

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 29, 1975

1. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

2. Senate will come to order. Prayer by Reverend Eugene L.

3. Bungay. We'll all please rise.

4. REVEREND EUGENE L. BUNGAY:

5. (Prayer given by Reverend Eugene L. Bungay)

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

7. That wasn't planned. Reading of the Journal.

8. SECRETARY:

9. Wednesday, January the 22nd, 1975.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

11. Senator Johns.

12. SENATOR JOHNS:

13. Mr. President, I move that further reading of the Journal

14. be dispensed with, and unless some Senator has corrections to offer,

15. the Journal stand approved.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

17. You've heard the motion. All those in favor say Aye. All

18. those Opposed. The Ayes have it. Reading of the Journal will be

19. dispensed with. The reading of the Journal is approved. Beg your

20. pardon.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Thursday, January 23rd, 1975.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

24. Senator Johns.

25. SENATOR JOHNS:

26. Mr. President, again I move that further reading of the Journal

27. be dispensed with, unless some Senator has corrections to offer, the

28. Journal stand approved.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

30. You've heard that motion. All those in favor say Aye. All

31. those opposed - No. The Journal is approved. Well, there's no . . .

32. Committee reports.

33. SECRETARY:

1. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, reports  
2. the following bills to Committee: Appropriations - Senate Bills  
3. 47 and 59; Elections and Reapportionment - Senate Bill 52;  
4. Executive - Senate Bill 48 and 49; Finance and Credit Regulations -  
5. Senate Bill 45; Judiciary - Senate Bills 46, 54, and 55; Local  
6. Government - Senate Bills 44, 50 and 51; Pensions, Personnel and  
7. Veterans Affairs - Senate Bills 56 and 58; Transportation - Senate  
8. Bills 53 and 57.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

10. Message from the House.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Message from the House - Mr. Ed, Provisional Clerk:

13. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the  
14. House of Representatives has adopted the following Preamble and  
15. Joint Resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask  
16. concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

17. House Joint Resolution No. 1.

18. And Senator Joyce is handling this. It's congratulating . . .

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

20. It's a congratulatory resolution, Senator Joyce?

21. SENATOR JOYCE:

22. Yes, it's in regard to the village . . . the Centennial of the  
23. village of Bourbonnais which we are now going to change the name to  
24. Bourbonnais, which it originally was, and not being French, I'm not  
25. going to elaborate on this anymore. So, I move that the . . . for  
26. a suspension of the rules and immediate consideration and adoption  
27. of the resolution.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

29. You've heard the motion. All those in favor for...of the sus-  
30. pension of the rules say Aye. All those opposed - No. The Ayes  
31. have it. The rules are suspended. Now, the Senator makes a motion  
32. that the resolution be adopted. All those in favor say Aye. All  
33. those opposed - No. Adopted. Introduction of Bills.

1. SECRETARY:
2. Senate Bill No. 60 introduced by Senators Dougherty and Graham.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill No. 61 introduced by Senators Latherow, Ozinga,
6. Bloom, Roe, Schaffer, Merritt, Sommer, Shapiro, Harber Hall, Buzbee,
7. Johns, Donnewald, Bruce, Joyce, Palmer and Graham.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bill.
10. Senate Bill No. 62 introduced by Senators Rock, Soper, Knuppel,
11. Donnewald, Graham, Partee, Davidson, Schaffer and Carroll.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
14. Senator Rock.
15. SENATOR ROCK:
16. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
17. Senate Bill 62, just introduced, is the Senior Citizens Tax Relief
18. Bill, which was on January 24th, vetoed by the Governor after having
19. passed the 78th General Assembly. The bill is identical in form.
20. I would ask leave of the Chair to solicit co-sponsorship by any
21. and all members who wish to be co-sponsors. I would at this time
22. ask for suspension of the rules so that this bill can be and will
23. be moved to the order of 2nd reading without reference to committee.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
25. Senator Chew.
26. SENATOR CHEW:
27. Where . . . add me as a co-sponsor, and I also sanction
28. Senator Rock's position.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
30. I . . . I might suggest, if you des . . . do desire to be a
31. co-sponsor of the bill, to go down to the Secretary's Desk and
32. affix your name to that piece of legislation. Senator Harris.
33. SENATOR HARRIS:

1. Well, Mr. President, I don't want to be misunderstood.  
2. But, honestly, I . . . I do believe this bill ought to go to com-  
3. mittee, and I'll tell you why I think this. We are introducing  
4. an additional Senior Citizen Tax Relief proposal today. I don't  
5. know whether it's going to be joined in by many sponsors. I . . .  
6. co-sponsors. . . I do know that Senator Nimrod, Senator Harber Hall,  
7. Senator Clarke and I who have been in communication with each other  
8. and only to that extent, and it's similar to the amendments that we  
9. offered to 2715 which were not accepted. Now, I think there is some  
10. value to some public dialogue on this, and there isn't any question  
11. but what the votes are here to pass your 79th General Assembly al-  
12. ternative to the 78th's 2715. And there's no intention of side-  
13. tracking or waylaying, but I just think that there might be real  
14. purpose served to have an immediate hearing, next week, if possible,  
15. on this bill, in the Revenue Committee and move it because there's  
16. no question in my mind but what the . . . the 79th model of 2715  
17. is going to pass. But I . . . I and I'm sorry that we haven't had a  
18. chance to discuss this privately, but I . . . I would hope that  
19. the bill could be sent to Committee along with the bill we're  
20. going to introduce today, and by we, I'm speaking in terms of only  
21. individuals and not any partisan identification here. I have some  
22. dialogue on it and move it next week.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

24. I think . . . the . . . to put the record straight, that we  
25. . . the motion has been made to advance the bill to the order of  
26. 2nd reading without reference to committee and that being in the  
27. record, I recognize Senator Chew.

28. SENATOR CHEW:

29. Yes, Mr. President, I was about to bring that to the attention  
30. of the honorable Senator Harris that the motion is on the Floor  
31. to bypass committee. Senator, you have the right to introduce  
32. any bill you want to, but the one particular bill . . . or Senator  
33. Rock referred to, is the motion that's on the Floor to bypass

1. committee. And I'm sorry I can't join you, but I'll have to vote  
2. to bypass committee.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

4. Senator Rock.

5. SENATOR CHEW:

6. I'll do the same for your . . .

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Yes, let me say that I, personally, to my good friend Senator  
9. Harris, apologize for not having spoken with you directly. I would  
10. . . . I would say that I . . . I wish to pursue this motion and for  
11. this reason. If, in fact, the 78th General Assembly had had the  
12. opportunity to react to that veto, I am convinced in my own mind,  
13. and I'm sure you will concur, that this General Assembly would have  
14. acted as it did at the time it passed the bill responsibly and told  
15. the Governor just exactly where our priorities are or should be.  
16. In my judgement, we would only be delaying what should not be delayed  
17. by going to committee. This bill was, in fact, heard in Senator  
18. Clarke's Revenue Committee back in June of last year. I appreciate  
19. the fact and know that there are alternative solutions. The fact  
20. is, this legislation did pass the General Assembly. The General  
21. Assembly, as constituted under the 78th, did not have an opportunity  
22. to react. Eighty percent of the membership is still here. The idea  
23. was a good one, then, I think it's a good one now. And I . . .  
24. sincerely, I . . . I would . . . I would ask that you not object  
25. too strongly. I wish to pursue this motion, get it on 2nd reading  
26. if, in fact, discussion is needed. We can have all the discussion  
27. we need at that point. But I just think that this is of such moment  
28. that we really ought to act and act responsibly, today.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

30. Senator Nimrod.

31. SENATOR NIMROD:

32. Mr. . . . Mr. President, I think that we aren't going to gain  
33. anything by . . . in other words, there isn't any deadline that

1. has to be met. There isn't going to be any money going to be re-  
2. ceived any sooner by asking to . . . you know, go to committee  
3. instead of bypassing. So, I think it would certainly not hinder  
4. the program one single bit that if it were a week later or whether  
5. it's today. But I do think that it does deserve an opportunity . . .  
6. heard in committee to see if the amendments that . . . and the  
7. alternatives that we're proposing, might be some way of working it  
8. out and coming up with a plan that could be even better than what  
9. was presented in the 78th. In fact, if there was some problems  
10. which we all concurred in that was . . . need to be some relief,  
11. certainly, rushing back without thinking it over twice in today's  
12. light of the economy and the monies and the things that are there,  
13. that . . . there . . . there could be some alternatives, and I . . .  
14. I would think it ought to go to committee, and I would object to  
15. the building . . . bypassing the committee hearings.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

17. Senator Clarke.

18. SENATOR CLARKE:

19. Mr. President, I'd just like to set the record straight.  
20. Senator Rock mentioned about the history of this bill. The fact of  
21. the matter is that last year, there were about four or five bills  
22. dealing with tax relief and these were all held in the Revenue  
23. Committee. The Lieutenant Governor did come down and make a pitch  
24. for this bill, but there was never a hearing on this subject.  
25. Subsequently, when we came back and passed the bill in the Fall, it  
26. was substantially changed, prior to . . . by amendment on 2nd  
27. reading prior to being passed. So, I really think that there is  
28. merit in having this subject . . . this particular legislation and  
29. this subject heard in committee before we move ahead. I don't think  
30. it would slow it up that much.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

32. Senator Partee.

33. SENATOR PARTEE:

1. Well, the fact of the matter is, it would slow it up,  
2. and let's just call it like it is. I recognize that you gentlemen  
3. also have a bill, and I promise you a careful addressment to the  
4. merit of that bill. It's not going to be just brought here and  
5. shun it aside. You've given a lot of . . . could you hold it  
6. please, gentlemen? You've had . . . you've given a lot of time  
7. and you've given a lot of attention. You, too, are as interested  
8. in this subject matter as we are. We were hopeful that if we could  
9. move this bill today to 2nd reading, we may be able to finally adjust  
10. this bill prior to the state of the state message. There is  
11. something that need not be said about the work and value of that  
12. suggestion that I think you all understand. We certainly don't  
13. mean to pre-empt this legislative field, but this is a bill that  
14. passed overwhelmingly in both Houses, which all of us understand,  
15. which all of us have addressed ourselves to all of its components,  
16. we know what it's about. It's been around a long time, and to bring  
17. it back to committee seems to me to be without purpose. Now, I  
18. would just appeal to your reason, your judgement, and your logic,  
19. and say to you that this motion ought to carry to move this bill to  
20. 2nd reading without reference to committee with the understanding  
21. that any bill you or anyone else proffers in this subject will also  
22. be thoroughly and carefully analyzed and will be addressed on a  
23. basis of reasonableness without any kind of political look-see.  
24. Now, I just would hope that we can move this bill today, and I  
25. promise you, we will look at any bill anyone else offers with the  
26. same kind of addressment that we've given to this bill in the other  
27. Legislature. Eighty percent of the members here who voted on this  
28. bill before. I think this bill passed forty-three to three, or  
29. something like that. So, to take it back to the committee, to me,  
30. seems to be without purpose, and I would assure you that it is not  
31. meant to pre-empt you in offering other packages of legislation in  
32. this area.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

1. Senator Egan.

2. SENATOR EGAN:

3. Yes, Mr. President; thank you. As one of those who did not  
4. vote on the bill in the last Session, let me suggest that I  
5. followed it very carefully and when I go home, I'm going to have  
6. many, many senior citizens asking me what I . . . I have done about  
7. the . . . the relief, and I want to tell you that if I don't . . .  
8. if . . . if I don't urge that this go onto 2nd reading, I'll be  
9. afraid to go home.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

11. Senator Knuppel.

12. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

13. Mr. Chairman and members of this Body, I think that most of  
14. the things that need to be said have already been said. However,  
15. from the very time I entered the Constitutional Convention, I've  
16. been a strong advocate of doing away with the sales tax on food  
17. and drugs. About eighty some percent of that money, with the  
18. respect to older people, is nothing but recycled money anyway that's  
19. collected, redistributed and collected in a form of supplemental  
20. payments, social security and otherwise. This bill can be approved  
21. on, I'm sure, on 2nd reading without going to hearings. It was  
22. discussed fully on the Floor. Senator Netsch suggested an improve-  
23. ment that might be offered as an amendment, nevertheless, this  
24. is action that we owe our older people. Today, we're faced with  
25. a recession on one hand and climbing inflation on the other. We're  
26. told on the one hand that we don't have the thirty-four million if  
27. that's what it takes to pay these people some refund to make their  
28. . . . help them meet the cost of living. While on the other hand,  
29. we're being solicited to support a four and one-half billion dollar  
30. bond issue for future indentedness. I said before, when we were  
31. in the earlier Session, that I would speak every time the op-  
32. portunity offered on legislation that was non-inflationary,  
33. expenditures that were non-inflationary, expenditures that would



1. fight the recession. We're told, and the Republicans on the  
2. other side of the aisle ought to be one hundred percent with us  
3. on this, we're told by our President that he wants to get money  
4. back into circulation for people and . . . on the lower part of  
5. their income, the first ten thousand dollars or so, in the form  
6. of a refund. Now, it'll be some time before that money's forth-  
7. coming. If we're going to give any kind of a shot to the economy,  
8. now is the time to do it. We can move now and we can do some  
9. good where we move at the end of the Session. We'll . . . we'll  
10. be relatively ineffectual as compared to what we can do now.  
11. These people have earned, over generations, our support, our desire  
12. to do something for them. If there's one regressionary tax that  
13. recess . . . recessive tax, regressive tax in the State of Illinois,  
14. it's the sales tax, and certainly, we should be giving it back in  
15. the form of rebates to older people. I would suggest that we move  
16. it to 2nd reading. If someone has a . . . an intelligent, a com-  
17. prehensive suggestion to improve on this legislation, you've all  
18. had a look at it, and there is no reason that we couldn't prepare  
19. whatever amendments need to be made and do them promptly. I  
20. suggest that it's the benefit of this Body to move this . . . this  
21. legislation to 2nd reading today without reference.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

23. Senator Harris.

24. SENATOR HARRIS:

25. Mr. Speaker . . . Mr. President, a . . . a question. Is not  
26. specifically, the question before us to suspend the rules?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

28. The . . . the . . . the question is for the . . . the motion  
29. is for the suspension of the rule . . .

30. SENATOR HARRIS:

31. Yes.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

33. . . . which is Rule 37.

1. SENATOR HARRIS:

2.       Okay. Fine.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

4.       Is there further debate? This . . . this will take thirty  
5. votes for the bypassing of the majority of those elected for the  
6. suspension of the rules. The question is . . . Senator Hynes.

7. SENATOR HYNES:

8.       Mr. President, it seems to me that we are engaging here in . . .  
9. in a practice which has brought some criticism to the legislative  
10. process in the past on account that it is inefficient and dupli-  
11. cative and does not bring about the kind of result that the people  
12. of this State would like to see. We went through extensive debate  
13. on this measure on more than one occasion during the last Session  
14. of the General Assembly. There has been extensive debate since  
15. that time in the news media, among the members of this Body. This  
16. is the same bill which we considered last year which passed both  
17. Houses overwhelmingly, and I believe that it is clearly the desire  
18. of the majority of the members here that the bill will ultimately  
19. become the law again. And I see no reason to refer it for addi-  
20. tional committee hearings. First of all, the committees are not  
21. yet fully operative, the testimony that will be taken will duplicate  
22. what we heard in the last Session. The members of this Body, I  
23. think, are in a position to ask whatever questions they will  
24. here on the Floor. This is not final passage of the bill, it  
25. simply moves it one step along in the legislative process. It still  
26. has to go through the House of Representatives. There will be an  
27. opportunity tomorrow to further debate the bill, to offer suggestions  
28. for change and improvement. Frankly, I believe the bill has been  
29. amended to incorporate all of the suggestions and recommendations  
30. of Senator Harris, in particular. And I believe that was done in  
31. the . . . in the closing days of the last Session. So, I really  
32. question what the request for a committee hearing is about. I  
33. think we ought to move this bill and put it into effect. It has

1. been delayed too long already, and I think the time for action is  
2. right now.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

4. Senator Carroll.

5. SENATOR CARROLL:

6. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I, too, rise to support this  
7. motion to place the bill on the order of 2nd reading at this time.  
8. I think we've all seen what has happened in the last few days in  
9. the news medias of this State, and I know we all felt overwhelmingly  
10. the last Session that the senior citizens of this State needed some  
11. type of tax relief, especially because of the economy conditions that  
12. we are all facing today. I think this General Assembly should  
13. take the same type of action that the last General Assembly had  
14. taken, and I know that we will. If any of you had watched, at  
15. least the television that we saw up in Chicago, where the people  
16. at Chelsea House and the other senior citizen housing institutions,  
17. where they interviewed those people and talked of the commitment  
18. that they thought they had from government in Illinois. Maybe it's  
19. not our fault that that legislation is not law today. Maybe it's  
20. not, and we know it's not the members of the General Assembly, when  
21. anyway impeded that necessary economic measure. But we do know  
22. that we, as government as a whole, are taken as accountable to those  
23. senior citizens. Now, I look over those who have been appointed to  
24. the Revenue Committee, and I assume that's the committee that this  
25. bill would go to, and all of those members that served here last  
26. term, all of those members on the committee are familiar with the  
27. debates pro and con, all of those members are familiar with the need  
28. that this legislation presents to those senior citizens. I think  
29. we all made a commitment to those people. I think the newer members  
30. made that commitment during their campaign. I think the sitting  
31. members made the commitment by their vote last time on the  
32. Floor of this Chamber. I see no reason to delay the moving  
33. of this bill to 2nd reading to allow for amendments at that

1. time. I know we'll be debating the final form that this bill  
2. takes, but I don't think it's fair to those who have helped  
3. this society for so many years to delay that process by even  
4. a week or two weeks. If they expected the monies to start  
5. flowing, had the Governor signed the bill last week, and I  
6. think we should do all within our power to move that process  
7. along as quickly as we can. Thank you.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

9. Senator Harris.

10. SENATOR HARRIS:

11. Mr. President, I'd like to make a suggestion to Senator  
12. Rock and Senator Partee and all of those who are interested  
13. in seeing this bill progress without delay. Would it make  
14. sense for us to move this bill today, and I assume to move it  
15. again tomorrow, with the understanding that on 3rd reading, and  
16. I see no violation of any rule in a . . . an immediate analysis  
17. to schedule on Tuesday morning, when we're scheduled to be here,  
18. a Committee of the Whole, on this bill. Now, let's be realistic.  
19. There is some opportunity for some personality identification in  
20. such a hearing. And also, an opportunity for those who have  
21. constructive communication to us, to lay it before us in a  
22. Committee of the Whole posture. And we, then, could act on the  
23. bill subsequent to the adjournment of that committee hearing on  
24. Tuesday morning and take up our regular work so that there would  
25. be no delay, but there would be, in fact, an opportunity for  
26. evaluation of it. Seems to me that that might make some sense  
27. and that's really the only point that I was raising. I think you  
28. will recall that in my opening remarks, it was to recognize that  
29. the votes were here to pass this, comfortably, but I thought that  
30. . . . that review in some opportunity, in some form, ought to be  
31. obtained. Now, is that a reasonable suggestion?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

33. That's a question to Senator Rock. Senator Rock, would you

1. respond?

2. SENATOR ROCK:

3. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
4. Senate. I commend and applaud Senator Harris for that suggestion.  
5. I think it's an excellent one, and if, in fact, we can move this  
6. bill without reference and on Tuesday, the 4th of February, we can  
7. have all the testimony that is desired for a Committee of the  
8. Whole. And I would second that suggestion without reservation.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

10. Senator Harris.

11. SENATOR HARRIS:

12. Well, then, I wish to support Senator Rock's motion. I  
13. think it would make sense to have a roll call on it and have  
14. the understanding that we would schedule for a special order  
15. of business, Committee of the Whole, subject to Senator Partee's  
16. direction, time-wise, whatever time we are going to regularly  
17. come in on Tuesday the 4th . . . you know . . . work it out.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

19. Senator Graham.

20. SENATOR GRAHAM:

21. Senator Rock . . . a question to you, sir, Mr. President.  
22. How much time do you think you would need to carry on a reasonable  
23. Committee of the Whole meeting? I understand we could go all  
24. day and let all the personalities from all over Illinois testify  
25. which will not prove very much. I would hope that there would  
26. be a time limit placed upon it, as per our suggestion to your  
27. agreement and that some careful screening of the people that are  
28. to testify will be had so that we can accomplish this most  
29. important task and go on with the rest of the work of the General  
30. Assembly. That would be my suggestion.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

32. Senator Nimrod.

33. SENATOR NIMROD:

1. Just one question. At this Committee of the Whole, Senator  
2. Rock, would amendments be able to be presented at the time, if  
3. they were to be accepted, would then be brought back to 2nd read-  
4. ing? Is that to be the understanding that they could be presented  
5. at that time at the Committee of the Whole?

6. SENATOR ROCK:

7. Yes. Yes. No . . . without question. I will . . . you  
8. know . . . and to answer Senator Graham, I would say, Senator,  
9. your suggestion also is a good one. I think we should limit  
10. debate. I don't know, frankly, that anybody is opposed to this,  
11. but I think an hour or two hours, at the very most, should be  
12. enough to accomplish this purpose.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

14. Senator Harber Hall.

15. SENATOR HALL:

16. One of the things that concerns me, Mr. President and Senator  
17. Rock, is . . . is that by bypassing the normal committee system,  
18. as we're about to do here, we are foregoing an opportunity for this  
19. freshman legislative session to become in . . . informed as to the  
20. actual situation of the total financial picture of the State of  
21. Illinois. I think by hearing this bill with the implication of  
22. the cost of the General Treasury of the State that the committee  
23. members, and . . . and I accept the premise of a meeting of the  
24. Whole. We should also be advised by the Administration, including  
25. the Comptroller and the Governor, as to the financial position of  
26. the State and the expected position of the State next year and the  
27. following year. So, I . . . I hope that you, Senator Rock, will  
28. assure us that at the Committee of the Whole that people who are  
29. familiar with our situation will be present to answer questions,  
30. showing that this particular request for funds is practical and  
31. will not interfere with our budgetary position. And that's . . .  
32. that's the point I wanted to make earlier.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

1. Senator Partee.

2. SENATOR PARTEE:

3. Well, Senator, the suggestion, I don't know if you heard  
4. the suggestion as made by Senator Harris, which we acceded to,  
5. is an excellent one, and I think denigrates the point you've  
6. just made. We are not bypassing committee. There's going to be  
7. a Committee of the Whole. I'm going to make the suggestion  
8. that the hearing be on Tuesday, the 4th of February, at 10:00  
9. o'clock. It occurs to me that it would not take more than  
10. two hours, and we could call our Session for noon. So far as  
11. the persons mentioned are concerned, we certainly intend to invite  
12. the Comptroller, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor, and any  
13. other person who would want to have input on this subject for  
14. the edification of this Body. But it'll be on Tuesday, the 4th,  
15. at 10:00 o'clock. And we're not bypassing committee. We're going  
16. to have a Committee of the Whole which is a much more meaningful  
17. and has more impact in terms of edifying the membership. Every-  
18. body is expected to be here.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

20. Is there further debate? The motion . . . the motion is by  
21. Senator Rock to suspend the rules and advance Senate Bill 62 to  
22. the order of 2nd reading without reference to committee. All  
23. those in favor say Aye. All those Opposed. The Ayes have it.  
24. So ordered. Senator Harris, wh . . . Senator Rock.

25. SENATOR ROCK:

26. The . . . there's another . . . there is a companion bill,  
27. and I would ask that the Secretary read it. And I will make the  
28. same motion, and I would assume the same disposition.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

30. The motion by Senator Rock . . .

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate . . . Senate Bill No. 63 by the same sponsors.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
3. Senator Rock.
4. SENATOR ROCK:
5. Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask at this time again
6. that the rules be suspended and that this bill be moved to the
7. order of 2nd reading without reference with the understanding
8. that it, too, will be subject to a committee hearing of the
9. Committee of the Whole on February 4th at 10:00 o'clock.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):
11. The motion is to suspend the rules as to Senate Bill 63, to
12. advance that bill to the order of 2nd reading without reference
13. to committee. All those in favor say Aye. All those Opposed.
14. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Now, Senator Harris moves that we
15. have a Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday,
16. February the 4th, on Senate Bill 62 and 63. All those in favor.
17. All those Opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Introduction
18. of bills.
19. SECRETARY:
20. Senate Bill No. 64 introduced by Senators Soper, Mohr,
21. Nimrod, Egan, Bell, Graham, Berning, Carroll, Dougherty, Vadalabene,
22. Don Moore, Hynes, Shapiro and Latherow.
23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
24. 1st reading of the bill.
25. Senate Bill No. 65 introduced by Senators Soper, Mohr and
26. . . . Howard Mohr and Don Moore.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 1st reading of the bill.
29. Senate Bill No. 66 introduced by Senator Graham.
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. 1st reading of the bill.
32. Senate Bill No. 67 introduced by Senator Johns.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)



1. 1st reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Consideration of an Adjournment Resolution.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Joint Resolution No. 4 introduced by Senator Rock.

6. (Secretary reads Senate Joint Resolution No. 4)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. All in favor of the Resolution say Aye. Opposed. The

9. Resolution is adopted.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Resolution No. 8 introduced by Senator Rock, Donnewald

12. and Partee.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Rock.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Thank you, Mr. President. What was the number of this

17. resolution?

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senate Resolution 8.

20. SECRETARY:

21. Number 8.

22. SENATOR ROCK:

23. Eight? Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies

24. and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 8 is, I think,

25. of moment and should concern all of us, and I would ask and

26. solicit co-sponsorship. I did not have an opportunity . . .

27. PRESIDENT:

28. All not entitled to the Floor, please leave the Floor.

29. Could we have the . . . your attention, please. Senator Rock.

30. SENATOR ROCK:

31. I have asked, Mr. President, that copies of Senate Resolution

32. 8 be distributed to the membership, and I think just until they

33. are distributed, maybe we could just stand at ease.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Mr. Sergeant at Arms, have they been distributed? Would  
3. you give a part of them to some of your Assistants and Pages,  
4. please?

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

6. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Thank you, Mr. President, if I could have the attention  
9. of the Body, I would ask the Chair that the . . . request the  
10. Secretary read this resolution so that everybody's aware of what  
11. . . . what it contains.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

13. So ordered.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Resolution No. 8 introduced by Senator Rock, Donnewald  
16. and Partee.

17. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 8)

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

19. Senator Rock.

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
22. Senate. This resolution does, in fact, call for an investigation  
23. by the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission. I am,  
24. at this time, Mr. President, again going to move that the rules  
25. be suspended and this resolution be immediately considered and  
26. adopted.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

28. Senator Wooten.

29. SENATOR WOOTEN:

30. Is it appropriate to direct a question concerning the matter,  
31. the substance of this, at this time?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

33. I think it's proper at this time.

1. SENATOR WOOTEN:

2. Senator Rock, I read the complete account. I thought that  
3. the . . . that in the original story, a com . . . a rather complete  
4. explanation of the whole fact was made in the original account.  
5. Was there more to the matter than appeared in that account, which  
6. seemed to explain how this letter came to be, it's origin, and  
7. all the rest?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

9. Senator Rock.

10. SENATOR ROCK:

11. Well, the . . . the origin and genesis of this resolution is  
12. . . . is just exactly the origin of your question. When you  
13. asked me is there more than appeared in the news media account of  
14. . . . of the incident and the purported explanation, that's what  
15. we attempt . . . are attempting or will attempt to find out. The  
16. . . . the explanation that was, in fact, proffered two days after  
17. the incident hit the front page of the Chicago Tribune, in my  
18. judgement, was not sufficient. And I . . . I think that this is  
19. a matter that concerns itself or should be of concern to the  
20. Legislature in it's . . . in it's duly authorized Investigating  
21. Commission.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

23. Senator Wooten. Is there further debate? The motion is  
24. for the suspension of the rules on Resolution 8 to be considered  
25. immediately. All those in favor say Aye. All those Opposed.  
26. The Ayes have it. Senator Rock moves for the adoption of  
27. Resolution No. 8. All those in favor say Aye. All those Opposed.  
28. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Senator Moore is recorded as No.  
29. Senator Don Moore. Resolutions.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Senate Resolution No. 9 . . .

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

33. Sen . . . Just a moment. Senator Romano.

1. SENATOR ROMANO:  
2. Mr. President, I'd like to have unanimous consent to be  
3. shown as a co-sponsor of that resolution.  
4. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
5. So ordered. Resolutions.  
6. SECRETARY:  
7. Sen . . . Senate Resolution No. 9 introduced by Senator  
8. Newhouse. It's congrat . . . congratulatory.  
9. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
10. Senator Newhouse.  
11. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
12. Congratulatory.  
13. SECRETARY:  
14. Mr. Fisher.  
15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
16. Are you asking for a suspension of the rules?  
17. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
18. Suspension of the rules for the immediate adoption of  
19. the . . .  
20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
21. The motion is for the suspension of the rules, immediate  
22. adoption resolution. All those in favor say Aye. All those  
23. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion now is Senator Newhouse  
24. moves that the resolution be adopted. All those in favor say  
25. Aye. All those Opposed. The Ayes have it.  
26. SECRETARY:  
27. Senate Resolution No. 10 introduced by Senator Newhouse.  
28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):  
29. Senator Newhouse.  
30. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
31. Mr. President, I'd like to briefly explain this one. If  
32. you will recall, last week we introduced an . . . a resolution on  
33. behalf of a man who had died in a fire while rescuing some

1. children. This is a companion resolution for the man who  
2. was with him whose life was saved. And I'd like . . . I'd . . .  
3. I'd ask all Legislators to join with me on both these resolutions.  
4. I move the suspension of the rules for it's immediate adoption.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

6. All Senators will be joined in both resolutions, and the  
7. motion is to suspend the rules for the immediate adoption. All  
8. those in favor say Aye. All those opposed - No. The Ayes have  
9. it. Senator Newhouse moves for the adoption of the resolution.  
10. All those in favor say Aye. All those opposed - No. The Ayes  
11. have it. Senator Partee.

12. SENATOR PARTEE:

13. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I'd like to alert  
14. you to the fact, so that you might be in your seats, that there's  
15. going to be a picture made in a very few minutes for the Sangamon  
16. State University Yearbook. And I had held this for a few  
17. moments until you could all get in your seats for that purpose.  
18. While I'm on my feet, Mr. President, let me say to you that you  
19. know that I have been one who has suggested that we do our  
20. resolutions in another form, and you have seen this morning  
21. a memo from me with reference to how we think it ought to be  
22. done. And I find myself in a very peculiar position this  
23. morning . . . I find myself in a peculiar position this morning,  
24. Mr. President. And I'd like your attention, Mr. President,  
25. because this affects someone you know. Th . . . it has been said  
26. that life . . .

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

28. I'd like . . . I'd like to have the attention of the Senate.  
29. Senator Par . . .

30. SENATOR PARTEE:

31. It has been said, Mr. President, that life begins at forty,  
32. and I had thought about a resolution and although that is not the  
33. rule now, I think it would violate the spirit of what I hope

1. to be a rule in submitting a resolution, and for that reason,  
2. I did not submit a res . . . a written resolution. But if life  
3. begins at forty, Mr President, I want you to know that Senator  
4. Donnewald is ten years old today, and we wish him a very, very  
5. Happy Birthday on his tenth birthday, pursuant to the concept  
6. that life begins at forty. Happy Birthday.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

8. Thank . . . thank you, Mr. President. Earlier at the opening  
9. of the Session, I want you to know they even prayed for me.  
10. Senator Harris.

11. SENATOR HARRIS:

12. Has the picture been taken?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

14. Will be very shortly.

15. SENATOR HARRIS:

16. Where will the photographer be? I just . . . I want him to  
17. know that my right side is my best side.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR DONNEWALD):

19. We'll . . . we'll make a note of that. Introduction of  
20. bills.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senate Bill No. 68 introduced by Senators Fawell, Shapiro,  
23. Davidson and Glass.

24. (Secretary reads title of bill)

25. 1st reading of the bill.

26. Senate Bill No. 69 introduced by Senator Vadalabene.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. 1st reading of the bill.

29. Senate Bill No. 70 introduced by Senators Saperstein, Shapiro,  
30. Davidson, Hynes and Philip.

31. (Secretary reads title of bill)

32. 1st reading of the bill.

33. Senate Bill No. 71 introduced by Senators Saperstein, Shapiro,

1. Davidson, Hynes and Philip.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. 1st reading of the bill.
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Senate Bills 3rd reading. Senate Bill 17. Senator Bruce.
6. Senator . . . Senate Bill 38. Senator Rock. Senator Rock.
7. SECRETARY:
8. Senate Bill No. 38.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 3rd reading of the bill.
11. SENATOR ROCK:
12. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
13. Senate. Senate Bill 38 is an amendment to the Anti-pollution
14. Bond Act, and it merely allows the bonds to be countersigned
15. by a duly authorized deputy of the State Treasurer. This bill
16. was introduced at the request of our State Treasurer, Alan Dixon.
17. Later in February, on the 19th, in fact, a fifty million dollar
18. bond issue will, in fact, be issued, and under this bond act, as
19. opposed to all the others, the State Treasurer would, in fact,
20. mechanically have to sign all the bonds individually himself.
21. He has asked that this bond act conform to the others, in that
22. it would allow a deputy to do the actual affixing of the State
23. Treasurer's signature. The bill has no opposition, to my knowledge.
24. It merely conforms this bonding act to all the other bonding acts
25. that we now have in the State, and I would ask for a favorable
26. roll call.
27. PRESIDENT:
28. Any further discussion? Senator Harris.
29. SENATOR HARRIS:
30. Well, I . . . I have one question. Would . . .
31. PRESIDENT:
32. Senator Rock, will you yield for a question? Senator Harris.
33. SENATOR HARRIS:

1. . . . would the passage of this bill require the recruitment  
2. of a deputy or can an existing deputy be utilized as is the case  
3. in the other bond acts?

4. SENATOR ROCK:

5. To answer you, Senator Harris, no, it would not require  
6. the recruitment of an additional deputy. It will merely give the  
7. same authority as is contained in the Capitol Bond Act, the  
8. Transportation Bond Act, the School Construction Bond Act and  
9. the Illinois Coal Development Act, the same deputy can, in fact,  
10. do it.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Harris.

13. SENATOR HARRIS:

14. If this bill is passed and signed into law, in it's present  
15. form, when would it become effective?

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Rock.

18. SENATOR HARRIS:

19. Would it not be October 1st, 1975?

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. It appears that it would be, and it should have an immediate  
22. effective date.

23. SENATOR HARRIS:

24. Would . . . would you . . . would you like to use an amend-  
25. ment I have prepared?

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. I'm . . . I'm having an awful lot of trouble seeing you  
28. with the blinds open.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Rock moves that the bill be returned to the order  
31. of 2nd reading, and Senator Harris is offering Amendment No. 1.  
32. Read the Amendment.

33. SENATOR HARRIS:



1. I just want to explain that this just provides that the bill  
2. sh . . . shall become effective upon its becoming law. I move  
3. the . . . if there are no further questions, I move the adoption of  
4. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 38.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Thank you for your alertness. Senator Harris moves the  
7. adoption of Amendment No. 1. All in favor. Opposed. The  
8. Amendment is adopted. 3rd reading. Any further amendments?  
9. 3rd reading. Introduction of bills.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Bill No. 72 introduced by Senators Hall, Harris,  
12. Latherow, Merritt, Sommer, Bloom, Schaffer, Weaver, Davidson,  
13. Vadalabene, Knuppel, Shapiro.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 1st reading of the bill.

16. Senate Bill No. 73 introduced by Senators Nudelman, Dougherty,  
17. Merritt and Rock.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 1st reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Intervening business having been held, turn to the order  
22. of 3rd reading. Read the bill. Senate Bill 38.

23. SECRETARY:

24. Senate Bill No. 38.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. 3rd reading of the bill.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Rock..

29. SENATOR ROCK:

30. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
31. Senate. Senate Bill 38, is as previously discussed, an amendment  
32. to the Anti-pollution Bond Act offered by the State Treasurer which  
33. would authorize the signing, the mechanical signing, of these

1. bonds by a authorized deputy. The bill now contains, thanks to  
2. Senator Harris's alertness, an emergency clause to make it  
3. effective immediately prior to the issuance of these bonds, and  
4. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Harris.

7. SENATOR HARRIS:

8. I would just point out one other item. I don't think it's  
9. terribly significant, but there is a distinction in the way this  
10. amendment operates insofar as the Anti-pollution Bond Act and  
11. the other bond acts, and that is that the word "manually" appears  
12. in the other acts before the word "countersigned" as provided in  
13. line 23 of this bill. Now, it seems to me that bond counsel will  
14. require manual countersignature. But I just . . . I do point  
15. that out, and it might be something to consult with the Treasury  
16. insofar as consummate arch is concerned. I don't want to raise  
17. the point other than . . . I mean, I'm not suggesting amendatory  
18. action, but I think, perhaps, that question . . . there is that  
19. difference between the way this bill is drawn relating to the  
20. Anti-pollution Bond Act and the other bond acts. It's just some-  
21. thing that I want to alert the sponsor, too, to consult with the  
22. Treasurer and see whether, in fact, that's something that ought  
23. to be taken up in the other House, and we can always concur.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Rock.

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. Thank you, Mr. President. I did, in fact, discuss that with  
28. the Treasurer. He is of the opinion that that specific verbiage  
29. was unnecessary. But if, in fact, bond counsel changes their  
30. mind, we can certainly do it in the House. Thank you very much.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill  
33. 38 pass. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

1. voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? Take the record.  
2. On this question, the Ayes are fifty-one, Nays are none. This  
3. bill having received the constitutional majority is declared  
4. passed. Senator Donnewald.

5. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

6. Mr. President . . . Mr. President, I think, probably, this  
7. would be the appropriate time to announce that there will be a  
8. Democratic Caucus at one o'clock . . . one o'clock in Room 406.  
9. One o'clock.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Democratic Caucus, Room 406, one o'clock. Thank you.

12. Senator Vadalabene.

13. SENATOR VADALABENE:

14. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I  
15. would like to announce a meeting of the Committee on Executive,  
16. Appointments and Administration to be held on Wednesday, February  
17. 5th, 1975, at 2:30, in Room 212, to consider the appointments of  
18. the Governor to the Health Facilities Planning Board which was  
19. contained in his message of January 20th, 1975. Now, Mr.  
20. President, if you would bear with me for just one minute, I would  
21. like for the first time around to . . . to name the members of  
22. this committee, if you don't mind. Senator Vivian Hickey, Senator  
23. Bruce . . .

24. PRESIDENT:

25. May we have . . . just a minute Senator Vadalabene. Senator  
26. Vadalabene is entitled to your attention. Please give it to  
27. him. Senator Vadalabene.

28. SENATOR VADALABENE:

29. Alright. Senator Vivian Hickey, Senator Bruce, Senator  
30. Carroll, Senator Donnewald, Senator Dougherty, Senator Egan,  
31. Senator Partee, Senator Rock, Senator Romano, Senator Smels. . .  
32. Smith and Senator Welsh. The Republican members of this  
33. Committee: Senator Harris, Senator Berning, Senator Graham,

1. Senator Moore, Senator Howard Mohr, Senator Philip, Senator  
2. Schaffer and Senator Ozinga. This is the Committee on Executive  
3. Appointments and Administration, and notices will also be posted  
4. in all . . . notices will also be sent to these committee members.  
5. Thank you, Mr. President.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Senator Johns.

8. SENATOR JOHNS:

9.. Mr. President, I wish to announce to the Body that on Tuesday,  
10. February the 4th at 2:30 p.m., the Executive Committee will meet  
11. and that we will discuss the 27th Amendment to the ER . . . to the  
12. Constitution, the ERA Amendment.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Thank you. Senator Harris.

15. SENATOR HARRIS:

16. I apologize. I was engaged in conversation. Did you name the  
17. date, Mr. Chairman? Is that . . .

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Johns.

20. SENATOR HARRIS:

21. Was that . . . that . . .

22. SENATOR JOHNS:

23. But if I didn't, it's February the 4th, 2:30 p.m. I'm  
24. not quite sure whether it'll be 212 or 112, but we'll try to get  
25. notice to all the committee members prior to that meeting.  
26. Thank you.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. 1975, Anno Domini. Any further discussion or announcements?  
29. Senator Donnewald moves that the Senate stand adjourned until  
30. tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. Perfunct. All in favor. All  
31. Opposed. Ayes have it. Senate stands adjourned.

32.

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