

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of eleven having arrived, the Senate will come to
3. order. The prayer will be offered by the Reverend Obie Rush of
4. the St. Paul Baptist Church, East St. Louis, Illinois. Reverend
5. Rush.

6. REVEREND RUSH:

7. (Prayer given by Reverend Rush)

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns:

10. SENATOR JOHNS:

11. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the
12. Journals of Wednesday, January the 29th, 1975, Thursday, January
13. 30, 1975, and Tuesday, February the 4th, 1975, be postponed
14. pending arrival of the printed Journals.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Heard the motion. Ready for the question. All in favor of
17. the motion say Aye. Opposed. The motion carries. Committee
18. reports.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns
21. the following to Committee: Elections and Reapportionments -
22. Senate Bills 96, 97 and 98; Executive - Senate Bill 95; Judiciary -
23. Senate Bill 90, 91, 99, 100, 101 and 102; Revenue - Senate Bill 89,
24. 92, 93, 94 and 103.

25. Senator Johns, Chairman of Executive Committee, reports out
26. Senate Joint Resolution with a recommendation do pass.

27. Senator Dougherty, Chairman of Local Government, reports out
28. Senate Bill No. 19 with a recommendation do pass.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Introduction of bills. Senator Graham.

31. SENATOR GRAHAM:

32. While they're getting the bills straightened out, I'd like to
33. move that the Journal will show that the absence of Senator John

1. Nimrod, today, is due to the fact that he attending the funeral
2. of Representative Juckett.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. The Journal will so show.

5. SECRETARY:

6. Senate Bill No. 104 introduced by Senators Palmer, Welsh,
7. Carroll, Saperstein and Kosinski.

8. (Secretary reads title of bill)

9. 1st reading of the bill.

10. Senate Bill 105 introduced by the same sponsors.

11. (Secretary reads title of bill)

12. 1st reading of the bill.

13. Senate Bill No. 106 introduced by the same sponsors.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 1st reading of the bill.

16. Senate Bill 107 introduced by the same sponsors.

17. (Secretary reads title of bill)

18. 1st reading of the bill.

19. Senate Bill 108 introduced by the same sponsors.

20. (Secretary reads title of bill)

21. 1st reading of the bill.

22. Senate Bill 109 introduced by the same sponsors.

23. (Secretary reads title of bill)

24. 1st reading of the bill.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Bruce.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Senate Bill 110 introduced by the same sponsors.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 1st reading of the bill.

31. Senate Bill 1011 introduced by the same sponsors.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill 112 introduced by the same sponsors.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. 1st reading of the bill.
4. Senate Bill 113 introduced by the same sponsors.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. Senate Bill 114 introduced by the same sponsors.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bill.
10. Senate Bill No. 115 introduced by the same sponsors.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. Senate Bill No. 116 introduced by Senators Regner, Philip,
13. Roe, Ozinga, Bloom, Smith, Carroll, Course, Savickas, Glass and
14. Sommer.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill No. 117 introduced by the same sponsors.
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 1st reading of the bill.
20. Senate Bill No. 118 introduced by the same sponsors.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the bill.
23. Senate Bill No. 119 introduced by Senator Palmer.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. Senate Bill No. 120...Senate Bill No. 120 introduced by
26. Senators Bell, Glass, Sommer, Bloom, Philip.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. Senate Bill No. 121 introduced by Senator Bell and Philip.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. 1st reading of the bill.
31. Senate Bill No. 122 introduced by the same sponsors.
32. (Secretary reads title of bill)
33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill No. 123 introduced by Senators Hall...Senators
2. Clarke, Harber Hall, Graham, Smith, Daley and Vadalabene.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 1st reading of the bill.

5. Senate Bill No. 124 introduced by Senators Kosinski, Daley,
6. Romano, Harber Hall, Carroll, Vadalabene, Joyce, Dougherty, Rock,
7. Donnewald and Partee.

8. (Secretary reads title of bill)

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Glass on the Floor? Senator Glass on the Floor?
11. May I have your attention for a moment. Senator Glass has asked
12. to be recognized on a point of personal privilege. Senator
13. Glass.

14. SENATOR GLASS:

15. Thank you, Mr. President and Senators...

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Will the members be in their seats. Will the members be in
18. their seats. Senators Palmer, Netsch. Will the members be in
19. their seats. Senator Glass.

20. SENATOR GLASS:

21. Well, thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of
22. the Senate. Yesterday, there was a Senate Resolution introduced
23. in memory of Representative Bob Juckett whose funeral is this
24. morning and is...is in progress right now, and I ask the President
25. for leave to say a few words in memory of Bob. It was my privilege
26. as I think it was for a number of the others of us to serve with
27. him in the House. I found him to be a unique legislator. The way
28. he interpreted and performed his responsibility to those who
29. elected him was really with more dedication and commitment, I think,
30. than almost any legislator I've known. I can recall at a recent
31. meeting of police chiefs in Glenview, a number of the legislators
32. from Bob's district and the adjoining district were invited to hear
33. a problem with the...the pensions for police chiefs, and after the

1. presentation was made, the other legislators there asked some
2. questions and when it came around to Bob Juckett, we found that
3. he had researched their problem, was able to cite some law on
4. the subject, had obtained a letter of explanation which he read
5. from the Pension Laws Commission, I suggested a course of action
6. for them to take and pledged his support to help them. Everyone
7. at the meeting, and there were a large number present, felt that
8. government really was working for them. I talked to Senator
9. Carroll this morning about this and his district adjoined Represent-
10. ative Juckett's on the other side, and he agreed that this was
11. typical of Bob. He was always well prepared and he viewed his
12. duties as a legislator, I think, with...with a good deal more
13. seriousness than...than almost anyone else I have met here. He...
14. he debated in issues that he felt passionately about, but always
15. after the debates and...and discussions, he was a gentleman, a
16. colleague and a friend. I know the State of Illinois is going to
17. miss the likes of him, but I think even though his life was tragi-
18. cally shortened that the service that he performed here in this
19. General Assembly can stand as a model for many of us to follow.
20. And I know all of us join in...in remembering the...the service he
21. performed. Thank you, Mr. President.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Thank you, Senator Glass. Continue with introduction of bills.

24. SECRETARY:

25. Senate Bill No. 125 introduced by Senators Partee, Rock,
26. Donnewald and Bruce.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. 1st reading of the bill.

29. Senate Bill No. 126 introduced by the same sponsors.

30. (Secretary reads title of bill)

31. 1st reading of the bill.

32. Senate Bill No. 127 introduced by the same sponsors.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. Senate Bill No. 127 introduced by the same sponsors.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill No. 129 introduced by the same sponsors.
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. 1st reading of the bill.
8. Senate Bill No. 130 introduced by the same sponsors.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. Senate Bill No. 131 introduced by the same sponsors.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. 1st reading of the bill.
14. Senate Bill No. 132 introduced by the same sponsors.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill No. 133 introduced by the same sponsors.
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 1st reading of the bill.
20. Senate Bill No. 134 introduced by the same sponsors.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the bill.
23. Senate Bill No. 135 introduced by the same sponsors.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 1st reading of the bill.
26. Senate Bill No. 136 introduced by the same sponsors.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 1st reading of the bill.
29. Senate Bill No. 137 introduced by the same sponsors.
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. 1st reading of the bill.
32. Senate Bill No. 138 introduced by the same sponsors.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. Senate Bill No. 139 introduced by the same sponsors.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill No. 140 introduced by the same sponsors.
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. 1st reading of the bill.
8. Senate Bill No. 141 introduced by Senator Shapiro.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. Senate Bill No. 142 introduced by Senator Fawell.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. 1st reading of the bill.
14. PRESIDENT:
15. Resolutions.
16. SECRETARY:
17. Senate Resolution No. 16 introduced by Senator Bell.
18. PRESIDENT:
19. Executive.
20. SECRETARY:
21. Senate Join...Senate Joint Resolution No. 8 introduced by
22. Senator Rock.
23. (Secretary reads title of SJR No. 8)
24. PRESIDENT:
25. The Resolution calls for adjournment until Thursday, February
26. 13th at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 13th at 12 noon, the Governor
27. will give the State of the State Message to the Joint Assembly. You
28. may expect to be here the 13th and the 14th of February. Senator
29. Rock moves the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor. Opposed.
30. The Resolution is adopted. Senate Bills on 3rd reading. Senate
31. Bill 17. Senator Bruce.
32. SENATOR BRUCE:
33. Yes, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have Senate

1. Bill 17 brought back to the order of 2nd reading for the purpose
2. of Tabling Amendment No. 1.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Bruce asks leave to return Senate Bill 17 to the
5. order of 2nd reading for the removal of an amendment. Is there
6. leave? So ordered. 2nd reading.

7. SENATOR BRUCE:

8. Yes...

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Bruce.

11. SENATOR BRUCE:

12. Yes, Mr. President, Amendments No. 1 and 2 have both been
13. adopted. No. 1, at the suggestion of Senator Harris, it included
14. an effective immediately clause that was also contained in the
15. 2nd amendment. I would now move to Table Amendment No. 1...recon-
16. sider the vote by which No. 1 was adopted.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. The...Senator Bruce moves to reconsider the vote by which
19. Amendment No. 1 was adopted. All in favor say Aye. Opposed. The
20. amendment is removed...reconsidered. Senator Bruce moves to Table.
21. All in favor. Opposed. Amendment No. 1 is Tabled. 3rd reading.
22. Senator Rock. Senate Bill 62.

23. SENATOR ROCK:

24. Yes, Sir. I would ask at this point leave to call Senate
25. Bill 62 back to the order of 2nd reading. I understand that
26. Senator Harris has an amendment he wishes to offer.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Take your time, Senator Harris. For what purpose does
29. Senator Vadalabene arise?

30. SENATOR VADALABENE:

31. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. What I was trying to do is
32. before Senate Bill 62 and 63 get called for 3rd reading, I would
33. like to be...have leave to be a co-sponsor of those two bills, Mr.

1. President.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Vadalabene seeks leave to be co-sponsor of Senate
4. Bills 62 and 63. Is there leave? It is granted, Sir. Senator
5. Rock has moved that Senate Bill 62 be returned to the order of
6. 2nd reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is there leave?
7. 2nd reading. Senate Bill 62. Senator Harris.

8. SENATOR HARRIS:

9. Mr. President, might I inquire from the Secretary which...
10. this would be Amendment No. 3? Okay. Now, Amendment No. 3 which
11. has been distributed to the members desks proposes to cure the
12. problem that we had discussion on yesterday relative to the fact
13. that the bill in its present form establishes a schedule of ten
14. brackets in the calculation of the grant for the senior citizen
15. running from four point five percent for households with an income
16. of zero to nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents
17. through the top bracket as far as earnings are concerned, and then,
18. re...the percentage factor is reduced down to one percent for the
19. top bracket which runs from seven thousand dollars to nine thousand
20. nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents. Now, in
21. the dialogue, yesterday, I'm sure you will all recall the criticism
22. that was raised which I think we all appreciate as a legitimate
23. criticism that in all of our senior citizen programs of help from
24. the government, too much is done for the people at the top of the
25. scale and not enough for the people at the bottom of the pyramid,
26. so to speak. Amendment No. 3 seeks to cure this by setting forth
27. a schedule, not based on percentages, but actually based on a series
28. of dollar amounts running from a bracket of zero to four ninety-nine
29. that has the additional refinement of not a single percentage amount
30. calculated against that income, but four brackets established on
31. the number of persons in the household, and this is weighted in
32. favor of the person whose income is the least or is actually zero
33. and it descends to the top bracket that runs from nine hundred...

1. I'm sorry, nine thousand five hundred dollars to nine hundred
2. ninety-nine dollars. Now, the effect of this is to cure the
3. problem of not doing as much for those who need it the most which
4. is the effect of the bill in its present form. The situation
5. is that persons earning the least receive as relates to the person
6. with no income at all, you multiply four point five percent times
7. zero, you get zero, and the next bracket in the present bill provides
8. for a twenty-two dollar and fifty cent grant and it works on up to
9. ninety-five dollars for the people earning the most. Now, the
10. schedule that's attached to the amendment that's before you which
11. is on the second page of the xeroxed copy of the amendment shows
12. for example that persons earning the least in the bracket that's
13. just declared to be the law without any calculations involving a
14. percentage application will run from a hundred two dollars for the
15. people in the bottom bracket to a hundred twenty-nine if there are
16. two persons in the household, a hundred fifty-three if there are
17. three persons, and a hundred seventy if there are four. And those
18. amounts, then, descend in amount so that the people as is the case
19. in the present law...I mean the present bill before us in that
20. bracket of ninety-five hundred to nine nine nine nine actually
21. under the present bill, it runs from seven thousand to nine nine
22. nine nine point nine nine but we go on five hundred dollar multiples
23. here so that the people still within the ten thousand dollar cut-
24. off mark receive something. But we cure the problem of not doing
25. enough for those who need it most. We have attempted in the
26. establishment of these amounts to land on the thirty-four million
27. dollars that the best judgement calculates Senate Bill 62 will cost
28. in its present form. So that the effect of this amendment does not
29. increase dollar requirement but it does appropriately cure the, I
30. think, desirable intent...I...I'm...the undesirable effect of the
31. present percentage schedules and cure that problem by providing us
32. with a...an absolute table of grant qualification depending upon the
33. factors involved here, and it directs our resources in a fashion

1. that results in giving the most help to the people who need it
2. the most. I would be happy to respond to any questions, and then,
3. if there is no discussion, of course, I would move to adopt
4. Amendment No. 3.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
9. I rise in opposition to Amendment No. 3. In the discussion yester-
10. day, Senator Harris and I did discuss this program. The fact is
11. that this is a new program, a different program, from that which I
12. proposed in Senate Bill...and do propose in Senate Bill 62. I am
13. not saying, frankly, that the idea that Senator Harris has is not
14. a good one. It is, in fact, a good one. It is just, simply, a dif-
15. ferent program than the one I proposed. It seems to me that this is no
16. longer, if this amendment is adopted, it is no longer a Tax Relief
17. Bill. It is a Flat Grant Income Maintenance Program, and as such,
18. we would place ourselves in direct competition with the Supplemental
19. Security Income Program established by the Federal Government. Now,
20. the Senior Citizen Coalition did attempt yesterday and this morning
21. to intrude on Senator Harris' busy schedule, and I would like to
22. share with you a portion of a letter directed to me. Senator
23. Harris' amendment - this letter reads in part, and I will be happy
24. to provide copies: "Senator Harris' amendment, as a matter in point,
25. could best be accomplished by adjusting the State's contribution
26. to the Supplemental Security Income Program by replacing sales tax
27. rebates with flat grants. The State would be placing this Program
28. in direct competition with the Federal S.S.I. Program. The effect
29. of such a change would be merely to replace Federal aid with State
30. aid." The sum and substance of the letter which is signed by
31. Richard Crabb and Kenneth Johnston, Co-Chairmen of the Senior
32. Citizens Action Coalition, is that they would...they have asked...
33. requested that we resist this amendment. I...I think the idea

1. that Senator Harris has proffered is a good one. I...I think it
2. should be offered in a separate and distinct piece of legislation,
3. and for that reason, Mr. President, I urge a no vote on Amendment
4. No. 3.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Bell.

7. SENATOR BELL:

8. Well, Mr. President, I'd...I'd like to rise in support of
9. Amendment No. 3...

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Three.

12. SENATOR BELL:

13. ...and kind of review for a moment, if you will, what we're
14. really about here this morning and have been in general in terms
15. of the 79th General Assembly, and that's Tax Relief for the
16. Senior Citizen. Now, it seems to me, there...and it has been
17. done on occasion after occasion in all of the General Assemblies
18. and almost done daily where we submit amendments on bills to
19. correct weak legislation to, in fact, make that legislation better.
20. Amendment No. 3 does just that because as the good Senator that
21. is the Minority Leader of this Body has pointed out, four and a
22. half percent, if I've got that percentage figure right, yes, four
23. and a half percent of nothing is indeed really nothing, and that
24. by naming out amounts, we are, in fact, doing what is the intent
25. of this General Assembly to address ourselves to Tax Relief for
26. those senior citizens that are, in fact, most in need. That's not
27. to say that Senate Bill 62 is a bad bill. It's an excellent bill,
28. but this amendment, in fact, makes it a better bill. You know,
29. many times, Mr. President and Members of this Body, we Senators,
30. and the members over on the other side of the rotunda in the House,
31. I think, are a little bit like Alice in Wonderland. Maybe that
32. descriptive cat, the cheshire cat that sat up there in the limb
33. that grinned from ear to ear and then disappeared and then would

1. reappear. And I think that's very true with some of the intent
2. of this Body and some of its legislative maneuvering. We can be
3. likened unto that cheshire cat and a little bit of Alice in Wonder-
4. land. I'd like to see us, in this 79th General Assembly, try to
5. do away with that...that kind of image and rather try to address
6. ourselves to what the people really need and in terms of this
7. legislation, they need Tax Relief at the lowest level for the
8. poorest senior citizen. Four and a half percent, gentlemen, of
9. nothing is indeed nothing. We sit and grin and disappear. Thank
10. you, Mr. President.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Any further discussion? Senator Hynes.

13. SENATOR HYNES:

14. I would like to reiterate a point that Senator Rock made and I
15. ...I would like a response, if possible, from the sponsor of this
16. amendment to that point. Namely, that all senior citizens and handi-
17. capped persons in this State are guaranteed a minimum floor income
18. under S.S.I. and that States are free to supplement that Program
19. to the extent it is deemed desirable, and, in fact, Illinois is
20. already doing that to the extent of thirty dollars per month. But
21. the...one of the regulations in the S.S.I. Program would bring
22. about this result that if the State provided income through a...an
23. income maintenance program such as this, that the Federal S.S.I.
24. contribution would be correspondingly reduced. Now, if that is the
25. case, and I'm led to believe that it is, then it seems to me that
26. we are, by this amendment, going to be replacing Federal dollars
27. going to senior citizens in the lowest income groups with State
28. dollars, and that simply does not make sense to me. This program
29. started out as a Tax Relief Program, an effort to give senior
30. citizens relief from sales tax on vital necessities, and as such,
31. it is exempt under S.S.I. in terms of any reduction of the S.S.I.
32. benefits. Now, if that is correct, and I believe that it is, then
33. it seems to me that this amendment is inappropriate here, and that

1. if it is desirable to increase State participation in the S.S.I.
2. Program, we should do that by a separate vehicle. But I do not
3. think that we are going to get the dollars to the senior citizens
4. that we intend through this amendment.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Harris, did you desire recognition?

7. SENATOR HARRIS:

8. Yes, I would like to respond to both Senator Rock and Senator
9. Hynes. I want to read the bill that is before us. It states
10. that it is an act to amend Sections 3.11 and 4 of the Senior Citizens
11. and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act, approved July 17,
12. 1972, as Amended. And then, it goes on to insert precisely a change
13. in the rent allowance qualification from twenty-five percent to
14. thirty. And in Section 4, it sets forth the provision for us to
15. proceed to establish the grant program that is really established
16. by this bill with language that states, "except as otherwise provided
17. in Paragraph F of this Section", and then, we set forth the new
18. language in the Act in Paragraph F. Now, all Amendment No. 3 does
19. is change the calculations of the amount of the grant and nothing
20. more and statements to the effect that this amendment will change
21. the bill from Senior Citizen Tax Relief to Supplemental Income
22. which will conflict with the Federal program, I submit is completely
23. missing the point. A check from the State of Illinois that arises
24. out of the Administration of the Senior Citizens Property Tax Relief
25. Act is a check for tax relief and nothing else. And I'll litigate
26. with the Federal Government any time if the Federal Government should
27. determine that this bill, with Amendment No. 3 applied, is something
28. other than Senior Citizen Tax Relief. This amendment really does
29. make sense and we have an opportunity now in simplest explanation
30. to do just this - to help those who need help most. Now, this amend-
31. ment is just that simple, and it continues to amend the Senior
32. Citizens Property Tax Relief Act and all we do is substitute a
33. table for...a table based on percentage calculations. And I just

1. want to add one more time that the present table in the bill does
2. nothing, it does zero, for the person whose income is zero. And
3. the table provided for in Amendment No. 3 cures that problem.
4. This amendment makes sense, and I would hope that a majority of
5. the members who vote on the question would join in its adoption.
6. I move the adoption of Amendment No. 3.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Mitchler, did you desire recognition? Senator
9. Mitchler.

10. SENATOR MITCHLER:

11. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I would
12. like to make a very brief statement, more or less, for the record
13. because this particular legislation has been debated, evaluated
14. and discussed ever since it was first inaugurated by Lt. Governor
15. Hartigan who incidentally is to be commended for taking initiative
16. and using the office which he holds to attract the attention of
17. not only the senior citizens but the people of the State of Illinois
18. to the specific needs of the citi...of the senior citizens and that
19. is the fact that to many senior citizens who are now on fixed and
20. limited incomes in an area of less than ten thousand dollars annual
21. income are finding themselves in a very deep financial problem. And
22. as Lt. Governor Hartigan has pointed out as he has toured this State
23. and we all know that he has, to many a mere three dollars a month
24. is important to whether or not a decent meal or an extra loaf of
25. bread is on that table. This, I believe, we all understand and we
26. acknowledge. Now, I'm pleased to see that in Senator Rock's bill,
27. Senate Bill 62, the elimination of any reference to sales tax because
28. in 1974 during the 78th General Assembly, legislation was considered
29. and almost did pass that was trying to tell the senior citizen that
30. they were getting Sales Tax Relief and that was a misnomer. And I
31. am glad that we have reached an agreement and a compromise where
32. we've cleared that up that we are not giving any sales tax relief
33. to any senior citizens and they should know that now. The concept

1. that we're getting into is an entirely new one and the last
2. portion of this bill that we're amending the Senior Citizens
3. Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief Act is getting into a new
4. program where a certain group of citizens, specifically those
5. persons sixty-five years of age and older in the categories
6. defined senior citizens or those persons who fall into a cate-
7. gory defined as disabled persons who need not be sixty-five years
8. of age, whose income is less than ten thousand dollars a year.
9. They are going to get by virtue of filling out a form and sending
10. to the State of Illinois a check, a grant, a dole from the State
11. of Illinois because they are in that category...

12. PRESIDENT:

13. The Senator will conclude his remarks.

14. SENATOR MITCHLER:

15. ...and if you look at this category that we filled out now,
16. the category as presented by Amendment No. 3 is much more
17. acceptable than...

18. PRESIDENT:

19. The Senator will conclude.

20. SENATOR MITCHLER:

21. ...than the one that we had under Senator Rock's original
22. proposal because, certainly, and I'd like to have Senator Rock
23. answer this as he winds it up. Under Senator Rock's proposal, if
24. you figured four point five percent of a one dollar income and
25. filed a claim, you would get a check for four and a half cents
26. whereas if you had an income of one dollar under this proposed
27. amendment and there was one person in the family, you would get
28. a hundred and two dollars which is a lot of difference to think...

29. PRESIDENT:

30. For what purpose does Senator Carroll arise? Senator Carroll.

31. SENATOR CARROLL:

32. I assume that Senator Mitchler's time was up. I would like
33. recognition of the Chair to speak on the issue.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Did the gentleman conclude? Did you conclude, Senator?

3. Fine. Senator Carroll.

4. SENATOR CARROLL:

5. Thank you, Mr. President and to the sponsor of the amendment
6. and Senator Mitchler. I think there might be some misunderstanding
7. of how our tax structure works. As I understand it, a person with
8. true zero income gets S.S.I. income and other types of Federal and
9. State monies. That would put them higher up in the bracket than
10. your zero to four ninety-nine figure. Senator Harris and Senator
11. Mitchler, the only way you can truly get into a zero to four ninety-
12. nine figure is to have substantial income by way of tax exempt
13. monies. If you've got money invested in municipal bonds, then you
14. get that income tax free that brings you down to zero for purposes
15. of this chart. So, we'll be sending a hundred and two or a hundred
16. and seventy dollars to people who might have ten, twenty thousand
17. of municipal income. If they had truly zero income, S.S.I. income
18. would have to be calculated in and throw them higher up on the scale.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Senator...Senator Harris.

21. SENATOR HARRIS:

22. Well, I'd just like to point out that this is household income
23. under the provisions of the Act and not taxable income, and in
24. another bill that we passed and signed into law, 2790, we excluded
25. S.S.I. income. Now, that's already in the Illinois Statute.
26. Senator Carroll's observations while well intentioned are not
27. accurate.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Glass.

30. SENATOR GLASS:

31. I...I would like to ask Senator Rock as sponsor of the bill
32. specifically why he objects to this amendment. I...I know it's
33. been debated, but I think the membership should have a direct

1. answer. As I understand it, taking an example, an individual
2. with a thousand dollars of income under...under the bill now
3. would...a gross income would get forty-five dollars, but an in-
4. dividual with nine thousand dollars of income would get ninety.
5. And it certainly seems to me on that simple example that as...as
6. now drafted, the bill benefits those with more income and that
7. Senator Harris' amendment would correct that. And I'd like to
8. know why Senator Rock doesn't agree with that if...if he doesn't.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Rock.

11. SENATOR ROCK:

12. What I said, and I will reiterate, Senator, is that this is
13. an Income Maintenance Program as proposed by Senator Harris. The
14. bill as introduced and the intention is to grant sales tax relief.
15. Now, whether you call it sales...it's to grant tax relief to senior
16. citizens. The...the original scale came from that measure or is
17. commensurate with the amount of money that one in that income
18. bracket would spend for sales tax on household necessities. And so,
19. it...it...just in terms of the scale, it's...it's obvious that if
20. one has more money to spend, one spends more on sales tax. That's
21. a Federal tax table that you can...the other point I would like to
22. ...I would like to respond to is that in the course of our discussions
23. with Senator Harris, I...I did suggest an alternative to allay his
24. suspicion or fear that those with zero income get zero. I...that
25. ...that multiplication is absolutely correct. And my alternative
26. proposal, frankly, he was not taken with it, but I will be delighted
27. to offer it. And what that says is it will establish a floor so
28. that those persons, every person who qualifies under this Act will
29. receive a minimum of fifty dollars and I will have that and offer
30. it as Amendment No. 4 once we successfully resist, I hope, Amendment
31. No. 3.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. The question is shall...Senator Harris.

1. SENATOR HARRIS:

2. Well, I just want to, very briefly, respond to the point
3. that Senator Rock just made and that is his countersuggestion to
4. this table that I've suggested and that is that...since that has
5. been brought into discussion here, it is better than the bill
6. presently provides and it does cure the problem of four point five
7. times zero. That...that is cured in the suggestion that Senator
8. Rock has now mentioned. I would just point out that my objection
9. to that is that in the present bill, when one gets to nine nine
10. nine nine point nine nine, we are talking about in round figures
11. a ninety-five dollar grant. And for the person whose income, whose
12. household income is ten thousand dollars and one cent, he gets zero.
13. So that the table I'm proposing in Amendment No. 3 cures that great
14. disparity because as you cross the line from nine nine nine nine
15. to ten thousand, the discrepancy between a household at nine nine
16. nine nine is thirteen dollars, and the person whose household is
17. ten thousand, his income is ten thousand, has a discrepancy of
18. thirteen dollars which, in my judgement, continues the concept of
19. equity more desirably than that disparity of ninety-five dollars
20. chopped off to zero for a person whose income is only one cent more.
21. I think...I...I left that out of the discussion until now because
22. we had not discussed the alternative that Senator Rock proposed.
23. And Senator Rock's proposal still continues that discrepancy at the
24. top end of the scale. So, I think this in all aspects Amendment
25. No. 3 is a much more sound approach to Senior Citizens Tax Relief
26. than as provided in the schedule in the bill as introduced.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Harris moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to
29. Senate Bill 62. All those in favor of the adoption of this amend-
30. ment say Aye. Opposed. A roll call is indicated. Three members
31. desire roll call? The voting is open. All in...all in favor of
32. the amendment will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is
33. open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question,

1. the Ayes are nineteen, the Nays are thirty-four. The amendment
2. fails. Are there further amendments from the Floor? Senator
3. Hynes.

4. SENATOR HYNES:

5. I would offer Amendment No. 4, Mr. President, which is on
6. the Secretary's Desk and is being distributed to the membership.
7. And as Senator Rock indicated, it would add a fifty dollar floor
8. to the payments under this Program to the...to the tax rebates.
9. It has the distinct advantage of maintaining this program as a
10. Tax Relief Program, a sales tax relief program, because it is
11. reasonable to use an estimate for the lower range. It also, then,
12. will avoid the problem that we discussed with respect to S.S.I.
13. and the possible impairment of Federal funds coming to the State
14. under that program, and it does add equity to the program and I
15. think removes, substantially, the objection of Senator Harris but
16. not...not completely. And I would offer that amendment, Mr.
17. President.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. This called the Harris (Latin Phrase) amendment. Senator
20. Harris.

21. SENATOR HARRIS:

22. Just one question, Senator Hynes. What will this add to the
23. cost of the program?

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Hynes.

26. SENATOR HYNES:

27. The...the cost, as I understand it, is in the neighborhood
28. of four hundred thousand dollars.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Any further discussion? Senator Harris.

31. SENATOR HARRIS:

32. Well, I...we've done some very cursory calculations and we...we
33. conclude that it's probably going to run more in the neighborhood

1. of...of five million dollars. I know that this is a somewhat
2. complex question, but I...I may not be right but I don't think
3. you are either.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Very interesting. Senator Merritt. Just briefly.

6. SENATOR MERRITT:

7. Mr. President...

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Merritt.

10. SENATOR MERRITT:

11. Mr. President, I'd like to ask the sponsor of the amendment,
12. I forget who...which Senator offered the amendment, Senator Hynes?

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Hynes offered the amendment. He will yield to a
15. question.

16. SENATOR MERRITT:

17. I'd...I'd like to ask him one question so that I have it
18. clear in my mind. As you have indicated a fifty dollar floor,
19. do I understand then from an income of zero up to beginning with
20. fifteen hundred up to that point, those figures all change to
21. fifty dollars? Is that correct, Senator?

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Hynes.

24. SENATOR HYNES:

25. That is correct.

26. SENATOR MERRITT:

27. Because I...I haven't seen any...thank you very much.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Any further discussion? Senator Hynes may close the debate.

30. SENATOR HYNES:

31. With respect to the...the...the cost, assuming one hundred
32. percent participation which has not been the case under any of the
33. programs we've been discussing, the cost of this amendment would be

1. hundred ninety-three thousand six hundred twenty dollars assuming
2. one hundred percent participation. And it is reasonable to assume
3. that it will be less than one hundred percent participation, and I
4. would move the adoption of the amendment.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Hynes moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to
7. Senate Bill 62. Those in favor will vote Aye. All...those
8. Opposed will say No. Alright. All...all those in favor say Aye.
9. Opposed. Amendment is adopted. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 17.
10. Oh, you want to go with 63 now? Senator McCarthy, for what purpose
11. do you arise?

12. SENATOR McCARTHY:

13. For leave of the Body to be added as a co-sponsor of Senate
14. Bills 62 and 63.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senate Bills 62 and 63, Senator McCarthy desires leave to be
17. co-sponsor of those bills. Is there leave? Leave. Likewise,
18. Senator Bruce, Senator Dougherty, Senator Welsh, Senator Demuzio,
19. Senator Buzbee, Senator Newhouse, Senator Wooten, Senator Palmer.
20. Is there leave for these gentlemen to be added as co-sponsors of
21. Senate Bills 62 and 63? Is there anyone who doesn't want to be
22. a co-sponsor of these bills? Senator Mitchler, you desire to be
23. on these bills? Is that correct, Sir? And Senator Berning, did
24. ...Senator Mitchler. Now, if you gentlemen will cease to ask me
25. questions and take the names as I give them, you'll have all those
26. names. Senator Latherow.

27. SENATOR LATHEROW:

28. Mr. President, I might suggest you just put everybody on and
29. someone who doesn't want on can bring a note down and get their
30. name taken off.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Thank you, Senator Latherow. Senator Rock.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if
2. Senator Harris...

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Now wait, now...let's...let's get back, then, to a state of
5. attention because we only have a few other things to do here and
6. we can get moving. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
9. Senate. Pursuant to, again, my representation yesterday, my
10. agreement with Senator Harris, I would at this time ask leave
11. to call...recall Senate Bill 63 to the order of 2nd reading for
12. the purpose of Senator Harris' proffered amendment.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Rock seeks leave to return Senate Bill 63 to the
15. order of 2nd reading. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The
16. Chair recognizes Senator Harris.

17. SENATOR HARRIS:

18. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this amendment to
19. Senate Bill 63 was distributed to you yesterday and it is a very
20. simple amendment. We have at present an appropriation for the
21. administration of the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property
22. Tax Relief Act of thirty-five million dollars. Senate Bill 63 is
23. an appropriation of an additional thirty-four million dollars for
24. the administration of the Act under the terms of and requirements
25. of Senate Bill 62. Now, back in December, if you'll recall, I
26. raised the question about administrative duplication and the require-
27. ment for greater expense so that whatever dollars we spend that are
28. used in administration are unwise and misdirective of the resources
29. that we want to impact on tax relief and in this case for the
30. elderly or the disabled. The fact is that if we have a special
31. appropriation bill appropriating the thirty-four million dollars
32. which, frankly, now should have at least a seven hundred thousand
33. dollar increase and to that extent, this amendment is inadequate

1. also, but this amendment will eliminate the requirement for draw-
2. ing two warrants. And I don't know what it costs to draw a State
3. warrant, but I'll gamble that it costs a minimum of a dollar and
4. a half in the administrative process to draw into being a State
5. warrant. The sense of this amendment is to include the thirty-four
6. million dollars in the existing appropriation changing it from
7. thirty-five million to sixty-nine and the elimination of the assign-
8. ment of another account number and duplicative processing of the
9. warrant. I think this really makes sense and I just am most
10. interested in eliminating administrative expense if we possibly can.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Rock.

13. SENATOR ROCK:

14. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
15. Senate. I rise in opposition to Amendment No. 1. I think it is
16. a separate identifiable, distinct program and it warrants its own
17. appropriation. Admittedly, there will be some additional adminis-
18. trative costs. I have been assured, however, by both the Department
19. of Revenue and by the Treasurer's Office the cost is minimal. I
20. would point out that under the amendment as proffered, we would be
21. appropriating sixty-nine million dollars. It does not say reappro-
22. priate the original thirty-five. So, if you add the ori...already
23. appropriated thirty-five plus the sixty-nine, we are now in the
24. neighborhood of one hundred million dollars. I am asking only for
25. thirty-four million. I would resist and strongly urge opposition
26. to Amendment No. 1.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Any further discussion of this amendment? The question is
29. shall this amendment be adopted. Senator Harris moves the adoption
30. of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill...oh pardon me. Senator Harris
31. may close the debate.

32. SENATOR HARRIS:

33. Well, I just point out that time after time we have changed

1. appropriation bills. This...there is no requirement to reappro-
2. priate the thirty-five million that is available for the 75th
3. fiscal year, fiscal '75. What this does is simplify and provide
4. the opportunity to the Department of...of Revenue to administer
5. this and eliminate the problem of establishing duplicate warrant
6. drawing requirements. It makes sense. I urge its adoption and
7. would respectfully request a roll call.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Harris moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to
10. Senate Bill 63. All those in favor vote Aye. All those opposed
11. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take
12. the record. On this question, the Ayes are nineteen, the Nays are
13. thirty-three. The amendment fails. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 17.
14. Senator Bruce.

15. SENATOR BRUCE:

16. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, Senate Bill 17,
17. as presently constituted, creates statutorily the Capitol Development
18. Bond Contributory Trust Fund. It is presently in effect by decree
19. and has been in effect for eighteen months. We must re-create this
20. Contributory Trust Fund by the 7th day of February or the money will
21. go back into the General Revenue Fund. The...the original proposal
22. has been limited now solely to junior colleges and to common schools.
23. The ingredient which makes this bill very acceptable is the fact
24. that at the present time under this legislation, the Capitol Develop-
25. ment Board cannot request money more than thirty days before the
26. estimated payout. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Will the Secretary read the bill.

29. SECRETARY:

30. Senate Bill 17.

31. (Secretary reads title of bill)

32. 3rd reading of the bill.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Is there any further discussion? All in...the question is
2. shall Senate Bill 17 be passed. All in favor will vote Aye.
3. Opposed - Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished?
4. Take the record. On this question, the Ayes are fifty-one, the
5. Nays are none. Senate Bill 17 having received the constitutional
6. majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 62. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
9. Senate. Senate Bill 62, as everybody I'm sure knows by now, is
10. the Senior Citizens Tax Relief Bill. We have worked long and hard.
11. The hour is now. I would invite everybody to be a co-sponsor and
12. I would urge a favorable vote.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Any further discussion? The question is shall...please read
15. it.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Senate Bill 62.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 3rd reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. The question is shall Senate Bill 62 pass. Those in favor
22. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all
23. voted who wished? Take the record. On this question, the Ayes
24. are fifty-two, the Nays are two. This...none - Present. This
25. bill having received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
26. Senate Bill 63. Read the bill, please.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Senate Bill 63.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 3rd reading of the bill.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Rock.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
2. Senate. Senate Bill 63 is the accompanying companion appropria-
3. tion bill in the amount of thirty-four million dollars. I congra-
4. tulate all the members on the last vote and would urge an identical
5. vote on this bill.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Any further discussion? Senator Harris.

8. SENATOR HARRIS:

9. Well, Mr. President, I'm one of those people who believes that
10. if the Senate has ordered a lunch that it's the responsibility of
11. the Senate to pay the bills and I intend to join in the passage of
12. this bill.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. The question is shall Senate Bill 63 pass. Those in favor
15. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all
16. voted who wished? Take the record. On this question, the Ayes
17. are fifty-three, the Nays are none. This bill, Senate Bill 63,
18. having received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
19. Message from the Governor.

20. SECRETARY:

21. Message from the Governor by Michael P. Duncan, Assistant
22. to the Governor. Mr. President, the Governor directs me to lay
23. before the Senate the following message: To the honorable members
24. of the Senate, the 79th General Assembly, I have nominated and
25. appointed the following named persons to this ... to the offices
26. enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of
27. these appointments by your honorable Body.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Executive. Appointments, Executive appointments.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Message from the Governor by Michael P. Duncan, Assistant to
32. the Governor. Mr. President, the Governor directs me to lay before
33. the Senate the following message: To the honorable members of the

1. Senate, the 79th General Assembly, I have nominated and appointed
2. the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and
3. respectfully ask concurrence and...in and confirmation of these
4. appointments by your honorable Body.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Executive appointments. Senator Netsch, for what purpose do
7. you arise?

8. SENATOR NETSCH:

9. While we're waiting further business, may I have leave to
10. have my name added as a co-sponsor to Senate Bill 77 with the
11. permission of the principal sponsor, Senator Schaffer.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Wooten.

14. SENATOR WOOTEN:

15. I would like leave of the Body to be shown as co-sponsor
16. of Senate Bill 11. I have permission of the sponsor, Senator
17. Kosinski.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Is there leave? Senator Wooten desired to join as co-sponsor
20. on Senate Bill 11 with the approbation of the chief sponsor.
21. Resolutions.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 introduced by Senators Mohr
24. and Donnewald.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Mohr, Senator Howard Mohr.

27. SECRETARY:

28. Howard Mohr.

29. SENATOR MOHR:

30. Yes, Mr. President. This is a repeat of the...

31. PRESIDENT:

32. May we have your attention. Go right ahead. Go right ahead,
33. Senator Mohr.

1. SENATOR MOHR:
2. ...Joint Resolution passed in the last Session dealing
3. with the needs of the Space Needs Commission for the authority
4. to hold closed meetings for the purpose of property acquisition
5. and negotiation under the Open Meetings Act. This is permissible
6. with legislative approval and they were asking again for the
7. approval that we had at...given to us at the last Session.
8. PRESIDENT:
9. Any discussion on this Resolution?
10. SENATOR MOHR:
11. This would require, Mr. President, two-thirds vote.
12. PRESIDENT:
13. Two-thirds vote. We'll have to take a roll call. Any
14. discussion? Senator Mohr moves the adoption of the Resolution.
15. On this question, those who are in favor will vote Aye. Those
16. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Senator Buzbee, for
17. what purpose do you arise?
18. SENATOR BUZBEE:
19. I'd just like to know what the Resolution is about.
20. PRESIDENT:
21. Would you tell him again, Senator?
22. SENATOR MOHR:
23. This...this is a resolution required by the Constitution
24. asking for permission of the Legislature for the Space Needs
25. Commission in this instance to hold closed meetings for the purpose
26. of negotiating with regard to land acquisition for the Space Needs
27. Commission in the Capitol Complex. We had this authority given
28. us at the last Legislative Session. We're asking for that authority
29. again. Purpose...it...it...under the Open Meetings Act, this is
30. permissible with the approval of the Legislature and that we are
31. asking for that approval this morning, Senator.
32. PRESIDENT:
33. Any further discussion? Those in favor vote Aye. Those

1. will vote...opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. I...the
2. Chair would just like to point out that the final determination
3. in any of these questions is made in open meetings. This relates
4. to negotiation which obviously should logically be in a closed
5. meeting. Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that
6. question, the Ayes are forty, the Nays are five, five Present.
7. This Resolution having received the constitutional majority is
8. declared passed. Senator Donnewald.

9. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

10. Yes, if this is the appropriate time, Mr. President, I'd like
11. to have Senate Bill 37 re-referred from Executive Committee to
12. Insurance and Licensed Activities.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Any objection? Leave is granted. Introduction of bills.

15. SECRETARY:

16. Senate Bill No. 43 introduced by Senator Shapiro.

17. (Secretary reads title of bill)

18. 1st reading of the bill.

19. Senate Bill No. 144 introduced by Senator Schaffer and
20. Davidson.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. 1st reading of the bill.

23. Senate Bill No. 146 introduced by the same sponsors.

24. (Secretary reads title of bill)

25. 1st reading of the bill.

26. Senate Bill No. 146 introduced by the same sponsors.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. 1st reading of the bill.

29. Senate Bill No. 147 introduced by Senators Berning, Dougherty,
30. Schaffer and Johns.

31. (Secretary reads title of bill)

32. 1st reading of the bill.

33. Senate Bill No. 148 introduced by the same sponsors.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)
2. 1st reading of the bill.
3. Senate Bill No. 149 introduced by the same sponsors.
4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
5. 1st reading of the bill.
6. Senate Bill No. 150 introduced by the same sponsors.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. 1st reading of the bill.
9. Senate Bill No. 151 introduced by the same sponsors.
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. 1st reading of the bill.
12. Senate Bill No. 152 introduced by the same sponsors.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 1st reading of the bill.
15. Senate Bill No. 153 introduced by the same sponsors.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. 1st reading of the bill.
18. Senate Bill No. 154 introduced by the same sponsors.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. 1st reading of the bill.
21. Senate Bill No. 155 introduced by the same sponsors.
22. (Secretary reads title of bill)
23. 1st reading of the bill.
24. Senate Bill No. 156 introduced by the same sponsors.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. 1st reading of the bill.
27. PRESIDENT:
28. Any...Senator Vadalabene.
29. SENATOR VADALABENE:
30. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I have a very important
31. announcement so I would appreciate some attention.
32. PRESIDENT:
33. ...bene has an announcement. Would you listen.

1. SENATOR VADALABENE:

2. Yea, Mr. President, the Executive Committee on Appointments
3. will meet immediately after adjournment rather than 2:30 in
4. Room 212, immediately after adjournment, Mr. President.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. The Chair would point out that there are no witnesses who
7. will be coming to this Committee meeting and it would not dis-
8. commode anyone, perhaps it would be to the convenience of the
9. membership if we did meet, at what time, Sir?

10. SENATOR VADALABENE:

11. Immediately after adjournment and...and the meeting won't
12. last too long, so.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Any further business to come before the Senate? Senator
15. Harris.

16. SENATOR HARRIS:

17. I'm sorry. Did I understand immediately or wouldn't fifteen
18. minutes from now be a little bit more realistic?

19. SENATOR VADALABENE:

20. Senator Harris, immediately after adjournment would probably
21. mean fifteen minutes.

22. SENATOR HARRIS:

23. Okay. Fine. We're on the same wave length.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. A resolution.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Resolution No. 17 introduced by Senators Savickas and
28. Daley and all members.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Savickas.

31. SENATOR SAVICKAS:

32. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this Resolution is
33. a commemoration of Lithuania Independent State which will be

1. celebrated February 16th in Chicago. I would appreciate your
2. consideration and passage now of this Resolution.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Savickas moves that the rules be suspended for the .
5. immediate consideration of this Resolution. All in favor say Aye.
6. Nay. The Ayes have it. Senator Savickas now moves the immediate
7. adoption of this Resolution. All in favor. Opposed. The Resolu-
8. tion is adopted. Senator Demuzio moves that the Senate be now
9. adjourned until February 13th, 1975, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. All
10. in favor. The Senate is adjourned.

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