

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 23, 1975

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The Senate will come to order. The prayer will be by Pastor
3. John H. Beider...Beiderwieden of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of
4. Havana, Illinois.

5. PASTOR BEIDERWIEDEN:

6. (Prayer given by Pastor Beiderwieden)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

9. SENATOR JOHNS:

10. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the
11. Journal of Wednesday, January 22nd, 1975 be postponed pending
12. arrival of the printed Journal.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Heard the motion. All in favor. Opposed. Motion carries.
15. Committee Reports.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of the Bills, assigns
18. the following bills to Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and
19. Energy - Senate Bill 21; Appropriations - Senate Bill 23; Elections
20. and Reapportionments - Senate Bills 8, 18, and 35; Executive -
21. Senate Bills 1, 9, 12, 16, 31, and 37; Finance and Credit Regula-
22. tions - Senate Bills 22, 25, 26, and 29; Insurance and License
23. Activities - Senate Bill 27; Judiciary - Senate Bills 2, 6, 10, 11,
24. 14, 28, 30, 32, 42, and 43; Local Government - Senate Bills 15, 19,
25. and 39; Pensions, Personnel and Veterans Affairs - Senate Bills 4, 7,
26. 24, and 40; Revenue - Senate Bills 3, 13, 20, and 41; Transporta-
27. tion - Senate Bills 5, 33, and 36.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Resolutions. Introduction of Bills.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Senate Bill No. ...Senate Bill No. 44 introduced by Senator
32. Fawell.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
 2. Senate Bill No. 45 introduced by Senator Fawell.
 3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 4. 2nd...1st reading of the bill.
 5. PRESIDENT:
 6. Senate Bills on 2nd reading. Senate Bill 38. Senator Rock.
 7. Read the bill.
 8. SECRETARY:
 9. Senate Bill No. 38.
 10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 11. 3rd reading of the bill. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee
 12. amendments.
 13. PRESIDENT:
 14. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Senate Bills
 15. on 3rd reading. Senate Bill 17. Senator Bruce. Senator Bruce
 16. on the Floor?
 17. SECRETARY:
 18. Senate Bill No. 17.
 19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
 20. 3rd reading of the bill.
 21. PRESIDENT:
 22. Senator Bruce.
 23. SENATOR BRUCE:
 24. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, SB 17 recreates
 25. the Capitol Development Board Contributory Trust Fund. The fund is
 26. presently in operation and has in it the sum of four million, three
 27. hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars. That is the contribution
 28. of junior college districts, primary and secondary school districts,
 29. as their share in capitol bond development projects. The Statute
 30. under which it is created requires that it be abolished every two
 31. years and be recreated within thirty days after a sine die adjourn-
 32. ment of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly. That
 33. thirty day limit will run on February the 7th.
- PRESIDENT:

1. Excuse me. Just a minute, Senator Bruce. Could we have your
2. attention please. Continue.

3. SENATOR BRUCE:

4. This thirty day limit that is placed in the Statute will run
5. on February the 7th, therefore, we must pass the bill out of the
6. Senate and to the House. If this is not recreated, the money
7. presently in the Contributory Trust Fund will revert to General
8. Revenue. There is no present legislation allowing the Capitol
9. Development Board to spend out of General Revenue that share of
10. required of local districts to contribute to construction programs.
11. I would ask for a favorable roll call and be happy to answer any
12. questions.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Savickas.

15. SENATOR SAVICKAS:

16. What do you do with this money?

17. SENATOR BRUCE:

18. Well, in a...in a junior college district requiring seventy-
19. five percent State funding, twenty-five percent local funding, the
20. requirement is that they put their twenty-five percent up in advance.
21. That twenty-five percent advance is put in the Contributory Trust
22. Fund and held until expenditures are made. Once the expenditure is
23. made, the State matches with their seventy-five percent out of the
24. Capitol Bond Development Fund and the project is paid for.

25. SENATOR SAVICKAS:

26. Senator, if...that means if a junior college district will
27. contribute twenty-five percent, they'll put in and then the State
28. is obligated to put in the seventy-five percent and construct the
29. necessary schools? Is this what...

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Bruce.

32. SENATOR BRUCE:

33. Well, first of all to set the...the procedure in order, first

1. the General Assembly would authorize the project. Then, the local
2. district would be notified that we have approved the project for
3. funding and the Capitol Development Board would approve the project.
4. At that point, they would be requested to put up their twenty-five
5. percent. Once that is put up and in a trust fund, then the archi-
6. tecture fees are paid, the drawings are made, and expenditures start
7. out. When the twenty-five percent is exhausted, then the State
8. comes along with their seventy-five percent. It's not a question
9. of this authorizing any project, it's a question of local school
10. districts under the School Construction Bond Act passed by Senator
11. Fawell and others have put up in good faith their twenty-five percent
12. in this deposit account. Now, all we are doing is recreating this
13. account so that they don't lose their local funds and have that
14. dropped into the General Revenue Fund.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Harris.

17. SENATOR HARRIS:

18. Well, I have two questions, Senator Bruce. Number one, if,
19. in fact, this bill is necessary within...for existence within
20. thirty days of the sine die adjournment of the 78th General Assembly,
21. should not there be a paragraph providing for an immediate effective
22. date in the bill?

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Bruce.

25. SENATOR BRUCE:

26. Senator Harris, I believe you may be correct. There should be
27. a tem...immediate effective date placed on the legislation.

28. SENATOR HARRIS:

29. Okay. Additionally, it seems to me, now is the effect of
30. this bill to create this Capitol Development Board Contributory
31. Trust Fund just for the 79th General Assembly or in...in a way that
32. I read it, I think it might be establishing it as permanent? What
33. is your response?

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Bruce.

3. SENATOR BRUCE:

4. Well, Senator Harris, the...the Statute that controls the
5. abolishment of this particular trust fund is con...is in Chapter
6. 127-172B. This is actually created, though, in Paragraph 142T.
7. I would assume, therefore, although we're recreating it, the other
8. Statute would control and in two years, we would do this again.

9. SENATOR HARRIS:

10. So, really then, this is only a General Assembly fund life
11. existence?

12. SENATOR BRUCE:

13. It is...it is presently in existence as of this moment. If
14. we don't act within thirty...

15. SENATOR HARRIS:

16. Un...until...for...for the remainder of the thirty day time
17. period?

18. SENATOR BRUCE:

19. That's correct. If we don't act within thirty days, all the
20. money goes into General Revenue.

21. SENATOR HARRIS:

22. Into General Revenue. I...I understand that. My...the...the
23. point I am getting at is whether the additional section or paragraph
24. in the State Finance Act setting forth the various funds in the State
25. Treasury did not also need to be amended. It seems to me that if
26. this is only temporary, that is within the life of the 79th General
27. Assembly, then an amendment to that other section of the Statute
28. is not necessary. But, if in fact, we were creating a permanent
29. fund by the means of this bill, then I think amendments to the other
30. section also would be required. Now, I conclude from your response
31. that we really are...are making a 79th General Assembly Capitol
32. Development Board Contributory Trust Fund and...and not...not really
33. a permanent fund.

1. SENATOR BRUCE:
2. That is my understanding, Senator Harris.
3. SENATOR HARRIS:
4. Okay. Fine. Will...will you proceed with an amendment to
5. this bill providing for an immediate effective date? I really
6. would prefer that the bill have that before it go out of the
7. Senate. I just think we look better doing it.
8. PRESIDENT:
9. Senator Bruce.
10. SENATOR BRUCE:
11. That would be fine, Mr. President. I will take it out of
12. the record and have the amendment drawn.
13. PRESIDENT:
14. Take it out of the record. Senator Glass, did...Senate
15. Bill 34. Senator Donnewald.
16. SECRETARY:
17. Senate Bill 34.
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 3rd reading of the bill.
20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):
21. Senator Donnewald.
22. SENATOR DONNEWALD:
23. Yes, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, Senate Bill 34
24. was advanced to the order of 2nd reading without reference and
25. was advanced to 3rd yesterday, as we all know here having all been
26. in attendance. For those...for the benefit of those new Members
27. and others who might be interested, we are now in the process of
28. renovating the Capitol Building in...in stages or in phases, if...
29. if you will. And the House Chambers and the House offices on the
30. south side of the building are in...are...have been completed. We
31. are now in a phase wherein the Senate Chamber will be renovated and
32. that particular phase, our target date is the beginning of the con-
33. struction is Jan...July 1 of this year. Now, it's absolutely

1. imperative that this particular bill be enacted today, be passed
2. by the Senate today, and sent over to the House in order that we
3. may meet certain dates for the required numbered days of bidding
4. and the letting of the contracts in order that this may be...become
5. effective or they may start by July 1. We then have a target date
6. of coming back into this Chamber in April of 19 and 76. Now, in
7. order to do this and keep these dates that I have mentioned, it's
8. essential that this bill be passed and I would urge both sides of the
9. aisle to support this legislation in order that we have a...a more
10. solid floor where we...where we now sit. The galleries to the rear
11. and the galleries to the front have been declared unsafe. I
12. would...I would earnestly urge the support of all Members. Thank
13. you.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

15. Senator Roe.

16. SENATOR ROE:

17. Senator Donnewald.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

19. Will the sponsor yield for a question? He indicates he will
20. yield. Senator Roe.

21. SENATOR ROE:

22. Could you indicate to me what the various appropriations are?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

24. Senator Donnewald.

25. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

26. All right. We...first of all, we're going to provide that we
27. have to pay out contracts that are now in force amounting to nine
28. hundred and four thousand dollars. The...the next...the...the bid...
29. the approximate cost or the estimated cost of the renovation of this
30. Chamber is approximately one million dollars. The...the amount that
31. we had for the press area down here where the M-rooms are located,
32. you're familiar with that. We...we came up short on that. We did
33. not appropriate a sufficient sum for that. We are going to have an

1. additional sum of two hundred sixty-six thousand dollars to complete
2. that. The...the other is the southwest...the southwest quarter of
3. the building over here which is one million eight hundred and thirty
4. thousand dollars. And the total of those three figures, Senator,
5. is the four million that we asked to be appropriated in this bill.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

7. Senator Roe. Senator Mohr, Howard Mohr.

8. SENATOR MOHR:

9. Yes, Mr. President, I would concur with the remarks of
10. Senator Donnewald. The Space Needs Commission has been after this
11. legislation for quite some time and it is imperative that we get
12. it out of here today so the House can take action on it next week
13. so contracts, bids can be let and...and contracts let and be able
14. to go ahead with our work here in...in July. So, it's imperative
15. we get it out of here today. I would encourage the Members of our
16. side of the aisle to support this legislation.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

18. Senator Glass.

19. SENATOR GLASS:

20. Thank you. I'd like to ask Senator Donnewald what is...what
21. is the basis for the...the one million dollar estimate? How do
22. we know that's the...the cost? Have we had any bids on this or
23. estimates?

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

25. Senator Donnewald.

26. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

27. We have an architect that has...that gives us an idea of what
28. clo...how close we can come. The bids, of course, have to come
29. after we appropriate a sufficient sum of money to cover it. Now, I
30. would be...I would be hopeful that it would be far less than the
31. million. And...and if the bids are extremely competitive, it may
32. well be.

33. SENATOR GLASS:

1. Well, now this...is this something...

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

3. Senator Glass.

4. SENATOR GLASS:

5. ...that has been reviewed by any committees, last session or

6. what?

7. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

8. We...the...here, in this particular area, the Space Needs

9. Commission and the Senate Operations Committee have gone through

10. this time and time again with the...the Secretary of State's office

11. and also with the...the CDB...

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

13. Excuse me, Senator. I just wanted everybody to hear you.

14. Senator Glass.

15. SENATOR GLASS:

16. I guess Senator Donnewald is through. Well, I...the concern

17. I have after...after knowing the...the cost of the House renovation,

18. I'm just wondering if we're contemplating anything like that or is

19. this simply a...a matter of doing work that's essential to...to

20. continue operating, because I have a hard time finding a need for...

21. for any renovation looking at the...the Chambers?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

23. Senator Donnewald. Senator indicates he will yield. Senator

24. Partee.

25. SENATOR PARTEE:

26. Senator Glass, I have the same concern that you have. This

27. is not going to be any palatial palace but we're just going to

28. renovate it so that there will be the kind of safety that Senator

29. Donnewald mentioned. But, on the figure itself, sometimes when we

30. appropriate money for given things, those appropriations are there

31. and the actual cost is far less than what was involved. My recollec-

32. tion is when we appropriated money for the electronic roll call that

33. we appropriated more money than the actual cost was, then when we

1. reappropriate for the actual cost, that...that is of course that
2. saving between what we thought it might be and what it, in fact,
3. is. And I am certain, as Senator Donnewald says, that when the
4. bids are in and when we reappropriate for the actual payment of
5. them, it'll be far less than the amount that is set forth in this
6. bill.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

8. Any further discussion? Senator Clarke.

9. SENATOR CLARKE:

10. Mr. President and Senator Donnewald, I just want to express
11. my concern going back with a little history to three years ago
12. when the House renovation bill was a great issue came over here
13. and we held it up for about six months. At the end of that six
14. month session, it passed, and the Secretary of State held it up for
15. another ten months. That was an immediate, urgent business, too.
16. It had to be done because galleries were unsafe and so forth. I
17. think that the results of that renovation were much better based
18. on the fact that it was held up and was reviewed and was modified.
19. And I'd just like to suggest, Mr. President, that we had a free
20. afternoon yesterday afternoon. We could have had a hearing of the
21. whole, had this explained to all the Members in detail, answer the
22. questions. I think they're entitled to know despite the fact that
23. the Senate Operations and the Space Needs Commission has done a
24. thorough job and that that is the proper way to do the business of
25. the Senate in appropriating the people's money. And I'm going to
26. withhold my vote until those kind of procedures are started so that
27. all the Members know and are fully informed on these decisions.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

29. Senator Graham.

30. SENATOR GRAHAM:

31. Mr. President, I think one of the problems that arise...arises
32. from this schedule of renovation as coupled to this bill is a
33. fact that we have a time table worked out for the renovation of this

1. side so the Senate would not have to go through a Regular Session
2. in the auditorium as the House of Representatives did. I think
3. that might be something worthy of consideration. Some of you
4. gentlemen remember the inconvenience and the clamor that existed
5. during that confused portion of our State history. I think if
6. we're...I share the concerns of those who think that we should take
7. an adequate look at all these expenditures and I agree, but I think
8. that if we are prepared to stop the music and if we are willing and
9. ready to move ourselves over to the auditorium for one Session or
10. more, then we can hold up this bill because we don't have very much
11. time left as the urgency attached to it. Otherwise, the bids
12. cannot be let in time for the work to start on this July the 1st
13. as the architects and the planning had...had been made for it.
14. So, I think in our eagerness to understand this and I don't quarrel
15. with that, but I suggest that we keep in mind the fact that this
16. doesn't get implemented pretty soon, be prepared to go to the
17. auditorium for one Session of the General Assembly.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

19. Senator Harris.

20. SENATOR HARRIS:

21. Well, I think we need to also understand some history that
22. took place last year and that is that we did send through committee
23. a bill providing this amount of money for the projects involved in
24. this four million dollars which are the projects down on the second
25. floor that have been hanging fire for almost two years now. Those
26. spaces have been torn open but we haven't gone ahead with the work.
27. The work that has not begun at all but is planned and designed and
28. that is the press area renovation in the M-rooms and the space that
29. formally was occupied by the council and the corresponding space on
30. the north side of the building there opposite the council area and
31. the Senate Chambers renovation. Those three major projects were
32. provided for in a bill that appropriated this four million dollars
33. to the Capitol Development Board. Additionally, the Secretary of

1. State wanted to be withdrawn from his responsibility in those...
2. of administering those three construction projects. It developed
3. ultimately that the Governor vetoed that bill. I'm not going to
4. go into the reasons for that, but that's where we are and we have
5. lost all of that time as a result of that veto. Planning and deci-
6. sions have been going on in connection with all three of those
7. projects including the Senate Chamber renovation for well over two
8. years. This isn't something that's just come on us. We have an
9. outstanding, highly professional, highly competent architectural
10. firm that was selected by the Secretary of State's office over
11. three years ago. They're...they're very thorough in their work and
12. preparations. The problem that we're in today is that if we're
13. going to meet the time table for the Senate Chamber renovation which
14. we anticipate to begin on July 1, 1975, this coming July 1, and it
15. should be understood that we will not be able to meet in the post-
16. veto session in '75 here in the Senate Chamber and we will not be
17. able to meet from January to the 15th of April in '76. But it is
18. expected that the Senate Chambers would be completed by the 16th
19. of April of '76 when we would come in for the real activity of the
20. fiscal session in the even numbered year. Now, the major require-
21. ment for this renovation is not to change the things that we work
22. with and utilize in our operations here, but the floor structure
23. which is...which are old, wooden floor joists of over ninety years
24. age that do not meet present day building code requirements and
25. safety requirements and life safety code requirements. And these
26. responsibilities ultimately have to be met. There also is a, of
27. course, a very serious question about the structural capacity of
28. our general gallery to our rear here. There are days that we risk
29. overloading that on many occasions, so restructural work in providing
30. for life safety in our two galleries is involved as relates just to
31. the Senate Chamber renovation. Now, the reason for the immediacy
32. in making this decision is the veto of the bill providing for these
33. funds several months ago. If we are to meet the July 1st target date

1. of beginning renovation so that we will be inconvenienced the
2. least by not having our Chamber, but that we would be able to
3. utilize it by the 16th of April in '76. This bill does need to
4. proceed. The contracts for the Senate Chamber renovation have
5. to be let by the 15th of March or there abouts in order for
6. materials to be available by the contractor and on hand for the
7. beginning and the preparation of this very complex, logistical
8. requirement to work on this while the rest of the building is
9. being utilized. It is a complicated project as I'm sure you're
10. all familiar with the procedure that was realized in the renovation
11. of the House. The decisions that have arrived at the actual
12. amounts that Senator Donnewald has related to you for the three
13. major projects involved in this appropriation are the product of
14. a great deal of care and thought, nothing...nothing is really being
15. rushed about it and those amounts were approved by this Body in a
16. bill that was vetoed. We now are proceeding to appropriate this
17. money directly to the Secretary of State in this bill rather than
18. the CDB and...incidentally, the...the money was appropriated to the
19. CDB. That bill was not vetoed, but the authorization changing the
20. responsibility of the contracts and administering them from the
21. Secretary of State to the CDB was vetoed. So, we've got money
22. appropriated that can't be used. This is really a very seriously
23. needed piece of legislation, and I would hope that the Membership
24. would have faith in those who have constructed this program, and
25. that we do, in fact, pass this bill today so that it can go over to
26. the House and be acted on over there with dispatch so that the
27. actual authorization of the money is in existence so that the time
28. table can be met and so that we ultimately will be inconvenienced
29. the least amount possible.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

31. Senator Mitchler.

32. SENATOR MITCHLER:

33. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I believe we all

1. appreciate the fact that we would like to have luxurious quarters
2. and sufficient office space, staffing, in order to carry out the
3. business of the people of this State, but sometimes we can keep
4. going and at the expense of the taxpayer create luxurious chambers
5. and expenditures beyond what is actually needed. Now, you know,
6. we had quite a bit of argument when they were talking about remodel-
7. ing the House Chambers because they had to do it to make it
8. structurally sound because the balconies were weak to handle the
9. crowds that wanted to come there and see all that action. A friend
10. of mine back in my district told me, and I got a lot of belief in
11. what he said, that one of the worse things and the biggest mistakes
12. they ever made in the General Assembly was air conditioning the
13. Senate and House Chambers because it used to get warm down here in
14. Springfield about May and they'd go home and they'd save the tax-
15. payer a lot of money. But you're going to get it so comfortable
16. down here that you're going to not only stay down here to July 13
17. like we did last year and then come back for two or three months
18. in the Fall, but you're going to be down here forever. Those are
19. only some of my observations and the money that we're spending at
20. this time when money can be put to use so much better for the good
21. of the people that need it and not us.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

23. Senator Howard Mohr.

24. SENATOR MOHR:

25. Yes, Mr. President, with reference to statements made by
26. Senator Clarke asking for a Committee of the Whole on this measure,
27. I...I think that's totally out of order. That's my opinion. The
28. Space Needs Commission, Senator Clarke and others, in the last
29. couple of years, there's been quite a change in...in this commission
30. and their activities. They've had numerous, and I repeat that,
31. numerous meetings open to all agencies of government, the press and
32. anybody else that's interested in attending these meetings and we
33. have had good attendance. We do have plans for the, not only the

1. renovation of this Chamber, but the completion of the entire
2. building. Now, we all know the...the need for additional office
3. space on the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors, the changing of
4. that space. And this is all set in a schedule. There's a time
5. table which has to be met and for those of us that have spent
6. countless hours on the commission and...and have an interest in
7. getting this project under way and completed at the earliest
8. possible date, why we would appreciate your support. And I...I
9. don't think there's any quarrel with the need for renovation of
10. the building. So, I would again encourage Members on our side of
11. the aisle as well as the others to support this bill, get it out
12. of here, and over to the House for their action.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

14. Any further discussion? Senator Donnewald may close the
15. debate. Senator Donnewald.

16. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

17. Well, very briefly, this is a transfer of funds from CBD to
18. General Revenue. That's number one. The other thing is this is
19. not going to be a luxurious place. It's going to be a practical
20. place. And number three, we're going to try and we...we've had
21. meeting after meeting after meeting, and gentlemen and ladies of
22. the Senate, those meetings were open down through the months and
23. years for everybody to attend and there were many in attendance in-
24. cluding many members of the press. We've decided and through our
25. own Senate Operations Committee that we need to eliminate noise and
26. I know you've noticed noise here today, have you not. Well, we
27. want to extend the partitions up to a level to eliminate the side
28. hall noises and also to take care of the back so that that is...
29. that has limited access. Things of this nature that have been
30. open and discussed time and time again and I...I would only
31. reiterate time is of the essence here and I think that we need
32. to pass this bill today. Thank you.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

1. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am advised that the scoreboard is
2. not working. So, the question is shall Senate Bill 34 pass and
3. on that question the Secretary will call the roll.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Bell, Berning, Bloom, Bruce, Buzbee, Carroll, Chew, Clarke,
6. Course, Daley, Davidson, Demuzio, Donnewald, Dougherty, Egan,
7. Fawell, Glass, Graham, Harber Hall, Kenneth Hall, Harris, Hickey,
8. Hynes, Johns, Joyce, Knuppel, Kosinski, Lane, Latherow, McCarthy,
9. Merritt, Mitchler, Howard Mohr, Don Moore, Morris, Netsch,
10. Newhouse, Nimrod, Nudelman, Ozinga, Palmer, Philip, Regner, Rock,
11. Roe, Romano, Saperstein, Savickas, Schaffer, Shapiro, Smith,
12. Sommer, Soper, Swinarski, Vadalabene, Weaver, Welsh, Wooten, Mr.
13. President.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

15. Senator Egan, Aye. Senator Latherow, Present. On that
16. question, the Yeas are thirty-nine, the Nays are nine, one Voting
17. Present. Senate Bill 34 having received the necessary constitu-
18. tional majority, two-thirds majority, is hereby declared passed.
19. Senate Bill 17. Senator Bruce. Senator Bruce.

20. SENATOR BRUCE:

21. Yes, Mr. President, I now will ask that Senate Bill 17 be
22. moved to the order of 2nd reading for the purpose of an amendment.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

24. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senate Bill 17 on 2nd
25. reading.

26. SENATOR BRUCE:

27. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 17 will add an effective
28. immediate clause and I would move the adoption of Amendment No. 1.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

30. Any discussion? All in favor of the adoption of Amendment
31. No. 1 to Senate Bill 17 indicate by saying Aye. Senator Fawell.

32. SENATOR FAWELL:

33. Excuse me. What...what does it do? What...

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

2. Senator Bruce.

3. SENATOR BRUCE:

4. It places on the legislation an immediate effective date since
5. the other trust fund will terminate within thirty days. Senator
6. Harris very wisely pointed out that if we wait until July 1, the
7. lapse will have occurred anyway. Has the amendment been...been
8. adopted?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

10. It has not yet. Is there any further discussion? All in
11. favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 17 indicate
12. by saying Aye. All opposed. Amendment is adopted. Any further
13. amendments? 3rd reading. For intervening business, there will
14. be introduction of bills. Okay. Fine. Introduction of bills.

15. SECRETARY:

16. Senate Bill No. 46 introduced by Senators Knuppel, Palmer,
17. Saperstein, Carroll, and Welsh.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 1st reading of the bill.

20. Senate Bill 47 introduced by Senator Buzbee.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. 1st reading of the bill.

23. Senate Bill No. 48 introduced by Senator Knuppel...Nudelman.

24. (Secretary reads title of bill)

25. 1st reading of the bill.

26. Senate Bill No. 49 introduced by Senators Mitchler, Roe,
27. Schaffer, Regner, Bloom, Fawell, Clarke, Graham, Merritt, Sommer,
28. Moore, Philip, and Bell.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 1st reading of the bill.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

32. For what purpose...for what purpose Senator Mitchler arise?

33. Senator Mitchler.

SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, Senate Bill 49
2. which has just been read by the Secretary is a bill that I have
3. introduced with a number of my colleagues and what this bill does,
4. it limits by Statute the salary that the RTA Board members can
5. establish for the Chairman of the RTA Board. The salary es...
6. established by Statute would be fifty thousand dollars annual, not
7. to exceed that amount. I would certainly invite other Members
8. that would like to join in sponsorship of this bill to add their
9. name to the bill that...which is on the Secretary's desk. And the
10. reason, I might add, for my introducing this is because when the
11. eighty-two thousand five hundred dollar annual salary plus extensive
12. fringe benefits was announced by the RTA Board as being the salary
13. for the new elected Chairman of the RTA Board, the constituency in
14. my district just about went nuts. They just couldn't believe who
15. had the holes in their head to come up with a figure like that. In
16. the first place, Milton Pikarsky isn't even acceptable to the people
17. of our collar counties in our district, but this is in response to
18. them. Now, I don't think it's out of line and commenting on the
19. bill to have it introduced because the salary of the Governor of
20. this State is set by Statute at fifty thousand dollars a year. The
21. Mayor of Chicago is thirty-five thousand dollars a year and certainly,
22. you cannot compare an RTA Board Chairman for a six county area with
23. that of an executive of a railroad which is a free enterprise
24. industry. Now, that is the reasons that it's being introduced.
25. Those of you that would like to waltz down as former Senator Neistein
26. used to say and add your name to this very important document, you
27. certainly are welcome by the sponsor of the bill.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

29. Introduction of bills.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Senate Bill No. 50 introduced by Senators Regner, Welsh,
32. Clarke, Dougherty, and Bloom.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. Senate Bill No. 51 introduced by Senators Regner, Netsch,
3. Clarke, and Bloom.
4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
5. 1st reading of the bill.
6. Senate Bill No. 52 introduced by Senator Nudelman.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. 1st reading of the bill.
9. Senate Bill No. 53 introduced by Senator Nudelman.
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. 1st reading of the bill.
12. Senate Bill No. 54 introduced by Senator Nudelman.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 1st reading of the bill.
15. Senate Bill No. 55 introduced by Senator Nudelman.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. 1st reading of the bill.
18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):
19. Senator Bruce, you indicated you were not going to call
20. Senate Bill 17? Okay. Introduction of bills.
21. SECRETARY:
22. Senate Bill No. 56 introduced by Senator Johns.
23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
24. 1st reading of the bill.
25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):
26. Is there any further business to come before the Senate?
27. Senator Newhouse, we're about ready to wind up. The Senator
28. indicated he had some resolutions. Senator Harris.
29. SENATOR HARRIS:
30. While we're waiting a moment, Mr. President, I'd like to
31. seek leave of the Senate to be joined as a co-sponsor of Senate
32. Bill 18 introduced by Senator Nimrod.
33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

1. Senator Harris has asked leave to be included as a co-sponsor
2. of Senate Bill 18. Is leave granted? Leave. So ordered. Senator
3. Dougherty. Senator Dougherty.

4. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

5. I would also like to be shown as a co-sponsor of Senate Bill
6. 18. Thank you.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

8. If you are not already on it, you will certainly be on it,
9. Senator Dougherty. Introduction of bills.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Bill No. 57 introduced by Senators Kosinski, Newhouse,
12. Ozinga, Wooten, Shapiro, Welsh, Dougherty and Savickas.

13. (Secretary reads title of bill)

14. 1st reading of the bill.

15. Senate Bill No. 58 introduced by Senator Johns.

16. (Secretary reads title of bill)

17. 1st reading of the bill.

18. Senate Bill No. 59 introduced by Senator Johns.

19. (Secretary reads title of bill)

20. 1st reading of the bill.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

22. Is there any further business? Senator Newhouse, where are
23. we with your resolution? Senator Newhouse.

24. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I understand that
26. that resolution is on its way out. Let me just explain to the
27. Body what this is all about because it's extremely important. Two
28. days ago in Chicago, there was a fire on the south side of the
29. city and there was a fire in an...in a building that contained a
30. number of children. Two men who saw that fire went up into the
31. building and led the children out. After they had done so, they
32. discovered there was still a child left in that burning building.
33. One of those men had just recovered from back surgery. So, they

1. went back into the burning building. The gentleman with back
2. surgery fell off the third floor balcony and was killed. So, I
3. want to put in a death resolution for him. The second gentleman
4. suspended himself by his hands from that balcony while the child
5. climbed down his body to hang on until some...they were rescued.
6. It was a heroic sort of a thing and it appeared...it occurred to
7. me that this is the kind of conduct that this Body certainly wants
8. to recognize. So, if you would bear with me for another second,
9. we'll have that on the books. I'd appreciate your cooperation.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

11. Thank you, Senator. Is there any further business to come
12. before the Senate. We have a death resolution. Will the Members
13. be in their seats please. Mr. Secretary.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Resolution No. 7 introduced by Senator Newhouse.
16. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 7)

17. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

18. Senator Newhouse.

19. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

20. Mr. President, I move for suspension of the rules and the
21. immediate adoption of this resolution. And I would ask all Senators
22. to join me in it.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

24. Is leave granted? Leave is granted for all Senators. All
25. Senators will be shown. All those in favor of the suspension of
26. the rules for the immediate consideration of this resolution
27. indicate by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. All those in
28. favor of the adoption of this resolution please indicate by rising.
29. The resolution is adopted. The Senate stands adjourned until
30. Wednesday, February 29th at 11 o'clock...January 29th. Sorry about
31. that. At 11 o'clock in the morning.

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