed to  
29. the two twenty-five. I think the figures that were given to me  
30. are somewhat suspect because they're based upon '72 and '73.  
31. We do know there have been increases in the minimum wage law.  
32. We do know there have been inflationary figures so I think the  
33. one percent pay out drop that I've indicated to you actually

1. would be less than that. And this has been taken into two;  
2. are the United Automobile Workers, the AF of L-CIO and they  
3. agreed to the amendment.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

5. Senator Merritt is the next speaker. Do I put you down,  
6. Senator Newhouse? Or did you have...

7. SENATOR MERRITT:

8. Mr. President...

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

10. Is it a question to Senator McCarthy? Senator Newhouse,  
11. a question of Senator McCarthy? Senator Newhouse.

12. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

13. Senator, those people who get knocked off on the low end,  
14. I'm concerned about that. You characterize them as part time  
15. employees. Is that...what...what kind of statistics do you  
16. have to back that up? Would that also effect some other people  
17. who might be in a low income bracket?

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

19. Senator McCarthy.

20. SENATOR McCARTHY:

21. Well, you...Senator, you can divide it out and it would  
22. be anybody who in 1975 made less than a thousand dollars per  
23. year. Now, I don't know any individuals like that. You might  
24. also characterize that anybody that makes less than two hundred  
25. and seventy-five dollars in a three month period. Now, generally  
26. speaking, I don't know if there are people like that, and I  
27. assume they are. If they're presently drawing compensation,  
28. Senator, they're drawing at the level of twenty dollars per  
29. week; nineteen, eighteen, seventeen, sixteen, and they are also  
30. drawing food stamps, medicaid through supplemental income. And,  
31. so those are the type of people that would be effected under  
32. the act. And by some logic, I suppose, you could drop the eight  
33. hundred dollars down to a hundred dollars or some arbitrary

1. figure lower. But this is a part of the compromise and I  
2. hope I've answered your question in characterizing the people.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

4. Senator Newhouse.

5. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

6. What happens to these people, Senator?

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

8. Senator McCarthy.

9. SENATOR MCCARTHY:

10. The people that you're talking about, of course, if they  
11. have existing claims at the present time, they continue to  
12. draw their claims and nothing that this act would do would  
13. interfere with their present rights under the existing law.  
14. Now, what happens to people like this, I think they fall in  
15. the same category of people who have exhausted their unemployment  
16. compensation benefits. That is to say, that after drawing  
17. them for twenty-six weeks, what happens to them. They go to  
18. other agencies. That is the factory worker, two hundred dollars  
19. a week, after he exhausts his twenty-six weeks, he goes to other  
20. agencies for supplemental income. And if we have the trigger  
21. figure that moves the unemployment compensation from twenty-six  
22. to thirty-nine weeks, what happens to the people after thirty-  
23. nine weeks? They go elsewhere for help. President Ford has  
24. talked about an additional thirteen weeks to be added on to the  
25. thirty-nine which would make it fifty-two weeks but, of course,  
26. that's still in the hands of Congress. Now, I think probably,  
27. you know, they just have to go elsewhere when all of their  
28. benefits under unemployment compensation are exhausted. What  
29. happens to the single person drawing maximum at sixty-eight  
30. dollars a week, when actually his needs are a hundred dollars,  
31. where does he go? I presume he can go to Public Aid or some  
32. place else if he can show the need and get supplemental benefits.  
33. Does that answer it, Dick?



1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):  
2. Senator Newhouse.  
3. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
4. The answer then is they are out.  
5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):  
6. Senator McCarthy.  
7. SENATOR McCARTHY:  
8. The answer is they're put in the same position of anybody  
9. else that draws unemployment compensation benefits when their  
10. benefits are...are exhausted.  
11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):  
12. Senator Newhouse.  
13. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
14. The answer then...then is they're out. Is that right?  
15. SENATOR McCARTHY:  
16. The answer is that commencing January 12th of next year,  
17. unless they have made a thousand dollars wages per year, they  
18. would not be eligible under the Unemployment Compensation Act.  
19. And the present law is eight hundred dollars per year and there  
20. may be some people who have made more than eight hundred dollars  
21. but less than a thousand dollars who would be disqualified from  
22. the provisions of this Act. That answer is yes.  
23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):  
24. Senator Merritt.  
25. SENATOR MERRITT:  
26. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I have been  
27. much impressed with the long list of employers organizations in  
28. the State who apparently have made a great attempt to cooperate  
29. with labor in this instance but I can't help but make a few  
30. observations. I think that all of us realize that we have many  
31. in the labor market today who only stay on the job long enough  
32. to earn the amount necessary to qualify for these benefits. So,  
33. from that standpoint, the bill is amended taking that qualifying

1. rate up to a thousand dollars with earnings in another quarter  
2. to two seventy-five is certainly advantageous to the employer.  
3. But by the same token, let's begin to look at that...

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

5. May we have some order, please.

6. SENATOR MERRITT:

7. Let's begin to look at the unemployment trust fund itself  
8. which the Illinois Employment Security De...Department considers  
9. to be at a dangerous level when it drops below four hundred and  
10. fifty million. Currently, that fund stands at four hundred and  
11. seventy-four million and due to the favorable experience during  
12. the last three years, our employer...employers for the first  
13. time in three years were be...going to get a tax break due to  
14. reduced rates. Now, I submit to you, my fellow colleagues, in  
15. view of the high unemployment situation right now, the many  
16. lay-offs that are occurring, this reduction just isn't going to  
17. occur. And what we're really doing here today if this bill is  
18. enacted is just adding a further burden on the employer who  
19. pays the entire bill in its entirety with the employee making  
20. absolutely no contribution. Thank you.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR MOHR):

22. Senator Harris.

23. SENATOR HARRIS:

24. Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I want to make some  
25. comments about some of the statements that have been made here  
26. today. I participated back in June of this year, in a vote by  
27. the Rules Committee to leave this bill in committee. I would  
28. point out that between June and today, there have been unmis-  
29. takable experiences in the economy that demonstrate that December  
30. '74 is clearly different from June '74. I know that none of  
31. our communications and procedures are entirely satisfactory to  
32. us but I would point out that in nineteen...I'm sorry, in June,  
33. it was unmistakable that the employer groups were opposed to

1. 2480 in the form that it was in. In December of '74, after  
2. extensive meetings of all of the employer groups in that  
3. council on this specialized concern of employment responsibility,  
4. interest in the Unemployment Compensation Act of Illinois, that  
5. they essentially accepted these four amendments to HB 2480.  
6. The two that Senator McCarthy explained delete from the bill  
7. offensive provisions to the employer groups. The third, the  
8. change in the base rate qualification of a rather significant  
9. amount makes for a contribution to the future integrity of the  
10. trust fund without which the increase in the benefits would  
11. begin to be perilously threatening some time in 1975. We do  
12. have a very serious unemployment circumstance existing in  
13. December of 1974 and I certainly am one who respects the pro-  
14. cedures and the sense of committee review, study and recommenda-  
15. tion. There are occasions when the pressures and the demands  
16. of the day require us to set aside the traditional procedures  
17. of evaluation. And there is no Member that has greater respect  
18. for the Members of the Industry and Labor Committee than I.  
19. I served on that committee through three terms here in this  
20. Body and I know the very difficult decisions that that group is  
21. called upon to make from time to time. And I'm not comfortable  
22. at all about the fact that I have agreed to the result of the  
23. communication that has existed from the employer groups and labor  
24. groups as relates to these limited amendments to this bill and  
25. placing it before us for consideration for action now, now while  
26. the emergency circumstance does prevail in many areas of the  
27. State. The cost of living has clearly gone up more than the  
28. twelve percent unemployment compensation increase provided for  
29. in this bill as amended. I would hope that there would be  
30. sufficient numbers among us who would recognize that the procedure  
31. is really not all that we would want it to be. I acknowledge  
32. that but under the terms of the very serious emergency that  
33. exists and the essential amendments that have been applied to

1. this bill now, the elimination of two highly objectionable  
2. sections, the addition of the increase in benefits and the  
3. addition of the increase in the qualification periods, do now  
4. make this a reasonable piece of legislation that is urgently  
5. needed. I would hope that it could be supported and I do  
6. acknowledge that criticisms of some of the procedures involved  
7. are understandable but we are called upon from time to time to  
8. pursue extreme procedures to meet extreme and emergency require-  
9. ments.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

11. Senator Soper.

12. SENATOR SOPER:

13. Unless there somebody else, so the Senate wants to debate  
14. this, I think we've heard enough of this. I think we know  
15. what it's all about. I'll move the previous question.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

17. Senator Nimrod was the only one that indicated. And  
18. there has been a motion by the Senator from Cicero. Do you  
19. still want to speak Senator? There has been a motion...there's  
20. no one on the list. The motion before the Senate...Senator  
21. Knuppel...Knuepfer.

22. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

23. Yeah, Senator Soper, I'll be very brief on this. I...I  
24. recognize as Senator Harris did that that bill didn't get to  
25. committee, it didn't hear the scrutiny, but I for one and there  
26. are many others in this Body who have been proponents of the  
27. so-called agreed bill process. This is a product of that. To  
28. some extent, I suppose, it reflects a delegation of legislative  
29. power but on the other hand, many of us have wished that this  
30. decision could con...many of us wish that this decision could  
31. continue to be made among the participants, both labor and  
32. business, I think hopefully that's where I'd like to see and I'm  
33. going to support this package. I...I would prefer the decision

1. making in terms of the compromise to come from them then we  
2. know better where we stand.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

4. The Senator from Cicero renews the motion to move the  
5. previous question. All in favor of the motion signify by  
6. saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. Senator Daley will  
7. close the debate.

8. SENATOR DALEY:

9. Thank you, Mr. President, fellow Senators. I think this  
10. bill reflects that both business and labor can work together  
11. with the help and assistance of government leaders in time  
12. of emergency for the people of our State. I think it describes  
13. that the Legislative Branch of government is viable and active  
14. and will respond to people in times of economic crisis. I  
15. would ask for a favorable roll call.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

17. The question before the Senate is shall HB 2480 pass.  
18. On that question, those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed  
19. will vote Nay. The voting is open. Senator Fawell. Thank  
20. you. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take  
21. the record. On this question, the Yeas are forty-six, the  
22. Nays, are eleven. The bill having received the affirmative  
23. vote of three-fifths of the Members elected is therefore declared  
24. passed and effective immediately upon its becoming law. Senator  
25. ...Senator Hall, for what purpose do you arise?

26. SENATOR HALL:

27. On a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

29. State your point, Sir.

30. SENATOR HALL:

31. Mr. President, Herman Badillo, a distinguished Congressman  
32. from New York and Democrat Party Leader in New York, as a young  
33. man was brought in to the home of my sister who is his aunt

1. through marriage. She helped raise young Badillo. So, I said  
2. to her today, she's visiting here, I said you must be quite  
3. proud of Congressman Badillo. I hear good things about him.  
4. He's a servant of the people. He's highly respected and you  
5. must be quite proud. And she says, indeed, I am. I'm very  
6. proud of Congressman Badillo. I have watched him grow and  
7. become quite a public servant. But she said, look how far he  
8. would have gone if I just could have converted him to Republican-  
9. ism. My sister is here in the Gallery, fellow Senators and  
10. friends, she's sitting in the President's Gallery and I'd like  
11. to have her stand and be recognized.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

13. Senator Newhouse, for what purpose do you rise?

14. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

15. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for two purposes now.  
16. My...my first purpose was to simply get on the record to say  
17. that I'm extremely unhappy having voted on the bill that just  
18. passed with the fact that thirty-five hundred people have been  
19. knocked off the rolls. I wanted to put that on the record that  
20. I regret that extremely and I wished that that hadn't happened.  
21. But I voted for the bill, nevertheless. The second part, I'd  
22. like to address to...to my colleagues sister. Congressman  
23. Badillo is, an acquaintance of mine and one whom I admire and  
24. respect greatly and one whom I would like to call a friend. I'm  
25. delighted to know of the connection. I wish you would give him  
26. my best. Thank you very much.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

28. Today's the day for personal advertising. Senator Sours.

29. SENATOR SOURS:

30. Mr. President, there does happen to be a matter on the  
31. Calendar. It's not in the order where we now find ourselves  
32. but time is a wasting and it is critical legislation and I would  
33. like to, at this time, go to the matters on the Secretary's desk

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1. only because this'll have to be decided yet today, Mr. President,  
2. and refer to House Bill No. 2897.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

4. Senator Sours has requested leave of the Body to revert  
5. to the order of matters on the Secretary's desk. Is leave  
6. granted? Leave is granted. Now, Senator, would you please  
7. state the purpose of your going to that order of business again  
8. so the Secretary may know.

9. SENATOR SOURS:

10. Yes, Mr. President, this matter has been discussed with  
11. both Senators Partee and Rock and on our side, Senator Berning  
12. and...

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

14. Senator Sours, the only thing is the Secretary doesn't  
15. know what we discuss and he needs to know.

16. SENATOR SOURS:

17. Oh, I see. It's House Bill No. 2897 on the Secretary's  
18. desk.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

20. Do you have it there? What motion do you want to make?

21. SENATOR SOURS:

22. I would like to move that we refuse to recede and have a  
23. conference committee appointed which will have to, if ever,  
24. act today.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

26. Now, you can continue with your explanation so the  
27. Secretary gets the record straight. Okay. Senator Sours,  
28. any further explanation? Continue, sir.

29. SENATOR SOURS:

30. Yes, it involves the contribution...the contributions into  
31. the Pension Funds. I think it is...it's a rather abstruse  
32. matter. I have a letter which I've given to Berning's administra-  
33. tive assistant from Al Weinberg and it is highly complicated. There

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1. are a lot of people involved in it. Some House Members, even  
2. appointed municipal corporation lawyers. That's as much  
3. as I can tell you now because of its...its abstruseness. But  
4. it's something that ought to be ironed out yet today through  
5. a conference committee.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

7. Any further discussion? Then the motion before the  
8. Senate is made...put by Senator Sours that we refuse to recede  
9. from Amendments No. 1 and 3 to HB 28 and 97 and that a conference  
10. committee be appointed. All in favor of that motion signify  
11. by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it and the House will be  
12. so notified and a committee will be appointed. Senator Ed  
13. Scholl, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

14. SENATOR SCHOLL:

15. I have a motion.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider  
18. the vote by which...having voted on the prevailing side...

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

20. Ladies and gentlemen, let's do our visiting later, shall  
21. we? Please. Continue, Mr. Secretary.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider  
24. the vote by which HB 2815 failed. Signed, Senator Edward Scholl.

25. SENATOR SCHOLL:

26. Mr. President.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

28. Senator Scholl.

29. SENATOR SCHOLL:

30. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, this is in regards  
31. to the legislative pay increase. I was an alderman for ten years  
32. in the City Council of Chicago. And I thought the salary there was  
33. not in according with the work that you had to produce. Yesterday,



1. I saw the pay increase being reduced from twenty-two five to  
2. twenty thousand dollars and I felt that really that was an  
3. honest way of...of going about a pay increase. I believe if  
4. you're going to be an effective Legislator, you have to be paid  
5. the right salary. You should get the right per diem and that  
6. you should get the right office expense allowance. And I would  
7. urge every single Member here today to...to vote for this. Your  
8. ...it's a vote for you.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

10. Senator Knuppel.

11. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

12. I just want to remind the Members here that yesterday we  
13. voted a...what amounted to a six hundred dollar a year pay  
14. increase for State employees even at the lowest levels of  
15. income to go with a six hundred dollar increase we had voted  
16. previously, making twelve hundred dollars in a single years  
17. increase. For the Legislators who have now, as I said yesterday,  
18. become virtually full time Legislators, you're talking about an  
19. average increase over the...over the time of twenty-five hundred  
20. if...for the whole time. Now, if we increase State employees  
21. in keeping with inflation or at...at that rate, they would  
22. receive, even the lowest paid employee would receive virtually  
23. the same increase that the Legislators are asking. I don't think  
24. that the twenty-five hundred dollars is excessive at all. Maybe  
25. five thousand was but I think it's a compromise and I ask you  
26. whether you, in fact, don't believe that you're entitled to,  
27. roughly, the same increase that you voted for other State employees.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

29. Senator Harris.

30. SENATOR HARRIS:

31. Well, Mr. President, I would just point out that the matter  
32. before us is Senator Scholl's motion to reconsider. We ought to  
33. dispose of that before we debate the bill.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

2. That point is well taken and the motion before the Senate  
3. is to reconsider the vote and after that we can discuss the  
4. merits of the bill. For what purpose do you arise, Senator  
5. Sours?

6. SENATOR SOURS:

7. It's my understanding that this was on postponed considera-  
8. tion. It was and how many whacks are the Members going to have  
9. at this miserable bill?

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

11. The motion to reconsider is in order on the final vote  
12. and I guess the Members will have another crack at it on this  
13. motion put by Senator Scholl. And the motion before...the...  
14. All in favor of the motion by Senator Scholl signify by saying  
15. Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it and the motion carries. Now,  
16. the...the bill will now be returned by the Secretary to the order  
17. of third reading. And discussion then will now be in order  
18. upon the merits or demerits of the bill proposed. Senator Bell.

19. SENATOR BELL:

20. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I rise  
21. in opposition to this bill as I've done previously on two or  
22. three occasions and I would like to point out to this Membership  
23. that we are in very difficult economic times that as leaders in  
24. this State in the political body of some, certainly, some  
25. consequence. We have an obligation to those people back in our  
26. district and to the people in total of the State of Illinois to  
27. try to set some form of an example. You know, President Ford  
28. has talked to us numerous times about the need for tightening  
29. the belt, walking a very careful line so as to not promulgate  
30. this inflation that we have. I know that it...I have done what  
31. I can as a...one of fifty-nine to try to...to try to continue  
32. to meet that obligation that we all have as citizens and certainly  
33. that we have in this Body as leaders in this State to show the

1. way that we are, in fact, willing to tighten our belt and to do  
2. a little bit without. We're in some tough times in this  
3. country. How can we go back and ask people to not ask for  
4. additional pay raises or to tighten their belt or to do whatever  
5. is necessary to combat this inflation process and to meet the  
6. demands, the rigorous demands, of the recession that is moving  
7. through our communities unless we, ourselves, set some form of  
8. an example. I daresay that in this Body of...of fifty-nine  
9. Senators, that there are very few, probably no more than four  
10. or five that make their total living off the pay of the Illinois  
11. Legislature. Now, all of us can always say we need more money.  
12. We need to meet our material demands more and more. My goodness,  
13. yes, that's human nature but I ask of you to set some form of  
14. an example today. I thought we had done it previously in reference  
15. to this legislation and vote it down. And I'll tell you right  
16. now that the next time this bill comes up, that unless we're in  
17. some dire economic consequence, I'll support a pay raise but not  
18. at this time. This is the wrong time for a pay raise, my fellow  
19. colleagues. Thank you, Mr. President.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

21. Senator Buzbee.

22. SENATOR BUZBEE:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, where I come  
24. from, it's probably not smart politically, it's not probably,  
25. it certainly is not smart politically to vote for a pay raise  
26. for Legislators or to vote for gun control legislation. That's  
27. two particular topics in my district that are dynamite to say  
28. the least. Mr. President, yesterday, I voted No on the legisla-  
29. tive pay raise bill because I had a lot of things in my mind  
30. that I wanted to see cleared up first. One of those was a  
31. judicial pay raise and we increased for some of those people  
32. salaries up as much as twelve, fourteen, fifteen thousand dollars.  
33. I wondered at times which of those people were minding the store.

1. They were here lobbying us so hard and I wondered who was  
2. holding court. Then yesterday, we also decided to give the  
3. State employees twelve hundred dollars a year pay increase.  
4. Now, at times, I agree with the Governor and at times, I  
5. disagree with the Governor but I heard the Governor make a  
6. statement one time which I think is probably true. You can bet  
7. that next year, the State employees are going to be back asking  
8. for another one and the next year and the next year and the  
9. next year. We're going to hear the continual cry that we can't  
10. keep up with inflation. I understand that. I don't know of  
11. anybody, including employees of private industry, that are  
12. keeping up with inflation right now. But Mr. President, we  
13. set the precedent yesterday. We gave the judges a fifteen  
14. thousand dollar raise or whatever it amounted to. We gave the  
15. State employees a twelve hundred dollar rate...pay...pay raise  
16. for this fiscal year. Mr. President, if Legislators do not get  
17. a pay increase this year, in my case, it'll be January of 1979,  
18. assuming that I am successful four years from now. It'll be  
19. January of 1979 before I'm eligible for a pay increase. Mr.  
20. President, I'd like to point out to you that I am one of those  
21. people that considers themselves a full time Legislator. I  
22. average twelve to fourteen hours a day, six days a week, as a  
23. Legislator. Now, I figured that out, Mr. President, that comes  
24. out to...I'm making less than three dollars an hour, not  
25. considering anyth...anything for overtime. I happen to personally  
26. believe, I'm sure there would be some Members of this Body who  
27. would disagree with me, but I happen to personally believe that  
28. my...I'm worth more than three dollars an hour. I know you don't,  
29. Senator. I happen to believe that most of the Members of this  
30. Body are worth more than three dollars an hour. This past year,  
31. Mr. President, this...this Calendar year that we're fin...ending  
32. ...ending up right now, I spent three thousand dollars of my  
33. own money to keep my district office open above the ten thousand

1. dollars I get from the State. I'm not crying on anybody's  
2. shoulder, I'm simply telling you that I am worth a six hundred  
3. and thirty-three dollar a year pay increase for the next four  
4. years and I'm going to vote Aye. Thank you.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

6. Senator Chew and then Senator Mitchler.

7. SENATOR CHEW:

8. Mr. President, I'll yield to Senator Mitchler. I think he  
9. was standing first.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

11. Senator Mitchler, you've been yielded to. You're  
12. recognized.

13. SENATOR MITCHLER:

14. Thank you, Senator Chew. I am not going to comment on  
15. this bill, I merely have a question of whoever is handling  
16. the bill in the Senate.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

18. The Senate sponsor is Senator Rock.

19. SENATOR MITCHLER:

20. Senator Rock, would you please explain, and I know we've  
21. had some amendments on here, would you please explain everything  
22. that the bill does so we know its entirety. I know that this  
23. has something to do with per diem and...thank you.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

25. Senator Rock.

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The bill has been amended  
28. with two amendments. The first amendment which was offered and  
29. adopted lowered the per diem from the way it came over to the  
30. House from forty to thirty-six dollars. So, it now calls for  
31. a thirty-six dollar a day per diem rate. The second amendment  
32. which was offered and adopted cut the pay exactly in half.  
33. Instead of a five thousand dollar increase for each Member of

1. the General Assembly, the increase as...as under the bill now  
2. is twenty-five hundred dollars, so the total would be twenty  
3. thousand dollars. Additionally, the way the bill came from  
4. the House, it also calls for a two thousand dollar increment  
5. in our district office expense allowance. So, instead of ten,  
6. it'll be twelve.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

8. Senator Mitchler.

9. SENATOR MITCHLER:

10. Now, is that all the bill does?

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

12. Senator Rock.

13. SENATOR ROCK:

14. Well, there...there is...there is, as you know and under  
15. the current act, there is additional compensation for the  
16. Leadership of both the Minority and Majority parties in each  
17. House.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

19. Senator Mitchler.

20. SENATOR MITCHLER:

21. Would you please give me the figures on that. I want to  
22. have all these figures down so I know what I'm voting on.

23. SENATOR ROCK:

24. I might...might suggest that on your desk is a bill book  
25. and a copy of the bill, I'm sure is in there and I'll just to  
26. save you some time, I'll read it to you. The Speaker and the  
27. Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the President  
28. and the Minority Leader of the Senate, ten thousand dollars  
29. additional compensation. The Minority Leader of the Senate or  
30. one ma...the Majority Leader in the House, seventy-five hundred  
31. dollars. Three Assistant Majority Leaders and two Assistant  
32. Minority Leaders in the Senate, six thousand dollars. So, it's  
33. a fifteen hundred dollar increase for the Assistant Leaders and

1. a four thousand dollar increase for the Speaker and the President,  
2. respectively.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

4. Senator Mitchler.

5. SENATOR MITCHLER:

6. One final thing, can you give me the total increase cost  
7. to the taxpayer that this will be?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

9. Senator Rock. You need an auditor?

10. SENATOR ROCK:

11. Well, yeah, I wish I had one of those little calculators.  
12. If you take two hundred and thirty-eight times twenty-five  
13. hundred dollars, I...I would guess in...in round numbers and this  
14. is round numbers, it would be about five hundred thousand  
15. dollars.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

17. Any further questions? Senator Chew, do you want to be  
18. re-recognized?

19. SENATOR CHEW:

20. Mr. President, I was going to make a motion but if you  
21. have someone else who wants to speak...

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

23. We do. We do.

24. SENATOR CHEW:

25. I...then I'll make my motion. Senator McBroom.

26. SENATOR MCBROOM:

27. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, during the past  
28. campaign, I had promised the voters of the 43rd District that  
29. I would not vote for a legislative pay raise. Had I been  
30. re-elected, Mr. President, I would not have voted for a legis-  
31. lative pay raise for myself even though the last increase was  
32. approximately four years ago. I have called and congratulated  
33. Senator-elect Joyce and now wish to publicly extend my

1. congratulations and best wishes to him. In no way do I want  
2. a negative vote to be misinterpreted or miscon...miscontrued  
3. because of the recent election results in the 43rd District.  
4. In view of the fact that I will not personally receive any  
5. benefit from this and because I do feel it is justified, it is  
6. my intention to cast my vote Aye at the appropriate time, Mr.  
7. President.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR GRAHAM):

9. Senator Sours. Senator Sours.

10. SENATOR SOURS:

11. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
12. I am opposing this legislation for the principal reason I've  
13. opposed identical bills in the past. I believe once we elevate  
14. the emoluments of the office to a point where the Senator or  
15. the House Member can maintain himself and his family that will  
16. be the end of the citizen volunteer Legislator. Now, I look  
17. upon the citizen volunteer Legislator as being far more important  
18. and certainly far more beneficial to the public wheel than those  
19. who will, of necessity, have no other occupation and will, in  
20. the very nature of things in order to survive, be compelled to  
21. tolerate this and tolerate that, some good, some bad, much bad,  
22. which wouldn't be the situation where he would have to have other  
23. occupation. I have no desire to insult anyone who's...tells me  
24. he's a full time Legislator other than to say deliver me from  
25. you gentlemen, deliver me from you because the time will come  
26. when your voting record will coincide with your continued tenure.  
27. And that's not good legislation. That's not even good government.  
28. Now, when people tell me that they spend all this time doing  
29. work for their constituents, if this were litigation, I would  
30. demand a bill of particulars. I say that is absolutely, utterly  
31. impossible. Absolutely, utterly impossible. Other than perhaps  
32. getting on every single commission or every single adjunct of  
33. the Legislature so as to find work to do. Ladies and Gentlemen



1. of the Senate, I've never had to find work, work has always gotten  
2. to me. In fact, I have to avoid some of it. A full time  
3. Legislator is looking for things to do. Just like our full time  
4. Congressmen. There's a time when our Congressmen adjourned in  
5. May, they returned to their districts and spoke at high school  
6. graduations. How well I recall that at a time when our national  
7. debt was not six hundred billion dollars. You educate a...a  
8. generation of full time Legislators and let me tell you, you'll  
9. have full time profligacy and improvidence that you've never  
10. seen. That's what's basically wrong with this other than being  
11. disgracefully untimely. This bill has no virtue. It's like  
12. the fallen woman who couldn't stand up.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

14. Senator Chew. Senator Partee.

15. SENATOR PARTEE:

16. I wasn't going to get into this. I'm just going to vote  
17. Aye, of course, but just the other day, I spent some time with  
18. a group of industrialists who are involved in what is now known  
19. as the Citizen's Conference on State Legislatures. These,  
20. Senator Sours, are businessmen and women who believe that the  
21. Legislature is such a vital part of the American existence that  
22. they must get involved. Now, the man who made the main speech  
23. there was an executive of a large company in Minneapolis who  
24. ran for the Legislature some two or three years ago for the  
25. Senate. He was a member of your party, incidentally. And he  
26. said he came to realize some things about the Legislature and  
27. among the things he came to realize was that in many instances,  
28. they were underpaid. Now, this Citizen's Committee on State  
29. Legislatures has done an outstanding job in evaluating the  
30. Legislatures of our State...of our country and have categorized  
31. them in terms of their value and impact and have given them  
32. numerical significance. Illinois, as you know, is number three.  
33. They've indicated in the book which I hold in my hands some of

1. the thing that ought to be done toward making it an even better  
2. Legislature. I'm not going to read all of them. I'm only going  
3. to read you one of them and it's recommendation number fifteen.  
4. It says increased legislative compensation, the salaries of  
5. Illinois Legislatures should be increased to the twenty to thirty  
6. thousand dollar a year level. Now, let me suggest to you that  
7. we're at the bare minimum, the deminimus end of that recommenda-  
8. tion. There are a lot of people who give an awful lot of time to  
9. the exclusion of their other businesses to the Legislative  
10. process. We went to New York. We watched and looked at the New  
11. York Legislature and I would suggest to you that the persons in  
12. that Legislature in Leadership positions earn almost forty-five  
13. thousand dollars a year. We're nowhere near that. I suggest  
14. to you that they pay extra compensation for committee chairmen,  
15. for vice-chairmen of committees, recognizing that there are addi-  
16. tional duties which take an additional amount of time. The  
17. commission work and the committee work outside of the period of  
18. time when we're in Session is time consuming and demanding. Not  
19. only must you be present at the meetings but you must do your  
20. homework before you come there which is additional time. This is  
21. a very small step. This is an excellent bill.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

23. Senator Rock may close debate. For what purpose does  
24. Senator Vadalabene. Excuse me, Senator Vadalabene.

25. SENATOR VADALABENE:

26. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and...and Members of the Senate.  
27. I, too, was not going to say anything about this pay raise until  
28. I heard the words of Senator Sours about a full time Legislator.  
29. Now, I've been a full time Legislator in my two terms in the  
30. House and now in my second term in the Senate, and I have come to  
31. one conclusion that if you are not a full time Legislator, your  
32. constituents suffer. And if you're a full time Legislator and you  
33. have another business, your business suffers. You can't have

1. your cake and eat it. I'm not going to get this pay raise,  
2. however, I'm going to vote for it and I say that a full time  
3. Legislator today is in demand.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

5. Senator Rock may close debate.

6. SENATOR ROCK:

7. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
8. Senate. I do not intend to belabor this. Everyone of us knows  
9. or should know what is, in fact, involved. I am grateful to  
10. Senator Scholl and the others who have indicated that their  
11. position has changed. Senators McBroom and Buzbee. And I  
12. suggest to you very strongly that if this job of being a Legislator  
13. is done correctly, it is, in fact, a full time job. And I would  
14. further suggest to each and everyone that none of us, no one  
15. of us need apologize for this pay increment. It is well deserved  
16. and I would urge a favorable vote.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

18. The question is shall HB 2815 pass. Those in favor vote  
19. Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all  
20. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes  
21. are thirty-six, the Nays are eighteen, three Voting Present.  
22. HB 2815 having received the constitutional majority is declared  
23. passed. And the bill having received the affirmative vote of  
24. three-fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately  
25. upon its becoming a law. Senator Hall.

26. SENATOR HALL:

27. From the prevailing side, I move that that motion lie on  
28. the Table.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

30. Senator Hall moves...

31. SENATOR HALL:

32. I mean reconsidered. I move that reconsidered.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

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1. What is your...Senator Hall moves to reconsider the vote  
2. by which HB 2815 passed. Senator Carroll moves to Table that  
3. motion. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The  
4. motion carries, Senator Hall. Mr. Secretary has an announcement.  
5. SECRETARY:

6. To the Members of the Senate, I do hereby appoint the  
7. following to serve as members of the Conference Committee on  
8. HB 2897. Senator Hudson R. Sours, Senator Karl Berning, Senator  
9. David C. Shapiro, Senator Sam Romano and Senator Philip J. Rock.  
10. Howard R. Mohr, Chairman, Committee on Committees.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):  
12. Senator Regner, do you have a motion?

13. SENATOR REGNER:  
14. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, as the chief  
15. Senate sponsor of HB 2133, I would like to now ask leave to Table  
16. HB 2133. It's an RTA Parking Tax bill and it has been taken care  
17. of in another bill.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):  
19. Senator Regner asks leave to Table HB 2133. Is there leave?  
20. Leave is granted. Senator Nimrod. House Bills on third reading.  
21. HB 2212.

22. SECRETARY:  
23. HB 2212.  
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)  
25. 3rd reading of the bill.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):  
27. Senator Nimrod.

28. SENATOR NIMROD:  
29. Mr. President and...Mr. President and fellow Senators, this  
30. is to continue the codification of the township laws which has  
31. begun and the job is half finished and this bill was inadvertently  
32. left off before and what we have doing is continuing this until  
33. July 1st so the job can be finished. The chairman, of course,

1. is Representative McMaster and the vice-chairman of this codifi-  
2. cation is Senator Dougherty. I would ask...the money has already  
3. been appropriated. I would ask for a favorable vote on the  
4. continuing of this commission codifying these township laws  
5. until July 1st of 1975.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Is there any discussion? The question is shall HB 2212  
8. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
9. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
10. wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are forty-  
11. six, the Nays are one. HB 2212 having received the constitutional  
12. majority is declared passed and the bill having received the  
13. affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members elected is  
14. effective immediately upon...upon its becoming a law. HB 2572.  
15. Senator Knuppel, do you wish to call.

16. SECRETARY:

17. HB 2572.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 3rd reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

21. Senator Knuppel.

22. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

23. This bill we amended on second reading yesterday deals with  
24. the use of revenue sharing funds by county and local units of  
25. government for assistance to the elderly in transportation and  
26. in other ways. This bill is a bill that came over from the House,  
27. too late to be handled in the Spring part of the Session. I think  
28. it's a good bill. It's a bill that alleviates the need of...of  
29. many of our people and citizens and particularly in Quincy where  
30. ...where the bill originated with my Legislator, Michael McClain.  
31. They had a system worked out for transportation and they would  
32. have liked to use some of their revenue sharing funds for this  
33. purpose. Senator Davidson has...has joined me as a co-sponsor.

1. He has a problem which he can explain to you. I'd...I'd appreciate  
2. a favorable roll call.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

4. Senator Davidson.

5. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

6. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I rise in favor of  
7. this bill. All it is is a permissive situation and what brought  
8. this to front and the necessity of it was example of a county in  
9. my district which the senior citizens lost the meeting place and  
10. workshop because the people who've been giving it to them free,  
11. unfortunately, went bankrupt. And the County Board of that county  
12. appropriated fifteen thousand dollars out of revenue sharing to  
13. meet this crisis and everybody was delighted until the State's  
14. attorney looked at the Statute and says, no, you cannot do this  
15. until there is a change in the County's Act saying that you can  
16. appropriate money even though it's revenue sharing money on a  
17. permissive basis saying that they can appropriate for transpor-  
18. tation or services. That's what this bill does and I'd appreciate  
19. a most favorable roll call cause it's urgent problem in Montgomery  
20. County.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

22. Senator Latherow.

23. SENATOR LATHEROW:

24. Well, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I hesitate to  
25. rise in opposition to this piece of legislation because I am a  
26. card carrying member of the senior citizens. Relatively, what I  
27. see with this, we've talked of in few other bills that we had a  
28. Session or so ago, I don't think that federal revenue sharing is  
29. here forever. We create a program for local government that they're  
30. able to participate in with the use of federal revenue sharing,  
1. just like we did with some of our programs in education and then  
2. all at once, Uncle Sam pulls the rug out from under the program.  
3. And here we sit and who ends up picking up the costs of that

1. project that's demanded by some of the people in the area, the  
2. taxpaying citizen who is a local resident of, in this case, the  
3. county. I can foresee in this a county transportation system set  
4. up that may eventually be the system that is hauling school  
5. children and so on on a contract basis from the local...from the  
6. local school district. I think we should look at this and see  
7. if there isn't more beyond and what we're creating here today if  
8. we pass this piece of legislation. I've told my senior citizens  
9. what I thought and what I thought the problems were and I'm going  
0. to have to oppose this piece of legislation.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

2. Is there any further discussion? Senator Knuppel may close  
3. debate.

4. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

5. I appreciate the comments of my fellow Senator Latherow.  
6. This, however, only authorizes the county board if they see fit  
7. to use these funds in this manner. I know that they've used them  
8. for many other things which are not, in my opinion, nearly as  
9. commendable as use for our senior citizen. I believe that the  
0. local people are the ones who given authority are best able to  
1. make a decision how they want to use these funds. I see nothing  
2. wrong with expanding their choice and I would submit that the  
3. least govern, of course, is the best governed; I would put my  
4. confidence in the county board in each of the respective counties  
5. to know how they can best use the funds which they receive through  
6. revenue sharing. Thank you very much.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

8. The question is shall HB 2572 pass. Those in favor vote  
9. Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all  
0. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
1. forty-eight and the Nays are seven. HB 2572 having received the  
2. constitutional majority is declared passed and the bill having  
3. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members

1. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.

2. SECRETARY:

3. HB 2908.

4. (Secretary reads title of bill)

5. 3rd reading of the bill.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Senator Wooten.

8. SENATOR WOOTEN:

9. Mr. President and colleagues, this is the deficiency appro-  
10. priation in the Department of Public Health with some funds for  
11. a comprehensive health planning agency. I might say at the outset  
12. that the amount involved is twenty million dollars of which...in  
13. excess of nineteen million comes in Federal funds. I might  
14. explain why we arrived at the posture of needing this appropriation  
15. tion. We placed on the appropriation bill for the Department of  
16. Public Health the clause, any Federal funds for such purposes or  
17. other purposes that may be prescribed by Federal law or regulation  
18. received in excess of the foregoing appropriation shall be paid  
19. out into the proper trust account but shall only be extended  
20. subject to additional appropriations by the General Assembly.  
21. This means we did not appropriate uses for the money and so this  
22. amount includes about eight million dollars of that Federal money  
23. which lapsed because we did not appropriate a use for it. There  
24. is another amount close to eight million dollars which has to do  
25. with programs which we anticipated were going to be dropped by  
26. the Federal government or were going to...or were started by the  
27. Federal government rather late. This would be in the fields of  
28. maternal and child care, principally. There's about a two point  
29. two million dollar appropriation to the Chicago Board of Health in  
30. the maternal child care section and women and infant care, there  
31. is a program around some four million dollars which was really  
32. started after July. There's another three million dollars which  
33. just passes through to hospitals for construction. The part that



1. it comes from the State is nine hundred and fifteen thousand  
2. dollars. This is for our renal program and I believe that pretty  
3. much covers just about all of the major components of the requested  
4. deficiency appropriation. I'll be glad to answer any questions  
5. to the extent that I am able, otherwise, I request a favorable  
6. roll call.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

8. Senator Scholl.

9. SENATOR SCHOLL:

10. I would just like to talk about one aspect of this appropria-  
11. tion. I have a letter on my desk that I don't want to send out.  
12. It's to a lovely woman in my district who needs dialy...dialysis  
13. treatment. It's cost her family about seven thousand dollars a  
14. year. She has to go to the local hospital three times a week and  
15. her family is bankrupt. And I would hate to see the State refuse  
16. her but if the State of Illinois does not get adequate funding,  
17. this lady and her family are going to bankrupt and they need help.  
18. We want to keep these people alive. This is one excellent program  
19. in our State that really needs some assistance. And I would hope  
20. that all of my colleagues would vote for this appropriation.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

22. Senator Knuepfer.

23. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

24. Well, this appropriation, to refresh some of your memories,  
25. both the Hous...both the Minority and Majority staffs on the  
26. Appropriations Committee had some concerns about the spending of  
27. funds, Fed...Federal funds, without appropriation by this Legis-  
28. lature and there was some considerable dialogue with the Department  
29. of Public Health at that time. They told us then that they did  
30. not have the answers for all of these programs but we presumed  
31. therefore that when they did get the answers, they would come  
32. through with a deficiency appropriation. This is that deficiency  
33. appropriation. The programs are now detailed and I would encourage

1. support for it as well.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

3. Is there further discussion? The question is shall HB 2908  
4. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
5. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On  
6. that question, the Ayes are forty-nine, the Nays are none. HB 2908  
7. having received the constitutional majority is declared passed.  
8. And the bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths  
9. of the Members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming  
10. a law. Senator Hynes.

11. SECRETARY:

12. HB 2909.

13. (Secretary reads title of bill)

14. 3rd reading of the bill.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

16. Senator Hynes.

17. SENATOR HYNES:

18. Mr. President, Members of the Senate, this is an appropriation  
19. to the Controller to pick up several items that were omitted in  
20. the...in the budgets that we approved in the Session earlier this  
21. year. It includes additional contributions to the State Employees  
22. Retirement System, two million dollars, for reimbursement to  
23. counties for payment of probation officers, additional items for  
24. State expenses and yesterday by amendment we added a three hundred  
25. thousand dollar item for the remodeling and renovation of the Press  
26. Room. So, I would ask for your favorable support.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

28. Is there any discussion? Senator Merritt.

29. SENATOR MERRITT:

30. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, quite agree with  
31. everything Senator Hynes has said and I certainly would welcome  
32. the support of the Members of this side of the aisle on this  
33. important bill.

1. important bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

3. Is there further discussion? The question is shall HB 2909  
4. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
5. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On  
6. that question, the Ayes are forty-four and the Nays are none.  
7. HB 2909 having received the constitutional majority is declared  
8. passed. And the bill having received the affirmative vote of  
9. three-fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately  
10. upon its becoming a law.

11. SECRETARY:

12. HB 2910.

13. (Secretary reads title of bill)

14. 3rd reading of the bill.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

16. Senator McCarthy.

17. SENATOR McCARTHY:

18. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, HB 2910 is  
19. a change in the State Finance Act. Briefly, as by way of explanation,  
20. this is what the bill is intended to do...is intended to do.  
21. Some of us may...may remember back when we were paying the judicial  
22. salaries partially from General Revenue Funds and partially from  
23. the Motor Fuel Fund that that is the practice today, in fact, it  
24. is the law. However, there has cropped up a practice whereby  
25. all of the...the total amount of an obligation is paid from the  
26. one fund and then at the end of the year, the second fund makes its  
27. pro rata contribution back to the one fund. Now, recently, the  
28. Attorney General has issued a ruling to the Comptroller that this  
29. is not the proper way to handle the payment of these funds and I  
30. think everyone's in agreement with the Attorney General's ruling.  
31. But because it would discommode the rest of this fiscal year, this  
32. bill is presented to you for your affirmative consideration which  
33. would legalize the practice that has been going on for a number of

1. years. Yesterday, I did attach an amendment which automatically  
2. repeals this act October 1, 1975, so this is a one shot bill only  
3. and I think we can deal with it in the next Session to conform  
4. with the Attorney General's opinion. I know of no controversy  
5. and I think it's meritorious legislation. I would solicit your  
6. affirmative vote.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

8. Is there any discussion? The question is shall HB 2910 pass.  
9. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
10. open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
11. the Ayes are forty-six and the Nays are none. HB 2910 having  
12. received the constitutional majority is declared passed. And the  
13. bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the  
14. Members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.

15. SECRETARY:

16. HB 2912.

17. (Secretary reads title of bill)

18. 3rd reading of the bill.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

20. Senator Hynes will handle this bill for Senator Saperstein.  
21. Senator Hynes.

22. SENATOR HYNES:

23. Mr. President, this is a supplemental appropriation of one  
24. point five million doll...one million five hundred sixty-one  
25. thousand dollars to the Department on Aging from Federal funds  
26. for programs of the Department of Aging. These are monies that  
27. were not available and were unknown at the time the original  
28. appropriation was passed. And I would ask for your favorable  
29. support. There's no objection to the bill.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

31. Is there any discussion? The question is shall HB 2912 pass.  
32. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
33. open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,

1. the Ayes are forty-nine, the Nays are none. HB 2912 having  
2. received the constitutional majority is declared passed. And the  
3. bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of  
4. the Members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming  
5. law.

6. SECRETARY:

7. HB 2915.

8. (Secretary reads title of bill)

9. 3rd reading of the bill.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

11. Senator Knuppel.

12. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

13. This is Senate...or HB 2915 is a supplemental appropriation  
14. for maintenance and general services of Peoria State Hospital.  
15. The original appropriation was designed to cover six months. It  
16. was believed that the institution would be disposed of within that  
17. time. Senator Knuepfer will recall that in his committee there  
18. was opposition to that. We...we also passed, I think, it was  
19. HB 2000 which called for a study commission which has now been  
20. appointed and will be working on what to do or what disposition to  
21. make of this facility. I, therefore, would appreciate a favorable  
22. roll call.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

24. Senator Regner.

25. SENATOR REGNER:

26. Yes, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, last Spring we  
27. amended the General Services...Department of General Services  
28. bill and eliminated the appropriation for the IIS. After that  
29. took place, July 1, there were no more monies for IIS as such.  
30. The Governor took it upon himself to transfer some people off of  
31. the IIS payroll onto the payroll of Peoria State Hospital. And  
32. I submit that if this were not done, there would not be a need  
33. for a deficiency at this time for the Peoria State Hospital. And

1. I would urge a no vote on this particular supplemental appropriation.  
2.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

4. Is there further discussion? Senator Knuppel may close  
5. debate.

6. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

7. Mr. President, those of you on the other side who've heard  
8. me speak know that I'm not a complete admirer of some of the  
9. practices engaged in and I'm not sure, however, I've heard  
10. rumors that that's what happened. However, as a responsible  
11. Senator, here's what we have in my district. We have a closed  
12. State hospital and I don't care how the government might have  
13. used that money. It may have been wrong. I can't make it right  
14. if it was wrong. All I'm telling you is the State of Illinois  
15. owns a facility that they need to maintain and we need the money  
16. to pay guards and other people. It...it would be a...an abandoned  
17. property without care and a real travesty in my district if this  
18. ...if we didn't pass this supplemental appropriation. If there's  
19. ...if there's complaints with the way the Governor has handled  
20. himself, they should be directed to him and he should be shown  
21. in some other method. I don't think we should abandon our pro-  
22. perty, the property of the State of Illinois because he may or  
23. may not have placed some people on there that didn't belong on  
24. there. I would still ask for a favorable roll call. I think it's  
25. good husbandry. We're going to try to get rid of this facility  
26. when the commission reports back. If we had voted out a bill to  
27. sell it, it wouldn't...he wouldn't have had the opportunity to  
28. be here with this supplemental appropriation. Thank you.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

30. The question is shall HB 2915 pass. Those in favor vote  
31. Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted  
32. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
33. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are thirty-six, the

1. Nays are four, five Voting Present. HB 2915 having received the  
2. constitutional majority is declared passed. And the bill having  
3. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members  
4. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.

5. SECRETARY:

6. HB 2916.

7. (Secretary reads title of bill)

8. 3rd reading of the bill.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

10. Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill transfers fifteen  
13. thousand dollars from the Vietnam Compensation to the Illinois  
14. World War II and Korean Conflict Bonus Fund. The transfer is  
15. necessary due to a depletion of the fifteen thousand dollars  
16. appropriated Illinois World War II or Korean Conflict Bonus Fund.  
17. This is a grants in aid transfer and legislative action is  
18. required. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

20. Is there any discussion? The question is shall HB 2916 pass.  
21. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
22. open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take  
23. the record. On that question, the Ayes are fifty and the Nays  
24. are none. HB 2916 having received the constitutional majority  
25. is declared passed. And the bill having received the affirmative  
26. vote of three-fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately  
27. upon its becoming a law. On the Secretary's desk, Senator Bell.  
28. Senator Ozinga. Senator Fawell, on the Secretary's desk. SB 330.  
29. Is there anything else to be called on the Calendar? Senator  
30. Latherow, consideration postponed, 2337, do you wish to act on  
31. that?

32. SENATOR LATHEROW:

33. That's 2437, yes.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

2. 2437.

3. SENATOR LATHEROW:

4. 2437, Mr. Pres...

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

6. The Secretary have the motion? Senator Latherow, will you  
7. explain your motion? Consideration postponed.

8. SENATOR LATHEROW:

9. This, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, is a bill  
10. I called yesterday and failed to gather enough votes. It has to  
11. do with people who are Members of the General Assembly and are  
12. drawing retirement from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.  
13. This will allow them to pay back what they have drawn out and to  
14. transfer that credit time to the Pension Retirement Fund of the  
15. General Assembly. Now, I think most everyone here knows what the  
16. bill does and I again would call for a favorable roll call.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

18. Is there any further discussion? Senator Knuepfer.

19. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

20. Well, I...I wasn't here yesterday, so I was not the benefi-  
21. ciary or whatever debate took place, but I think I certainly tend  
22. to favor the side that won yesterday and that may not be the side  
23. that wins today. We continue in our pension laws to make special  
24. kinds of exemptions, special kinds of privileges, pay back back  
25. in...in and out of the pension funds, most of which I submit to  
26. you, are basically not actuarilly sound. They could not be done in  
27. any kind of another situation except where one Legislature pats  
28. another on the back and says I'm helping you, you help me out too.  
29. I think these are the kinds of things that are, and I have no idea  
30. if anybody in this Body or the other Body is involved, I think  
31. these are the kinds of things where we pat on...one another on the  
32. back and say we'll take care of each other that have becomes most  
33. distasteful to the public. And while they mot...may not be aware



1. of the subtleties and the technicalities of the issues, frankly,  
2. I think these kinds of things ought to be discouraged. You make  
3. an election, you make your mind up and whatever way you made your  
4. mind up, that's the way you ought to go and we should not be here  
5. looking at bills again six months, two years later, and saying  
6. well, I probably didn't make a good decision, let's pass a law to  
7. resolve that problem.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

9. Senator Bell.

10. SENATOR BELL:

11. Yes, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I'd like to  
12. digress a little...just a little bit further than what Senator  
13. Knuepfer said. You know, in the business field where we...where  
14. we have pension programs that certainly have a great deal of  
15. monetary consequence when looked on from a State and National  
16. projection. This type of thing is not allowed because it crosses  
17. up the benefits, it fouls up the pension program, drives up the  
18. costs, and it's actuarially as Senator Knuepfer has alluded to,  
19. a very, very difficult thing to get a handle on as to what your  
20. ...what your pension costs are, in fact, going to be. Now, there's  
21. been some talk about Legislative Pension Program being a very  
22. fine one for the benefit of the Legislators. Well, let's try to  
23. keep it as much as possible on an actuarially sound basis. Let's  
24. run it on a businesslike basis. I think it's a...I think it's a  
25. bad bill and deserves to be defeated. Thank you.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

27. Any further discussion? The question is shall HB 2437  
28. pass the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding.  
29. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
30. open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take  
31. the record. On that question, the Ayes are fourteen and the Nays  
32. are seventeen, six Voting Present. Having failed to receive the  
33. required three-fifths vote is declared lost. Senator Harris.

1. SENATOR HARRIS:

2. Mr. President, I would like to call for a very brief  
3. Republican caucus in my office immediately.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

5. Senator Donnewald.

6. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

7. The same purpose, a Democratic caucus in the office of  
8. Senator Partee, immediately.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

10. The Senate will stand in recess.

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12. RECESS

13. AFTER RECESS

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

15. The Senate will come to order. On the order of consideration  
16. postponed, HB 2898. Senator Partee.

17. SENATOR PARTEE:

18. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, HB 2898 is  
19. on the order of consideration postponed I desire to remove it  
20. from that order and place it on the order of second reading for  
21. the purpose of an amendment. Senator Harris has an amendment to  
22. this bill.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

24. Senator Partee asks leave to bring HB 2898 back to the order  
25. of second reading for the purpose of amendment. Is there leave?  
26. Leave is granted. Senator Harris.

27. SENATOR HARRIS:

28. Mr. President, might I inquire of the Secretary, what the  
29. number of the three amendments I have placed on his desk are. I  
30. know this bill has been amended. This<sup>o</sup> would be Amendment No. 2,  
31. would be the large amendment and then the one dealing with the  
32. Director of the Department of Aging would be Amendment No. 3. And  
33. the one changing four agencies would be Amendment No. 4. Is that  
correct?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

2. Senator Harris will explain the amendment. Amendment No. 2.

3. SENATOR HARRIS:

4. This bill was called yesterday in the form that it originally  
5. came to us but we did offer one amendment in the original House  
6. form and that was that the Directors of Public Health, Public Aid,  
7. Mental Health, and the Secretary of Transportation were provided  
8. for at an original rate of fifty-two thousand in the bill. We  
9. reduced that to forty-eight thousand and I felt that the rest of  
10. the bill went too far. And I'm fully mindful of the difficulty  
11. of recruitment in these top executive responsibilities and we've  
12. spent some time trying to be reasonable and be responsible to the  
13. difficult problem of recruitment for these top executive positions,  
14. but also to recognize some bracketing that was not in the original  
15. bill to relate the departments to management and personnel direction  
16. and decision making requirement. Now, it's difficult to provide  
17. that kind of a rigid bench mark throughout all of the operation  
18. of State government. But we do have the very difficult problem  
19. of most of these terms beginning on the third Monday in January  
20. of 1975 and if action is not taken now to make some sensible and  
21. reasonable adjustments upward from the present law but downward  
22. from the bill in the form it came to us originally. We will then  
23. see these people locked into two more years with no adjustment.  
24. All of the Members, I know, have had distributed to them the chart  
25. that is composed of four columns of numbers and the first column  
26. on the left, the actual positions. Amendment No. 2 to HB 2898  
27. reflects those changes with six exceptions. The original suggestion  
28. under the proposal column which is the third column of figures on  
29. the first page provides for twenty-five thousand for salary for  
30. Secretary of the Racing Board. Included in these three amendments,  
31. I believe it would be then Amendment No. and I know I'm out of order  
32. because I'm...I'm going through this chart but I'm talking in terms  
33. of Amendment No. 4 now. And these four agencies would be changed.

1. The Secretary of the Racing Board would be changed from twenty-  
2. five thousand to twenty-three. The Superintendent of the State  
3. Fair Agency would be changed also to twenty-three. The Director  
4. of Civil Defense would be left at twenty thousand and the Adminis-  
5. trator of the Veteran's Commission would be changed to twenty-three  
6. from twenty-five. Now, the Civil Defense Director is presently  
7. being supplemented by six thousand dollars a year from Federal  
8. funds. He presently is being compensated at the rate of twenty-  
9. six. So, we're going to leave the statutory figure at twenty.  
10. Amendment No. 2, then, reflects all of the rest of the changes that  
11. you see in the proposal column. It has been discussed in our two  
12. respective caucuses. Amendment No. 3 inserts into the bill the  
13. provision for the Director of the Department of the Aging which  
14. was not provided for in the bill in the form it came to us from  
15. the House and it sets his salary at thirty-two thousand rather  
16. than thirty thousand. Additionally, in the...in Amendment No. 2,  
17. we establish the salary for the Court of Claims at twelve thousand.  
18. They presently are being compensated at nine. I would be happy to  
19. respond to any questions that the Membership might have. I think  
20. this is a reasonable compromise. We have compromised on the question  
21. of the General Assembly's salary. We are compromising here and  
22. I think sensibly, and responsibly, and reasonably for the Executive  
23. Department Directors and I would urge the adoption of Amendment No.  
24. 2 if there is no further discussion or question.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

26. Is there any discussion? Senator McCarthy.

27. SENATOR McCARTHY:

28. Senator Harris, I wonder if you'd look at the bottom of  
29. Page 2 of the sheet. These...these totals just...just don't make  
30. any sense to me. Oh, excuse me. I understand this one. Withdraw  
31. the question.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

33. Any further discussion? Senator Harris moves the adoption

1. of Amendment No. 2 to HB 2898. All in favor signify by saying Aye.  
2. Opposed Nay. The amendment's adopted. Senator Harris moves the  
3. adoption of Amendment No. 3 to HB 2898. Is there any discussion?  
4. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The amendment is  
5. adopted. Senator Harris moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to  
6. HB 2898. Is there any discussion? All in favor signify by saying  
7. Aye. Opposed Nay. Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there further  
8. amendments? Third reading. Communications from the President.

9. SECRETARY:

10. Honorable William C. Harris. Dear Mr. President, with this  
11. letter, I hereby resign from the following named commissions  
12. effective December 5, 1974. Citizen Villages Municipal Problems  
13. Commission, Legislative Investigating Commission, Illinois Recreation  
14. Council. It has been a pleasure to serve on these commissions.  
15. Sincerely, Jack E. Walker.

16. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
17. the following named commission effective December 5, 1974. The  
18. Water Resources and Water Pollution Commission. It's been a  
19. pleasure to have served on this commission. Sincerely, Edward T.  
20. Scholl.

21. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
22. the following named commissions effective December 5, 1974.  
23. Bi-state Development District and Bi-state Development Agency  
24. Visitation Commission, Illinois Recreation Council. It has been a  
25. pleasure to have served on these commissions. Sincerely, A.C.  
26. Junie Bartulis.

27. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
28. the following named commissions effective December 5, 1974.  
29. Bi-state Development District and Bi-state Development Agency  
30. Visitation Commission, Special Events Commission. It has been a  
31. pleasure to have served on these commissions. Sincerely, John  
32. Conolly.

33. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
the following named commissions effective December 5, 1974.

1. The Legislative Council. It has been a pleasure to have served  
2. on this commission. Sincerely, Jack T. Knuepfer.

3. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
4. the following named commission effective December 5, 1974.  
5. Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission. It has been a pleasure  
6. to have served on this commission. Sincerely, Edward McBroom.

7. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
8. the following named commissions effective December 5, 1974.  
9. FEPC Interim...Committee on Temporary Appointments, Legislative  
10. Investigating Commission. It has been a pleasure to have served  
11. on these commissions. Sincerely, Hudson R. Sours.

12. Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
13. the Judicial Advisory Council effective January 7, 1975. It has  
14. been a pleasure to have served on this commission. Sincerely,  
15. Hudson R. Sours.

16. To the Members of the Senate, this is to advise that I have  
17. made the following appointments to the commissions indicated.

18. 1) Data Information Systems Commission - Senator John Nimrod,  
19. Mr. John Lanigan, Mr. John Briggs.
20. 2) Legislative Advisory Committee to the Regional Transit Authority -  
21. Senator James C. Soper, Senator Jack Schaffer.
22. 3) Peoria State Hospital Land Use Study Commission - Senator  
23. Stanley Weaver, Senator Tom Merritt.
24. 4) Dangerous Drugs Advisory Council - Senator Howard R. Mohr,  
25. Senator John Davidson.
26. 5) Illinois Mississippi Canal and Sinnissippi Lake Commission -  
27. Senator James Bell, Senator Clifford Latherow, Senator David C.  
28. Shapiro.
29. 6) Illinois Commission on Labor Laws - Senator Robert Mitchler,  
30. Senator Harber H. Hall, Mr. John Noble.

31. To fill vacancies created by resignation effective Dec...  
32. December 5, 1974.  
33. Cities and Villages Problems Commission - to replace Senator Jack

1. Walker, Senator Karl Berning.
2. Water Resources and Water Pollution Commission - to replace
3. Senator Edward Scholl, Senator Karl Berning.
4. Legislative Investigating Commission - to replace Senator Jack
5. Walker, Senator Don A. Moore..
6. To replace Senator Hudson Sours, Senator Howard R. Mohr.
7. Legislative Council - to replace Senator Jack Knuepfer, Senator
8. Jack Schaffer.
9. Intergovernmental Cooperation Commission - to replace Senator
10. Edward McBroom, Senator Stanley Weaver.
11. Special Events Commission - to replace Senator John Conolly,
12. Senator David C. Shapiro.
13. Bi-state Development District and Bi-state Development Agency
14. Visitation Commission - to replace A.C. Junie Bartulis, Senator
15. John Davidson. To replace Senator John Conolly, Senator James Bell.
16. Illinois Recreation Council - to replace Senator A.C. Bartulis,
17. Senator Harber Hall. To replace Senator Jack Walker, Senator Tom
18. Merritt.

19.       These appointments are effective immediately. Sincerely,  
20. William C. Harris, President.

21.       Dear Mr. President, with this letter, I hereby resign from  
22. the Illinois Energy Resources Commission. Effective December 31,  
23. 1974. Sincerely, A.C. Bartulis.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

25.       House Bills on third reading. Regarding HB 2898, the Chair  
26. re...recognizes Senator Partee.

27. SECRETARY:

28.       HB 2898.

29.       (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 3rd reading of the bill.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32.       Senator Partee.

33. SENATOR PARTEE:

1. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, the amendment has  
2. been offered. Do you...many of you have copies of it. You have  
3. just had the subject matter presented in the respective caucuses.  
4. It would be unnecessary for me to go through this in detail. We  
5. all know what it's about. I'm seeking a favorable roll call.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Is there any discussion? Senator Harris.

8. SENATOR HARRIS:

9. Well, Mr. President, I just want to join Senator Partee in  
10. supporting this bill and urge support by the Membership. I think  
11. in the long run, this is very sound legislation in the attraction  
12. to these important positions of responsibility. The kind of  
13. management skill that we so desperately need. And I would just  
14. urge an overwhelming response here to support this legislation.  
15. I think, as I've said during the discussion of the amendments.  
16. They are now reasonable. This bill is reasonable, responsible,  
17. and sensible.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

19. Senator Knuepfer.

20. SENATOR KNUEPFER:

21. I regret I was not here during the discussion yesterday but  
22. I concur wholeheartedly in the recommendations made by Senator  
23. Harris and Senator Partee. These are very reasonable. They have  
24. been brought down substantially below the original figures and I  
25. personally, for one, thought the original figures were relatively  
26. reasonable. There was a Blue Ribbon Committee selected from the  
27. private sector to make recommendations about these kinds...about  
28. these salary ranges and I suggest to you that as our government  
29. has been growing bigger and as we attempt to make it more professional  
30. and less political in that respect, these salaries will provide  
31. the kind of attractiveness that we need to get people to...to do  
32. these kinds of jobs. Some of our jobs are indeed monumental even  
33. by some private standards. The Secretary of the Department of



1. Transportation spending over a billion dollars a year. The  
2. Director of the Department of Mental Health with some twenty-two  
3. thousand employees. I suggest to you that there are a few cor-  
4. porations in this country that are of that size and in the private  
5. sector, of course, they would be getting substantially more than  
6. we're paying. I recognize that the same point that we do not  
7. have to meet the competitive test that private industry has to  
8. meet, but on the other hand, these are major operations. They  
9. are important responsibilities and we are, in effect, delegating  
10. these salaries to the spending of some six or seven billion dollars  
11. of the taxpayers money. I'm satisfied that it's a compromise that  
12. I can easily support although I would have gone for a much higher  
13. figure. I simply want to urge you to assent to this, to assent  
14. to what I would call a trend to pay people so that they can afford  
15. to take jobs in State government without either a financial sacrifice  
16. or the alternative getting people who are substantially less  
17. competent who might be the only ones to take the lower paying jobs.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

19. Senator Bell.

20. SENATOR BELL:

21. Well, Mr. President, Members of the Senate, the last few days,  
22. in reference to pay raises, it seems my voice has been like the  
23. voice in crying in the wilderness. And at this stage, I guess,  
24. we've...we voted a pay raise for the State employees. We've  
25. raised it now, effectively, to a hundred dollars per month. We've  
26. paid ourselves, certainly, very adequately and I guess we've got  
27. to increase the Executive, too. I'd like to thrust the thought  
28. upon you, though, for a moment. I'm not going to fight this legis-  
29. lation. I'm not going to put a red...a red light up there under  
30. this one. I will put an orange light, a present light to try to  
31. make my point. Jack Knuepfer just touched on it briefly and that  
32. is the very essential point, in my mind, that people that are called  
33. into government service are, in fact, in a different category from

1. those who serve in private industry or work in labor or in the  
2. competitive market, so to speak, and that this call for public  
3. service is indeed a privilege. And I'm not too sure that the  
4. pay itself should be competitive with private industry. I think  
5. very possibly we're losing something with that concept. I don't  
6. mean to say that...that a man that heads up a great deal of res-  
7. ponsibility in State government shouldn't be paid well. He should.  
8. But I think it is a mis...an erroneous conclusion to draw car...  
9. corollary that he must be paid any way similar to those that are  
10. in the competitive market because, my friends, government does not  
11. produce. It only takes from the people. Those that are in the  
12. competitive market must stand the test day after day as producers.  
13. If they don't make it, they lose their job. It's really not the  
14. same thing. I wanted to pass this thought out to you because I'm  
15. going to vote Present on this. You're going to see that orange  
16. light. It's a little different from the red lights that you've  
17. seen previously. Thank you.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

19. Any further discussion? Senator Partee may close debate.

20. SENATOR PARTEE:

21. Well, I think the points have been made rather excellently  
22. and Senator Knuepfer's remarks, particularly, were very cogent  
23. on this subject. I'm ready for a roll call.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

25. The question is shall HB 2898 pass. Those in favor vote  
26. Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all  
27. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On  
28. that question, the Ayes are thirty-seven, the Nays are thirteen,  
29. two Present. HB 2898 having received the constitutional majority  
30. is declared passed. And the bill having received the affirmative  
31. vote of three-fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately  
32. upon its becoming a law. Senator Rock.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Thank you, Mr. President. Having voted on the prevailing  
2. side, I do now move to reconsider the vote by which this bill was  
3. declared passed.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

5. Senator Rock moves to reconsider. Senator Partee moves to  
6. Table. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. Motion  
7. carries. Resolutions.

8. SECRETARY:

9. Senate Resolution No. 580 offered by Senator Newhouse.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

11. Senator Newhouse asks leave for immediate consider...

12. SECRETARY:

13. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 580)

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

15. Senator Newhouse.

16. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

17. Mr. President, I don't...I don't consider this as a contro-  
18. versial issue but I think everyone ought to know exactly what  
19. this asks. This is not suggesting that we violate any union agree-  
20. ment presently existing by asking that meat counters stay open  
21. after six. We simply asking that negotiations take place so that  
22. some convenience can be arranged for the residents in the city of  
23. Chicago.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

25. Senator Partee.

26. SENATOR PARTEE:

27. I'm sorry, I didn't...didn't hear this but there...let me  
28. hear what you said because there is some controversy on this  
29. question. I've been contacted by a large number of people on  
30. both sides of it, yeah.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32. Senator Newhouse, do you want to take this out of the record  
33. for the moment. Do you want to take it out of the record?

1. SECRETARY:

2. We'll renumber the next resolution. Senate Resolution No.  
3. 580 offered by Senators Clarke, Smith, McBroom, Harber Hall, Daley,  
4. and Vadalabene. It's congratulatory. Senator Clarke.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

6. Senator Clarke.

7. SENATOR CLARKE:

8. I'd like to move for suspension of the rules, Mr. President,  
9. and immediate consideration.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

11. Senator Clarke asks leave for immediate consideration. Is  
12. there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Clarke.

13. SENATOR CLARKE:

14. Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, if we could have the attention  
15. of the Body, I would like to have this resolution read because I  
16. think it is of importance to us in terms of a personality who is  
17. leaving us at the end of this year.

18. SECRETARY:

19. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 580)

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

21. Senator Clarke.

22. SENATOR CLARKE:

23. Mr. President, I...I'd just like to comment because many of  
24. you may not realize the water shed that this end of the year is  
25. bringing from the same point of legislative support. We know here  
26. in this Chamber the vital effect that the Secretary and the staff  
27. has. We may not realize as much the key personnel that are leaving  
28. the scene this year for some reason all at once. And some of us,  
29. Senator Partee and Senator Harris and Senator Ozinga and Graham  
30. and others that have been around for a while remember back in the  
31. fifties when Pete Bobbitt took over the Legislative Council, when  
32. Bill Day took over from Bill Isakoff and when the Legislative  
33. Audit Commission was started after a scandal in State government.

1. I'd just like to comment that those of us on the Audit Commission  
2. are losing not only a very valued friend but an irreplaceable  
3. public servant who has done a tremendous job for the State of  
4. Illinois in Dick Viar and we are going to feel his loss very  
5. greatly.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Senator Smith.

8. SENATOR SMITH:

9. I want to join with Senator Clarke in asking for the adoption  
10. of this resolution. I've known Dick Viar for some considerable  
11. length of time and have had the honor and the privilege of working  
12. with him. I readily recall when he first came to the Legislative  
13. Audit Commission and as late as this morning, early this morning,  
14. we held a meeting and I asked that he step outside while we  
15. considered certain things with regards to his term of service. We  
16. all agreed that he had proven himself capable, competent, friendly,  
17. and yet thorough. We hate to see him leave. We tried to reason  
18. with him to continue his valuable services here in our midst. He  
19. has directed council and advised us on matters and in all of his  
20. decisions, he did not stop to consider political affiliations. And  
21. as I stand here now after these many years of close association in  
22. working with him, I don't know whether he was a Republican or  
23. Democrat or an Independent or what have you. But he was a well  
24. trained man, thoroughly well trained, diligent, patient, always  
25. courteous. We hate to see Dick leave the services of the State  
26. but he's fixed in his mind and in his opinions that the time has  
27. come when he should spend more time with his loved ones. And I  
28. join with Senator Clarke and I hope the Members on this side will  
29. also join in supporting the resolution<sup>o</sup> co-sponsored by Mem...  
30. co-sponsored by Members of the Legislative Audit Commission.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32. Senator Clarke and Senator Smith move the adoption of the  
33. resolution. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay.

1. The resolution is adopted.

2. SECRETARY:

3. Senate Resolution 581 offered by Senator Vadalabene. It's  
4. congratulatory.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

6. Senator Vadalabene.

7. SENATOR VADALABENE:

8. Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is  
9. a congratulatory resolution honoring another one of our great  
10. Legislators over the past twenty years who is retiring. Repre-  
11. sentative Leland Kennedy brings to a close twenty years of out-  
12. standing service to his district and to the State of Illinois. He  
13. was regarded as one of the finest of many State Representatives  
14. to come out of my Senatorial district in Madison County along with  
15. the former Lt. Governor Paul Simon, State Senator and State Repre-  
16. sentative, along with our former United States Senator, Ralph  
17. Smith, and Speaker of the House, and along with, I know many of  
18. us remember, Lloyd Curley Harris. Leland Kennedy has served with  
19. honesty and integrity and I know that those of us who served in the  
20. House with him and those of us who worked with him in the Senate  
21. know that he brings credit to this august Body. So, Mr. President  
22. and Members of the Senate, I would now offer for immediate con-  
23. sideration and adoption of this resolution.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

25. Senator Vadalabene asks leave for immediate consideration.

26. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene.

27. SENATOR VADALABENE:

28. And now, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I would wish  
29. for all Members of the Senate to be included on this resolution.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

31. Leave is granted. Senator...

32. SENATOR VADALABENE:

33. Can I have that leave?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

2. Senator Vadalabene moves the adoption of the resolution, 581.  
3. All in favor signify by saying Ayè. Opposed Nay. The resolution is  
4. adopted.

5. SECRETARY:

6. Senate Resolution 582 offered by Senators Graham and Fawell.  
7. Congratulatory.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

9. Senator Graham. Senator Fawell.

10. SENATOR FAWELL:

11. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, this is a  
12. congratulatory resolution to the West Chicago High School football  
13. team which was the State champions in the Class 3A championship  
14. classification. It...the two communities which make up this high  
15. school district, Winfield and West Chicago, are in Senator Graham's  
16. district, West Chicago, and my district. But the school has some  
17. importance to me inasmuch it is the high school from which I  
18. graduated and I would ask for suspension of the rules and immediate  
19. consideration and adoption of this resolution, Mr. President.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

21. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Graham.

22. SENATOR GRAHAM:

23. I think that, needless as I say, I'm happy to be co-sponsor  
24. of this. I think it's important to know that Senator Fawell's  
25. alma mater survived and was victorious by the virtue of the fact  
26. that they beat Oswego.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

28. Senator Fawell and Senator Graham move the adoption of the  
29. resolution. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay.  
30. The resolution's adopted.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate Resolution 583, Senators...by Senators Nimrod, Partee,  
33. and Carroll.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

2. Senator Nimrod.

3. SENATOR NIMROD:

4. Mr. President and fellow Senators, I would move for the  
5. suspension of the rules and the immediate adoption of this resolu-  
6. tion.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

8. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Carroll. Excuse  
9. me, Senator Nimrod.

10. SENATOR NIMROD:

11. Mr. President, I'm a resident of the Village of Skokie and  
12. within our community I'm also the Republican Committeeman of Niles  
13. Township and within that area we have probably the largest community  
14. of the Jewish faith and also of the Jewish people who live within  
15. our area. I think that being the representative within that area,  
16. I would say that it'd be important to bring to matter a concern  
17. which if put in form of a resolution which has come about in  
18. the papers and certainly in the United Nations concerning the  
19. state of Israel. And in...within this resolution, we're calling  
20. for the United States to stand firm on its commitment and support  
21. the security and the sovereignty of Israel and not only the vin-  
22. dication of the humanitarian and moral principles which gave birth  
23. to this nation but also in furtherance of interest of all nations  
24. to cherish freedom, justice, and liberty and that cop...suitable  
25. copies be sent to them. And I would move for the adoption of this  
26. resolution.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

28. Senator Carroll.

29. SENATOR CARROLL:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. First, I would like to commend  
31. Senator Nimrod and join him in sponsorship of this resolution. I  
32. think all of us know its content and its import to the free world  
33. and to the countries we recognize as our friends around the world.



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1. I would ask leave to have all Members of the Senate added as
2. co-sponsors of this important resolution.
3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):
4. Senator Carroll asks leave. Is there leave? Leave is granted.
5. Senator Nimrod and Senator Carroll move the adoption of this
6. resolution. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay.
7. The resolution is adopted. Conference Committee reports.
8. SECRETARY:
9. Conference Committee report on HB 2897.
10. (Secretary reads Conference Committee report)
11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):
12. Senator Sours.
13. SENATOR SOURS:
14. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this
15. conference report provides for a Member's contribution in effect
16. at the time of becoming a Meme...a Member plus the funded cost
17. to the State in effect at the time of becoming a Member and third,
18. compounded interest at the rate of six percent per annum. The
19. contribution under this formula would equal approximately one
20. half of the total cost of the benefits. Normally, a Member con-
21. tributes approximately one third of the costs. I move the adoption
22. of the Conference report. Now, I...it...it's quite possible
23. Senator Rock may have some comment on this.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):
25. Senator Shapiro.
26. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
27. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I rise
28. in support of this bill. This bill as it originally came over
29. last year was in extremely bad shape though it is not totally what
30. some of the members of the Pension Laws Commission wants. It's
31. an extremely positive step for the future. This bill, as Senator
32. Sours has pointed out to you, will now require that anyone who
33. transfers credits into the General Assembly's system will not only

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1. pay his share but the State's share plus six percent compounded  
2. which is an increase from four percent. However, for future  
3. individuals who wish to transfer in, it will provide that the  
4. total const...contribution will be nearly one hundred percent of  
5. the benefits that that individual will receive because it'll be  
6. at whatever the increased salaries are. As Senator Sours has pointed  
7. out to you, normally a Member of the General Assembly contributes  
8. somewhere in the neighborhood of one third of the cost. The bill  
9. as it is presently constructed will require that the individual  
10. pay approximately fifty percent of the cost. Future transferees in  
11. will pay nearly one hundred percent of the cost. For those  
12. reasons, because it is an extremely positive step for the good,  
13. I am in favor of the bill. It is much better than the existing  
14. laws that we have on the Statutes today and I heartily recommend  
15. its approval.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

17. Senator Rock.

18. SENATOR ROCK:

19. Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise in support of this  
20. conference committee report on House Bill 2897. This is an amend-  
21. ment to the General Assembly Retirement System and I think the new  
22. provisions that were added to require adequate money being paid  
23. into the fund so that one can get service credit is a laudatory  
24. thing and I think it deserves our full support. And I urge the  
25. Members of this side to lend support to this conference committee  
26. report.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

28. Senator Berning.

29. SENATOR BERNING:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. I merely want to call attention  
31. of the Members of the Senate to the fact that while this is a step  
32. forward, an improvement in past efforts to provide additional  
33. pension rewards to retiring Members, it in no way covers the cost

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1. that the fund will now have to sustain. Ultimately, there will  
2. have to be additional appropriations made to cover the loss, I  
3. repeat, the loss which the fund must sustain. We're in the para-  
4. doxical situation right now of one having embarked on a program of  
5. increased appropriations to the Pension funds in an effort to  
6. bring them into an acceptable funding level. Here we turn around  
7. and immediately grant additional benefits admittedly to three or  
8. four retiring Members of the Body now of the General Assembly, but  
9. prospectively there are a considerable number of Members who will  
10. qualify to benefit by this provision at again an increasing cost  
11. to the funds. I have refused to sign the conference committee  
12. report because I feel that while it's an improvement, it is only  
13. a sop and is not an answer. This is the kind of legislation special  
14. interest legislation which consistently gets us deeper into trouble.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

16. Any further discussion? Senator Sours moves the adoption.  
17. Sen...Senator Sours.

18. SENATOR SOURS:

19. Mr. President and Senators, this is probably the last act in  
20. my official capacity here. I...so far as I know, and I want to  
21. be candid, this is actuarially sound. I took it upon myself a week  
22. ago or longer to write a personal letter to Al Weinberg to get all  
23. the possibilities because not too long ago some were embarrassed  
24. in a certain pension bill that came before this Chamber. So far as  
25. I'm concerned, I'm satisfied. This is actuarially sound. Certainly,  
26. it will cost the State of Illinois money any time anyone comes into  
27. a pension. Anytime, a new...a new field opens up and someone is  
28. permitted to come in. That is always bound to cost the State some  
29. money. As Senator Shapiro has suggested, this is an honest improve-  
30. ment over the present situation. I'm supporting it and I trust  
31. we'll have enough votes to pass it. This is Custer's Last Stand  
32. today.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

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1. The question is shall the Senate adopt the conference committee  
2. report on HB 2897. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote  
3. Nay and the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
4. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
5. forty and the Nays are three, eleven Voting Present. The Senate  
6. adopts the conference committee report on HB 2897 and the bill  
7. having received the required constitutional majority is declared  
8. passed. And the bill having received the affirmative vote of three-  
9. fifths of the Members elected is effective immediately upon its  
10. becoming a law. Resolutions.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Senate Resolution No. 584 offered by Senator Newhouse. This  
13. resolution was formerly read as 580.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

15. Senator Newhouse.

16. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

17. Mr. President, this is a resolution that I thought was non-  
18. controversial but after having introduced it and talked to a few  
19. people, I might have only my own vote on it. The problem is that  
20. it goes too far for some, it doesn't go far enough for others.  
21. The resolution says in effect that while we're not going to inter  
22. ...while the Legislature doesn't want to interfere with the collec-  
23. tive bargaining process that insofar as the regulation controlling  
24. meat sales after six o'clock, we urge both sides to go back to the  
25. bargaining table and try to work out something. That's the sense  
26. of it and I...I move its adoption.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

28. Senator Newhouse moves to suspend the rules for the immediate  
29. consideration. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Newhouse  
30. moves the adoption. All in favor...Senator Netsch did you...

31. Senator Netsch.

32. SENATOR NETSCH:

33. Mr. President, Senator Newhouse is right that the...the resolu-

1. tion itself in a sense looks both directions and it therefore  
2. leaves many of us looking both directions and trying to decide  
3. whether we support it or not. I certainly agree with what I think  
4. is the basic thrust of the resolution that all of us would like to  
5. have this problem so...solved by the free collective bargaining  
6. process. We have...and many of us feel we have given the parti-  
7. cipants every opportunity and they have demonstrated to us by  
8. signing a new three year contract just recently which incorporated  
9. the same restriction that they have no intention of getting rid of  
10. it through the collective bargaining process. If that is the case  
11. and if that remains true, then I cannot accept the thrust of  
12. Senator Newhouse's first paragraph which is that this Legislature  
13. should not interfere with that. I think this is a major consumer  
14. issue for people in the Chicago Metropolitan area and I see no  
15. reason why they should be subjected any longer to what is more than  
16. a mild inconvenience but a real imposition on their rights. So,  
17. that while the resolution's thrust to say please go back and redo  
18. it is fine. If that does not work between now and next January,  
19. there will be legislation proposed here that attempts to go beyond  
20. that.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

22. Any further discussion? Senator Fawell.

23. SENATOR FAWELL:

24. Very...very briefly, I think that ninety-nine and nine tenths  
25. percent of the people are...are greatly interested in something  
26. being done on this subject and we...we on this side of the aisle,  
27. I guess, can be rightly said to sometime be reticent about offend-  
28. ing business. You on that side of the aisle often times can be  
29. said to be very reticent about offending powerful labor unions.  
30. We best, I think, follow what the people have overwhelmingly  
31. expressed to us that the unions and the employers or whoever will  
32. be solving this get to work and please do it. And if you do not,  
33. the Legislature will actually be forced to make a decision on the

1. subject. I...I hope we have a unanimous resolve behind this resolu-  
2. tion.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

4. Senator Clarke.

5. SENATOR CLARKE:

6. Mr. President, I think you'd be interested because last year,  
7. we passed in this Chamber a bill to effect this matter. It went  
8. over to the House and I carefully picked a committee that I felt  
9. would be very receptive, the Welfare Committee, and by golly,  
10. after I picked that committee, I found out that Louie Capoosey  
11. was a butcher. When it came up to a hearing, there were seven old  
12. men seated in a row and they were the presidents of the seven union  
13. locals in Chicago of the meat butcher. They had a lawyer from  
14. Washington there who had argued a case before the Supreme Court  
15. that Jewel brought and they claim that we cannot legislate to  
16. infringe on their right. But I think as has been previously stated,  
17. they have infringed on the people's right in closing the markets at  
18. six o'clock. Let me just say that this is going to be back and  
19. Stanley Johnson, after that hearing, assured me they'd do something  
20. about it. Last October, they voted and did nothing about it. This  
21. is an issue and it's going to continue to be an issue and I think  
22. this should be defeated.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

24. Senator Mitchler.

25. SENATOR MITCHLER:

26. Well, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I think that  
27. if we want some good advice on this, we should ask someone that's  
28. qualified, someone that's a registered licensed butcher and we do  
29. have one in the Senate and that's Senator Regner. Senator Regner,  
30. would you comment and give us some direction?

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32. Senator Regner.

33. SENATOR REGNER:

1. I'm sorry, I wasn't paying that much attention to the resolu-  
2. tion but Red Sweeney, I was watching, and he was very intently  
3. listening to the entire debate and I realize it's not possible in  
4. the rules to allow Red to comment but I'm sure anyone that would  
5. want some advice could go over to his desk and be glad to give it.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

7. Senator Harber Hall.

8. SENATOR HALL:

9. Well, I just want to make this one comment. I think downstate  
10. farmers are often times the scapegoat for rising prices in meats.  
11. And it's actions such as the meat cutters in Chicago creating these  
12. high prices and in then the farmer takes the blame when actually  
13. our meat producers in Illinois are losing money pretty rapidly.  
14. It's the...it's not their fault that meat costs rise but they often  
15. times get the blame. I think this is a good resolution and I hope  
16. we all support it.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

18. Any further discussion? Senator Newhouse moves the adoption  
19. of the resolution. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed  
20. Nay. The resolution is adopted. Senator Harris.

21. SENATOR HARRIS:

22. Mr. President, it's my understanding that we have completed  
23. the work on the Secretary's desk. The House will be involved, I am  
24. certain, for at least another hour and a half or two hours of activity.  
25. It would therefore be my suggestion that the Senate recess until  
26. five and we should be here, really, to accept messages and respond  
27. to any final action that the House might send to us that requires  
28. our response. So, unless anyone has any announcements to make or  
29. questions, I would then move that the Senate stand in recess until  
30. 5 p.m.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR WEAVER):

32. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Senate  
33. stands in recess until 5 p.m.

1. SENATOR HARRIS:

2. I guess I'm on...the House is going to require at least an  
3. additional hour before it can finish. So, the Senate will convene  
4. at six fifteen rather than five. Six fifteen. The House is still  
5. deliberating. It's apparent now that it's probably going to be  
6. another half hour, so if the Members of the Senate will just  
7. continue to courageously and patiently stand by, we'll reconvene  
8. in about another half hour.

9. RECESS

10. AFTER RECESS

11. PRESIDENT:

12. The Senate will come to order. Resolutions.

13. SECRETARY:

14. Senate Joint Resolution No. 92 offered by Senator Weaver.

15. (Secretary reads SJR No. 92)

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Weaver the adoption of the resolution. It provides  
18. for adjournment today and reconvening at three p.m. on Tuesday,  
19. January 7, 1975. All in favor of the adoption of the resolution  
20. signify by saying Aye. Contrary No. The motion carries. The  
21. resolution is adopted.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Senate Resolution No. 585 offered by Senator Harris. It's  
24. congratulatory.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Yeah, this is a congratulatory resolution for Dave Brown who  
27. with his son won the father and son National Sin...Doubles Tennis  
28. Championship in Cincinnati, a great pair of people and great tennis  
29. players. I move for the suspension of the rules for the immediate  
30. consideration. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Contrary No.  
31. The motion carries. On the motion to adopt. All in favor signify  
32. by saying Aye. Contrary No. The resolution carries and the resolu-  
33. tion is...the motion carries and the resolution is adopted. May I



1. seek leave to have all Senators join as co-sponsors. Leave is  
2. granted. So ordered. The Chair wishes to state that the affirmative  
3. messages of action by the House on Senate amendments will be  
4. journalized. Are there any other matters to come before the Senate?  
5. We do have a death resolution for one of our former colleagues.  
6. I would ask the Members to please be in their seats. Resolutions.

7. SECRETARY:

8. Senate Resolution No. 586 offered by Senator Harris and all  
9. Members of the Senate.

10. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 586)

11. PRESIDENT:

12. I just want to comment before I seek leave to suspend for  
13. unanimous consideration of this resolution that those of us who  
14. knew Senator Collins loved him. He was truly a sweet man, a  
15. gentle man and his legislative record is really something unique  
16. and incomparable. It was our privilege to serve with him, Dean  
17. of the Illinois General Assembly for years. I know we all miss  
18. him and I would now move that we suspend the rules for the immediate  
19. consideration of the resolution. All in favor signify by saying  
20. Aye. The motion carries. On the motion to adopt, all in favor  
21. signify by rising. The resolution is adopted. The Senate stands  
22. adjourned until Tuesday, January 7th, 1975 at 3 p.m.

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