

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 5, 1975

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the Senate will come to  
3. order. The prayer will be by the Reverend Leo Sestak, St. Brigid  
4. Church, Liberty, Illinois.

5. REVEREND LEO SESTAK:

6. (Prayer given by Reverend Sestak)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. By this statement, the record will reflect that the Insurance  
9. Committee is still meeting. We will address the routine parts of  
10. our Calendar and await the arrival of additional members. Reading  
11. of the Journal. Reading of the Journal. Senator Welsh.

12. SECRETARY:

13. February the 22nd, 19...Thursday, February 22nd,...27th, 1975.

14. SENATOR WELSH:

15. Mr. President, I move that...

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Welsh.

18. SENATOR WELSH:

19. ...further reading of the Journal of Thursday, February 27th, 1975  
20. be dispensed with, unless some Senator has corrections to offer, the  
21. Journal will stand approved.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. You heard the motion are you ready for the question? All in  
24. favor. Nays. The Ayes have it. Senator Welsh.

25. SENATOR WELSH:

26. Mr. President, I further move that the reading and approval of  
27. the Journals of Friday, February 28th, 1975 and Tuesday, March 4th,  
28. 1975 be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journals.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. You heard the motion. Are you ready for the question...ques-  
31. tion? All in favor say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Com-  
32. mittee reports.

33. SECRETARY:

34. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns

1. the following to Committee:

2. Appropriations - Senate Bills 225, 226, 227, 239 and 240;  
3. Elections and Reapportionment - Senate Bill 229; Judiciary - Senate  
4. Bill 228, 230, 231, 233 and 238; Labor and Commerce - Senate Bills  
5. 234 and 235; Local Government - Senate Bills 218, 220, 221, 222 and  
6. 232; Pensions, Personnel and Veterans Affairs - Senate Bill 236;  
7. Public Health, Welfare and Corrections - Senate Bill 223; Revenue -  
8. Senate Bills 219 and 237.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Message from the House.

11. SECRETARY:

12. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

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

17. House Joint Resolution No. 13.

18. (Secretary reads HJR No. 13)

19. PRESIDENT:

20. House Joint...the question is shall we adopt this resolution,  
21. House...House Joint Resolution 13? Senator Rock.

22. SENATOR ROCK:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. This is the Joint Resolution calling  
24. us into Special Session at noon today for the purpose of hearing the  
25. Governor's Budget Message. I would move its adoption.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it.  
28. The resolution is adopted. Introduction of bills.

29. SECRETARY:

30. Senate Bill 241 introduced by Senators Kosinski, Saperstein,  
31. Nudelman and others.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill 242 introduced by Senators Savickas, Chew, Romano
2. and others.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 1st reading of the bill.
5. Senate Bill No. 243 introduced by Senators Soper, Dougherty,
6. Harris and others.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. 1st reading of the bill.
9. Senate Bill No. 244 introduced by Senators Soper, Harris...
10. Soper, Dougherty and Harris and others.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. 1st reading of the bill.
13. Senate Bill 245 introduced by Senators Morris, Joyce, Knuppel
14. and others.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill No. 246 introduced by Senator Sommer.
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 1st reading of the bill.
20. Senate Bill 247 by the same sponsors.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the bill.
23. Senate Bill No. 248 introduced by the same sponsor.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 1st reading of the bill.
26. Senate Bill No. ...Senate Bill No. 249 introduced by the same
27. sponsor.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. 1st reading of the bill.
30. Senate Bill No. 250 introduced by Senators Carroll, Saperstein,
31. Smith and others.
32. (Secretary reads title of bill)
33. 1st reading of the bill.
34. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Donnewald.
2. SECRETARY:
3. Senate Bill No....Senate Bill No. 251 introduced by Senators
4. Fawell, Shapiro and Glass.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. Senate Bill No. 252 introduced by the same sponsors.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bill.
10. Senate Bill 253 introduced by the same sponsors.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. 1st reading of the bill
13. Senate Bill No. 254 introduced by Senators Carroll, Saperteen...
14. Saperstein, Smith and others.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bill.
17. Senate Bill 255 introduced by Senator Carroll.
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 1st reading of the bill.
20. Senate Bill No. 256 introduced by Senator Carroll.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the bill.
23. Senate Bill 257 introduced by Senators Kenneth Course, Partee,
24. Donnewald and others.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. 1st reading of the bill.
27. Senate Bill No. 258 introduced by Senator Carroll.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. 1st reading of the bill.
30. PRESIDENT:
31. ...Senator Mitchler desire recognition for the purpose of...
32. you know what? Senator Mitchler.
33. SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. Mr. President and members of the Senate, we have visiting  
2. Springfield, yesterday and today, members of the Valley Industrial  
3. Association and the great Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Leading the  
4. group is the Honorable Albert D. McCoy, Mayor of the City of Aurora,  
5. which incidentally extends over into DuPage County and is now the  
6. largest city in DuPage County, and he is on the President's rostrum.  
7. I believe the President will allow him to say a few words, but  
8. representing the remaining part of the delegation, in the Gallery  
9. to the rear, is the lone survivor of the group, after last night,  
10. I guess, and it happens to be the brother of the Chaplain of the  
11. Senate today, Mike Sestak, who is the business...manager for the  
12. East Aurora school districts. I'd like to have him be recognized,  
13. and then, maybe we can have a few words from Mayor McCoy.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. On the President's rostrum is...please have a seat, young man,  
16. over there, please. On the President's rostrum is the Mayor of  
17. Aurora, Illinois. Let's have a word from Mayor Albert McCoy.

18. MAYOR ALBERT MCCOY:

19. The business community of Aurora, the industrial leaders and  
20. the business leaders annually come to Springfield to meet and say  
21. thank you to our members in the Senate and also to the members in  
22. the House. And we are very anxious to keep in touch with our  
23. Senators and their people in the State Legislature, since we are in a  
24. dynamic growing area. The City of Aurora is presently the largest  
25. city in Kane County, and it's the largest city in DuPage County, and  
26. we want to work very close with our State Legislature. Thank you.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Go with the...resolutions. Senator Nimrod.

29. SECRETARY:

30. Senate...Senate Resolution No. 24 introduced by Senator Nimrod.  
31. It's commendatory.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Nimrod. Just a moment, Senator. You're entitled to

some order. ...(machine cut-off)...order, please. Senator Nimrod.

SENATOR NIMROD:

1. Mr. President, this is a...declaring a Month of Vision Citation  
2. for them, and it's been declared by the Governor for the month of  
3. March, and it's a resolution to the Illinois Optometric Association.  
4. I would move for the suspension of the rules and immediate adoption  
5. of this resolution.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Senator Nimrod moves the suspension of the rules for the  
8. consideration of this resolution. All in favor say Aye. Opposed.  
9. The motion carries. Senator Nimrod now moves for the immediate  
10. adoption of this resolution. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed.  
11. The resolution is adopted. ...(machine cut-off)...Vadalabene.

12. SENATOR VADALABENE:

13. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Senate resolve  
14. itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the  
15. Governor's appointments setforth in the Governor's Message of  
16. January 20th.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. You heard the motion. All in favor. Opposed. Ayes have it.  
19. Motion carries. Senator Vadalabene.

20. SENATOR VADALABENE:

21. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Now, I move, unless there's  
22. objection, to ask leave to consider all of the following nominations  
23. on one roll call.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Is there a leave?

26. SENATOR VADALABENE:

27. Leave.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene.

30. SENATOR VADALABENE:

31. Now, Mr. President, I move that the Senate do advise and consent  
32. to the following nominations by the Governor:

33. To the Health Facilities Planning Board - Cornelia W. Foley of

Rockford for a term ending June 30th, 1975; John F. Wayland of LaSalle for a term ending June 30th, 1975; David F. Rendleman of Carbondale for a term ending June 30th, 1975; Nancy B. Jefferson of Chicago for a term ending June 30th, 1975; Jean A. Smith of Manteno for a term ending June 30th, 1975; Robert S. Peterson of Wheaton for a term ending June 30th, 1976; Mildred L. Sammons of East St. Louis for a term ending June 30th, 1976; John M. Stagl of Glenview for a term ending June 30th, 1977; and Andrea R. Rozran of Chicago for a term ending June 30th, 1977.

PRESIDENT:

The question is, does the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of the persons just made? Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On this question, the Ayes have 54, the Nays are none. And the majority of Senators elected, having concurred by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move now that the Senate do now arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDENT:

Heard the motion. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Bills on 2nd reading. Senate Bill 8, Senator Donnewald has advised he does not desire to call. Senate Bill 44, Senator Fawell.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 44.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments. One Floor Amendment offered by Senator Fawell.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I explained this amendment yesterday. It was requested by the Municipalities Committee

1. in regard to appointed officials who, under the terms of this bill,  
2. can have their salary changed in an upward direction, but the  
3. amendment states clearly that it cannot be altered downward. And  
4. I move the adoption of Amendment No. 1., Mr. President.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Any further discussion? Senator Fawell moves the adoption of  
7. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 44. All those in favor will say Aye.  
8. Opposed. The amendment is adopted. Any further committee amendments?  
9. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Senate Bill 224, Senator  
10. Mohr, Senator Howard Mohr...he's not here. Senate Bills on 3rd reading.  
11. Oh, I'm sorry. Senate Bill 224, Senator Howard Mohr.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Senate Bill No. 224.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Senate Bills on  
18. 3rd reading. Oh, pardon me. Senator Graham.

19. SENATOR GRAHAM:

20. Before you get on that, I'd... on a point of personal privilege,  
21. I'd like to introduce the Assessor from Barrington...

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Will the members be in their seats?

24. SENATOR GRAHAM:

25. ...the Assessor from Barrington township and his wife, Mr. and  
26. Mrs. Wickman. Properly, he should be over in the President's Gallery  
27. with these gentlemen with the veterans caps on because he's been  
28. very active in that. I'd like for Mr. and Mrs. Wickman to stand and  
29. be recognized.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. The Committee to escort the Governor into the House today are  
32. the following Senators: Senators Lane, Egan, Hickey, Regner and  
33. Bloom. Senate Bills on 3rd reading. Senate Bill 19, Senator Berning.



1. Senator Berning. I haven't learned your hand signals yet.

2. SENATOR BERNING:

3. He...he can't hear you down there. The light just came on,

4. Mr. President.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Oh, I see.

7. SENATOR BERNING:

8. Thank you very much. Yes, if you will, Mr. President and

9. members of the Senate, Senate Bill 19 is a permissive bill...

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Just...just a moment, Senator, until he reads it please. Read

12. the bill.

13. SECRETARY:

14. Senate Bill No. 19.

15. (Secretary reads title of bill)

16. 3rd reading of the bill.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Berning.

19. SENATOR BERNING:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, this is a

21. permissive bill. All it is doing is increasing the possible tax

22. levy rate for the support of museums after a referendum. The

23. amendment raises the figure from point zero, zero, zero three to

24. point zero, zero four, and assures that the referendum can only

25. be held at the time of a primary or general election. I know of

26. no opposition, and I would appreciate a favorable roll call.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill 19

29. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting

30. is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that

31. question, the Ayes are 51, the Nays are none. This bill, Senate Bill

32. 19, having received the constitutional majority is declared passed.

33. Senate Bill 33, Senator Glass.

1. SENATOR GLASS:

2. Mr. President...yeah, Mr. President, I wonder if it would be  
3. possible if this bill could be held for a few minutes. I would  
4. like to call it today, but I know Senator Latherow indicated he  
5. wanted to be here for it. So if you could hold it, I...wonder if  
6. we could hold this bill. I'd like to call it today and prepared  
7. to do so, but Senator Latherow, I think, would like to be here.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. You want it deferred until...Senator Latherow arrives? Fine.  
10. Senate Bill 35, Senator Hickey. Senator Hickey. Senator Hickey,  
11. are you going to call 35? Hold. Senate Bill 47, Senator Buzbee.  
12. Read the bill.

13. SECRETARY:

14. Senate Bill 47.

15. (Secretary reads title of bill)

16. 3rd reading of the bill.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Buzbee.

19. SENATOR BUZBEE:

20. Mr. President, thank you. In the Calendar that is before us,  
21. there is a mistake. This appropriates instead of six hundred and  
22. sixteen thousand dollars, it's a five hundred and forty-one thousand  
23. dollar appropriation. I'm really not sure what caused that error  
24. because six hundred and sixteen thousand has never been under con-  
25. sideration. But we're talking about a five hundred and forty-one  
26. thousand dollar appropriation to Southern Illinois University, both  
27. at Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, primarily for the reason  
28. of increased utility costs. I'm sure that you are aware that coal  
29. costs jumped tremendously within the past year, an event which no-  
30. body could foresee, including university officials. By the way, this  
31. is one of a series of bills for additional utility costs at universities  
32. throughout the State. So, it's not just Southern Illinois University.  
33. We amended the bill, Senator Weaver's amendment in the Appropriations

1. Committee to break it down a little bit better for contractual  
2. services, and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Any further discussion? Senator Smith.

5. SENATOR SMITH:

6. ...President, will the Senator yield for a question?

7. PRESIDENT:

8. He indicates he will yield.

9. SENATOR SMITH:

10. Senator, I notice here...I...I notice here, with the regards to this  
11. bill, it appropriates the amount that you specified, six hundred  
12. and sixteen thousand dollars, is that correct?

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Buzbee.

15. SENATOR BUZBEE:

16. No, Senator, that is not correct. It is five hundred and  
17. forty-one thousand dollars instead of six hundred and sixteen thousand.

18. SENATOR SMITH:

19. All right. Well, take the five hundred and some odd thousand  
20. dollars that you now state. Was it...was the original amount reduced?  
21. I asked that first.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Buzbee.

24. SENATOR SMITH:

25. The Calendar shows that certain sum, and now you're according a  
26. different sum. The Calendar quotes six hundred and sixteen thousand  
27. dollars.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator...Senator, he began his explanation. You might...  
30. perhaps did not hear it, by saying that the Calendar is in error,  
31. that the actual amount of money is five hundred and forty-two  
32. thousand dollars.

33. SENATOR SMITH:

1. ...but reduced to a dollar and a half, which it wasn't. I  
2. now ask of you, Senator, this question. Where do you suppose or  
3. propose that the monies be appropriated from?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Buzbee.

6. SENATOR SMITH:

7. ...this five hundred and some odd thousand dollars that you  
8. seek...is to be appropriated from what...from what fund?

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Well, I believe that all university appropriations come out of  
13. the General Revenue Fund, Senator.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Smith.

16. SENATOR SMITH:

17. Do you know whether or not it has been the fact that up to this  
18. moment, the funds for their institution and all other institutions  
19. comes not from the source that you now state, but from a...another,  
20. a special fund.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Buzbee.

23. SENATOR BUZBEE:

24. I'm sorry. I...I did not hear that.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Smith, would you repeat your question? Senator Smith,  
27. I think your courtesy in trying to look at him when you ask him  
28. a question...

29. SENATOR SMITH:

30. I'll look at this, Sir.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Fine. Very good.

33. SENATOR SMITH:

1. And I hope that the members will listen. I differ with the  
2. Senator, with regards to the series of appropriations that have  
3. been made for the particular institution. There is another fund  
4. that ordinarily these monies have been appropriated from over a  
5. period of time. I have here the name of the particular fund, which  
6. is of no moment, except for the fact that I can't see the wisdom of  
7. coming in here at this time asking for any appropriation unless the  
8. necessity, therefore, is proven for this particular institution. The  
9. fund I have here, an itemized account showing the funds that are  
10. now available, and what attracted my attention was, if I read this  
11. bill, all right, and I had it somewhere here...yes, this Act takes  
12. effect upon its becoming a law. In other words, I take it that's  
13. an emergency provision, is it not, Senator?

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Buzbee.

16. SENATOR BUZBEE:

17. Yes, Senator Smith, this is an emergency appropriation, and it's  
18. not just this institution, but it's almost all of the universities  
19. in the State have similar bills in. Due to the fact of the increased  
20. energy costs, an example, the price of coal jumped from eight dollars  
21. a ton to twenty-five dollars a ton overnight. And as a result of this,  
22. there...these...this happened about last November or December long  
23. after their regular appropriation had gone through, and they were  
24. simply not prepared for it, as...and there was nobody else that was  
25. prepared for this.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Smith.

28. SENATOR SMITH:

29. Mr. President, I don't take...please understand, exception to  
30. your statement about the expenditure of funds. I could show here  
31. the total amount that you have received for those purposes from  
32. another appropriation, and I'm willing to concede that you, perhaps,  
33. need the monies that you're asking for in this bill. What I think,

1. before this bill is passed, the need should be justified. I have  
2. here, from the Comptroller's office, a statement of the condition  
3. of the fund from which the appropriations have been made previously,  
4. and I should like to state the amounts that he had in those funds.  
5. So, I see no need in this...for this particular bill making appro-  
6. priations from the General Revenue Fund. As in a balance of four  
7. million, eight hundred and nine thousand, three hundred and twenty  
8. dollars in the Contractual Fund; there's a million, five hundred  
9. and thirty-six thousand, two hundred and thirty-four dollar balance,  
10. in the Commodities Fund, and for all other operating appropriations,  
11. there is, as we stand here now, a balance of fifty-one...no, that's  
12. the expended...the unexpended is forty-six million, a hundred and  
13. seventy-seven thousand, seven hundred and eighty-one dollars, and  
14. these are the figures that were given me just today from the par-  
15. ticular office. Now, the figures for the month of January, they tell  
16. me, will not be available for two or three days. Now, I could wish,  
17. Mr. Chairman, that the Senator would hold the bill, if you will,  
18. Senator, for two or three days until we get the subsequent figures.  
19. He guarantees me that he'll have the subsequent figures showing  
20. what...what has been expended from the appropriation subsequent to  
21. January the 1st to January the 31st, inclusive. But, as of this  
22. moment, insofar as his offices are concerned, there is an abundance  
23. of monies available, and if available, and I know I'm not suppose  
24. to argue this, and I'm not arguing it down, because if you insist on  
25. going forward with your bill, I...I think it would be unreasonable  
26. on the part of this Body, while I think it, perhaps no one else  
27. thinks that, when there are sufficient funds in all three of the  
28. different sections from which your appropriation ordinarily proceeds.  
29. Are you willing to hold it, to verify these figures, Senator?

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Buzbee.

32. SENATOR BUZBEE:

33. Mr. President and Senator Smith and other Senators, this bill

1. had a very thorough hearing in the Appropriations Committee.  
2. Obviously, there...we are now in March of fiscal year 1975, the  
3. fiscal year does not end until 30, June. I would certainly hope  
4. that there would be substantial balances in all of the funds of the  
5. universities because they've got three months to operate before this  
6. fiscal year is over. Now, as to the...as to the amount of monies that  
7. are still left, I do not have those figures in front of me, Senator.  
8. This is a...an appropriation that's been approved by the Illinois  
9. Board of Higher Education for not only Southern Illinois University  
10. but for other universities because they saw the need of the additional  
11. funds that would...were needed by this university, as well as others.  
12. However, Senator, out of courtesy to you or to any other Senator on this  
13. Floor, I will be glad to hold this bill or any other bill whenever a  
14. fellow Senator asks me to. So, therefore, Mr. President, I would ask  
15. that you take it out of the record.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 60, Senator Dougherty.  
18. Senator Dougherty, do you desire to call Senate Bill 60?

19. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 60 provides...

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Read the bill. Read the bill first, please.

23. SECRETARY:

24. Senate Bill 60.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. 3rd reading of the bill.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Dougherty.

29. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

30. To the Senate, this bill does not provide for any new money. It  
31. means really the transfer of about a hundred and seventy-five thousand  
32. dollars from several line accounts. This is...necessitate by the valu-  
33. able work that's been generated in the last year or so. There's no new

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1. money involved, and I would ask the Senate to concur to...
2. PRESIDENT:
3. Any further...
4. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:
5. ...to the Elections Committee.
6. PRESIDENT:
7. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill
8. 60 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
9. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the
10. record. On this question, the Ayes are 54, the Nays are none,
11. one Present. This bill having received the constitutional majority
12. is declared passed. Senate Bill 71, Senator Saperstein. Read the
13. bill.
14. SECRETARY:
15. Senate Bill 71.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. PRESIDENT:
18. Senator...
19. SECRETARY:
20. 3rd reading of the bill.
21. PRESIDENT:
22. Senator Saperstein.
23. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:
24. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
25. Senate Bill 71, as amended, is a bill that would remove the State
26. Board of Elections and the State Board of the Education from under
27. control of a Code Department...a Department of Finance as a result of
28. their creation by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the
29. Constitution of 1970. These two agencies were never meant to come
30. under the Code Department because their creation by the Constition,
31. therefore, I urge your support.
32. PRESIDENT:
33. Any further discussion? Senator Buzbee.



SENATOR BUZBEE:

1. I'm sorry, Mr. President. Having just gone through the presen-  
2. tation of a bill, I have not had a chance to look at this particular  
3. bill, but in my Calendar, Senate Bill 71 says that it amends the  
4. State Finance Act to permit the State Board of Education to approve  
5. vouchers, regulate travel and transfer funds within the budget. But  
6. the Senator's explanation was concerning the removal of the Board of  
7. Education people from the Personnel Code, and so I'm confused. Are  
8. we talking about the same bill?

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator, I think your explanation relates to Senate Bill 70  
11. rather than to Senate Bill 71. Would you like to look at it again,  
12. please?

13. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

14. Did I...did I mention in my...presentation the Department of  
15. Personnel or the Department of Finance?

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Personnel.

18. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

19. Now, wait a minute...one...you said...I said Finance...

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Well, here...here. Why don't we just start all over. It  
22. would be a lot easier than recounting what we've done. Let's just  
23. start over. Senate Bill 71. The bill has been read. Shall we take it  
24. out of the record for a moment?

25. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

26. No. No, no, don't take it out of the record. The explanation  
27. is this...just a moment.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Of course.

30. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

31. Senate Bill 71 concerns itself with removing...

32. PRESIDENT:

33. May we have your attention?

34. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

1. ...the...State Board of Education, the Board of Election...the  
2. State Board of Election from the control and administration of the Depart-  
3. ment of Finance. The Board is an independent...entity, both  
4. boards created by the 1970 Constitution, and should not come  
5. under the control of the Finance Department. And the reason  
6. for this is that it is not part of the State structure in terms  
7. of code departments, but as a...as creatures of the...of the  
8. Constitution should remain as independent entities.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Any further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Mr. President, I'm sorry. I'm not trying to be obstreperous.  
13. I do not understand what...Senate Bill...I...I keep getting the  
14. impression that the Senator is describing Senate Bill 70 which is  
15. yet to appear before the Pensions and Personnel Committee of which  
16. I'm a member. And her explanation of Senate Bill 71, I'm...I'm sorry...  
17. again. I'm not trying to be obstreperous, I don't understand it.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Saperstein.

20. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

21. Senator, there are two bills. Senate Bill 70 which removes  
22. the State Board from the Department of...under the control of the  
23. Department of Personnel. 71 removes both the State Board of Elections  
24. and the State Board of Education from the control of the Department  
25. of Finance. They're two separate bills.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Are you sufficiently edified now, Senator? Any further  
28. discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill 71 pass. Those  
29. in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting  
30. is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On that  
31. question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are none, Voting Present are 4.  
32. This bill having received the constitutional majority is declared  
33. passed. Senator McCarthy.

34. SENATOR MCCARTHY:

Yes, Mr. President, I would like to go on a point of personal

1. privilege, and I hope it doesn't discommode the Body, but I do  
2. have here as guests of the Senate, a group of thirty-five people  
3. from Decatur. They are under the sponsorship of the Young Women's  
4. Christian Association and under the leadership of Mary Lou  
5. Schlachter. I'd like to introduce them to the Senate today because  
6. they picked a day when it wasn't too crowded to come over. So, I  
7. wonder if the Senate would recognize the presence of these fine  
8. people from Decatur that are visiting us today.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Would you stand and be recognized by the Senate? Senator  
11. Joyce.

12. SENATOR JOYCE:

13. Yes, Mr. Chairman or Mr. President. I would like to introduce  
14. the students from Melvin Sibley School, the eighth grade students.  
15. Mrs. Ames is the teacher. They are down here today visiting the  
16. State Capitol. Thank you.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senate Bill 141, Senator Shapiro. Read the bill.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senate Bill 141.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. 3rd reading of the bill.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Shapiro. Senator Shapiro.

25. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

26. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate  
27. Bill 141 makes a change in the appropriation for Northern Illinois  
28. University. And instead of providing for the...a capitol development  
29. in the form of the construction of a new auxiliary steam boiler, it  
30. changes the appropriation to provide for the construction of a steam  
31. pipe to hit up...to hook up two existing plants. There is no change  
32. in the appropriation. The same amount of money is necessary for  
33. either job. It received a unanimous vote in the Appropriations

1. Committee, and I would urge a favorable roll call on this bill.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill  
4. 141 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
5. voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record. On  
6. this question, the Ayes are 52, the Nays are none. Senate Bill  
7. 141 having received the constitutional majority is declared passed.  
8. Senator Wooten.

9. SENATOR WOOTEN:

10. Mr. President, I would like to ask leave of the Body, first  
11. of all, to be shown as cosponsor of Senate Bill 27. I would also  
12. like to invite members of the Body who wish to join in cosponsorship  
13. of Senate Bill 24. I think many of you have received a letter  
14. from the National Guard Association. This bill will be heard in  
15. committee tomorrow morning at 8:30. Senators McCarthy and Demuzio,  
16. Kosinski and Bell have indicated the desire to cosponsor the bill,  
17. and I would invite others, Senator Nudelman as well, others who  
18. wish to join in cosponsorship, perhaps to do so at this time. The  
19. committee hearing on that Senate Bill 24 will be tomorrow morning  
20. at 8:30.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Bell.

23. SENATOR BELL:

24. Yes, Mr. President. Senator Wooten has mentioned the fact that  
25. I'd like to be a cosponsor to this bill, and if that's sufficient, fine.  
26. I want to verify it. I would very much like to be a cosponsor to  
27. Senate Bill 24.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Is there leave...

30. SENATOR BELL:

31. I'd like leave of the Body for that.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Mitchler.

1. SENATOR MITCHLER:

2. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would ask leave of  
3. the Senate to be a cosponsor of Senate Bill 24 also.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Nudelman.

6. SENATOR NUDELMAN:

7. Mr. President, I would ask leave of the Body be...to be shown  
8. as an additional cosponsor of Senate Bill 24.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Kosinski.

11. SENATOR KOSINSKI:

12. Mr. President, I would ask permission to leave of the Body to  
13. be listed as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 24, Senate Bill 18 and  
14. Senate Bill 208.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On 24, could I see a show  
17. of hands of those who desire to join. Senator Hickey. Oh, I'm sorry.  
18. Senator Morris, Senator Joyce, Senator Welsh, Senator Demuzio, Senator  
19. Carroll, Senator Donnewald, Senator Rock, Senator Howard Mohr,...  
20. oh, I'm sorry. Are we going to fast for you? Senator Bloom, Senator  
21. Soper, Senator Don Moore, Senator Knuppel, Senator Harber Hall. Are  
22. there others? Senator Nimrod, Senator Schaffer...oh, my...Senator  
23. Roe, I'm sorry. Senator Roe. Is there leave for these persons  
24. mentioned to be added as cosponsors to Senate Bill 24? Leave is  
25. granted. Senator Hickey, for what purpose do you arise?

26. SENATOR HICKEY:

27. ...Chairman, I request leave to be added as a cosponsor to  
28. Senate Bill 28.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Howard Mohr.

31. SENATOR MOHR:

32. Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to be shown as a cosponsor of  
33. Senate Bill 243 and 244.

1. PRESIDENT:  
2. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Regner.  
3. SENATOR REGNER:  
4. Yes, Mr. President, I'd like to ask leave to be included  
5. as a cosponsor of Senate Bill 22.  
6. PRESIDENT:  
7. Is there leave? Leave is granted. For what purpose does  
8. Senator Nimrod arise?  
9. SENATOR NIMROD:  
10. Mr. President, I would ask leave to...re-refer Senate Bill 209  
11. to Revenue Committee from the Local Government. I have discussed  
12. this with Senator Donnewald and with Senator Dougherty.  
13. PRESIDENT:  
14. 209 to Revenue...  
15. SENATOR NIMROD:  
16. Senate Bill 209. That was a bill that Revenue worked on last  
17. Session...  
18. PRESIDENT:  
19. Senator Nimrod moves that Senate Bill 209 be discharged from...  
20. which committee...from Local Government and re-referred to Revenue.  
21. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed. The motion carries. Senator  
22. Glass, you are ready now on Senate Bill 33. Has the bill been read?  
23. Read the bill.  
24. SECRETARY:  
25. Senate Bill 33.  
26. (Secretary reads title of bill)  
27. 3rd reading of the bill.  
28. PRESIDENT:  
29. Senator Glass.  
30. SENATOR GLASS:  
31. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Bill 33  
32. which was discussed to some degree yesterday is a cleanup bill that  
33. makes some important changes in our School Bus Safety Law to make it

1. workable. This was developed over the last several months, several  
2. hearings and...and meetings with the representatives of DOT, the  
3. Secretary of State's office, the office of Education, the State Police,  
4. stating briefly what these changes do. They give some grace periods  
5. to preschool vehicles, and they provide other grace periods for all  
6. vehicles that cannot obtain some of the equipment, specifically, the  
7. stop arm that is required. The other changes are mainly changes  
8. which cleanup the language. I asked to wait until Senator Latherow  
9.. was on the Floor because I know he has a specific comment on one of  
10. the...the provisions that requires any component which is damaged in  
11. a...in a reportable accident to be reinspected before the buses  
12. return to service, and I think the Department of Transportation has  
13. given him the assurances he needs as to the administration of  
14. that provision. I'll be happy to answer any questions, Mr. President,  
15. and this came out of the Department of Transportation with, I think,  
16. all but Senator Latherow's approval. And I...I would, then, ask for  
17. favorable roll call, but I would yield to any questions.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Latherow.

20. SENATOR LATHEROW:

21. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate...am I on?

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Just a moment, Senator Latherow.

24. SENATOR LATHEROW:

25. What? One of the...

26. PRESIDENT:

27. The noise level here is impossible. Will the members...

28. SENATOR LATHEROW:

29. One of the...

30. PRESIDENT:

31. ...be in their seats? Senator Latherow.

32. SENATOR LATHEROW:

33. One of the real problems I had with this particular piece of

1. legislation, Mr. President and members, is the fact that part of this  
2. bill says that this bus must be reinspected under two conditions. One,  
3. is any reportable accident at a cost of at least a hundred dollars  
4. in damage. And the other was, that it would have to involve an inspectable  
5. item. Now mind you, an inspectable item would be a tail light that was  
6. knocked out. Now, I didn't mention this in committee, but that's what I  
7. had in mind, but the person representing DOT used the tail light as an  
8. example of necessary reinspection. Now, I...I, and you all know, how  
9. picayune any department can be to give themselves a...a little more power.  
10. Now, the department has sent a communication to me this morning by my  
11. secretary that regarding the portion of the bill that requires re-  
12. inspection, we, here in the department, are willing to send you a  
13. letter that DOT personnel will inspect this bus on the owners premises  
14. at no charge, within forty-eight hours after he's notified to  
15. provide this safety service. It said, I think your concern to the  
16. vehicle would have to go thirty or forty miles to be reinspected, and  
17. that's exactly what I am concerned about. I am also concerned and  
18. haven't got a hold of the department yet, but the fact that I think  
19. if something like a tail light, that they referred to me, is knocked  
20. out, that that bus doesn't have to stay out of service until that man  
21. shows up in forty-eight hours to reinspect it. To me, this is  
22. frivolous, and I hope that it...we don't come back here after this  
23. piece of legislation passes and have to say that we're going to make  
24. some adjustment on what...what is going on. Now, I am not going to  
25. support the legislation today because I still have my doubts. I think  
26. the rest of this bill, with the exception of the portion that I'm  
27. concerned about, is all right and is really needed. So, Mr. President,  
28. I thank you for your time. I want you all to know my concern.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Any further discussion? Senator Glass, may close the  
31. debate.

32. SENATOR GLASS:

33. Thank you, Mr. President. I...I would just urge support of this



1. bill. It is one that is needed immediately, and those who are  
2. administering the law in the field are one hundred percent behind  
3. it, and the various schools throughout the State who are operating  
4. under it. I...as I said, it basically is a cleanup bill, and the  
5. department has given Senator Latherow the assurances, I think, with  
6. respect to his point on...on reinspections after accidents, so I  
7. would ask for a favorable roll call.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. The question is shall Senate Bill 33 pass. All in favor will  
10. vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have  
11. all voted who wished? Take the record. On this question, the Yeas  
12. are 37, the Nays are 8, 5 Present. The bill having received the  
13. constitutional majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 143, Senator  
14. Shapiro. Senator Shapiro, 143. Senate Bill 166, Senator Carroll.  
15. Read the bill.

16. SECRETARY:

17. 66.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 3rd reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Carroll.

22. SENATOR CARROLL:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is based on the fact that  
24. Northeastern Illinois University's enrollment went up some nine per-  
25. cent as opposed to the projected two percents. These monies will be  
26. collected in fees from the students by way of tuition. They are now  
27. in what is called the Excess Fund. It's a transfer from the Excess  
28. Fund so that they may allocate for faculty and other auxiliary services  
29. to the additional students. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Is there discussion? Senator Buzbee.

32. SENATOR BUZBEE:

33. Mr. President, in keeping with the philosophy that all uni-

1. versities or all governmental bodies are not always able to  
2. foresee unforeseen events that may take place within the fiscal  
3. year, as happened with Northeastern Illinois University. I rise  
4. in support of this bill.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill  
7. 166 pass? All in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay.  
8. The voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record.  
9. On this question, the Yeas are 52, the Nays are 2, Present 1.  
10. This bill having received the constitutional majority is declared  
11. passed. 170, Senator Egan. Read the bill.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Senate Bill 170.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 3rd reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Egan.

18. SENATOR EGAN:

19. Thank you, Mr. President. Likewise, this is a supplemental appro-  
20. priation bill to increase for...as a result of the increased costs for  
21. heating at Chicago State University, a hundred and fifteen thousand;  
22. Western State, two hundred and fifty thousand; and Eastern Illinois,  
23. three...thirty-five thousand. There's also sixty-five thousand  
24. dollars included for the installation of an energy utilization monitoring  
25. device, which ultimately will save thousands of dollars in heating  
26. costs. And simply that, I would ask for your favorable support.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Any further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

29. SENATOR BUZBEE:

30. Mr. President, in keeping with the philosophy that all uni-  
31. versities are not able to foresee unforeseen events within their  
32. fiscal year and due to the increased costs of utility operations  
33. at this...at this group of universities, I rise in support of this bill.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate Bill  
3. 170 pass? All in favor will vote Aye. Senator Buzbee.

4. SENATOR BUZBEE:

5. Mr. President, I'm wondering if...I'm wondering if we have any  
6. kinds of problems with this bill, as we did with the Southern  
7. Illinois University bill? It's the same type bill, and I was wondering  
8. if there were questions from the Floor concerning this one.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. I asked if there were any further questions from the Floor.  
11. No one spoke, Senator Buzbee, and we called for the question.  
12. The...we've called for the roll call. All in favor vote Aye.  
13. All opposed will vote Nay. On the question of shall Senate Bill  
14. 170 pass, the voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take  
15. the record. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise?

16. SENATOR VADALABENE:

17. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I was called to the telephone,  
18. and I did want to be recorded on this roll call.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. The record will show that you did want to be recorded affirma-  
21. tively on this roll call. The record will show that you have that  
22. desire. On this question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are 7, none  
23. Present. This bill having received the constitutional majority is  
24. declared passed. Senator Fawell, we're holding 178 at your request,  
25. are we? That's being held at your request. Will you hold that  
26. just a minute, and let me just talk to you a moment. Senator  
27. Harris, did you desire recognition?

28. SENATOR HARRIS:

29. Mr. President, have we completed activity on the Senate Bills  
30. on 3rd reading?

31. PRESIDENT:

32. We're in the process of doing that now. If we're going to hold  
33. 178, that does, in fact, finalize 3rd reading this morning. Hold

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1. it one moment and we can tell you.

2. SENATOR HARRIS:

3. Okay. Fine. I'll stand by.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Harris.

6. SENATOR HARRIS:

7. Yes, Mr. President, on the order of motions, I am having  
8. distributed a copy of a motion I wish to move adoption by the  
9. Senate. It is an amendment to Senate Rule 6 that would strike  
10. the present language of Rule 6 and...

11. PRESIDENT:

12. One minute, Senator Harris. Will the members be in their  
13. seats. This is probably a very important issue. This is an  
14. issue that was before us yesterday. Would the members please be  
15. in their seats. Continue, Senator Harris.

16. SENATOR HARRIS:

17. The new language is very clear. It tracks the language of  
18. the Illinois Constitution, Article 14, Section 4. I would point  
19. out by way of explanation that the last paragraph of Rule 6 now  
20. very carefully excluded reference to the Illinois Constitution.  
21. The present language tracks the Federal Constitution and provides  
22. for the State initiative on proposing an amendment from State  
23. source or proposing a call for a Federal Convention to amend and  
24. limits itself to that language. When we adopted our rules two  
25. years ago which rules have been embraced on a temporary basis by this  
26. General Assembly, it was felt that the language of the Illinois  
27. Constitution was sufficient, and I don't think anyone can debate  
28. the clarity and the language of Section 4 of Article 14 of the  
29. Illinois Constitution. In the meantime, there's been a great deal  
30. of debate and some litigation, but I think now needs to have the  
31. direct action by the Senate as has occurred in the House in the  
32. last two years. I think everyone is familiar with the fact that  
33. direct language requiring a three-fifths vote restating the language

1. of the present Illinois Constitution was a good idea, and that's  
2. been the case in the House the last two years. We chose to let  
3. the language of the Constitution itself operate. In the interven-  
4. ing litigation and debate, it seems to me that it is now reached  
5. the point, particularly in the light of the somewhat fuzzy conclu-  
6. sions that have to be drawn from the opinion in the case that  
7. recently was rendered by the Federal District Court, the case in  
8. which Senator Netsch filed against me as the Presiding Officer last  
9. year and Representatives Dyer and Chapman and I believe Senator  
10. Saperstein filed against Speaker Blair. Now, I honestly don't  
11. think a great deal of debate is necessary. The language of this  
12. proposed rule change is completely clear, and let me read it to  
13. you. This would be the new last paragraph in Rule 6 if we adopt  
14. this amendment. "The affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members  
15. elected to the Senate shall be required to request Congress to  
16. call a Federal Constitutional Convention, to ratify a proposed amend-  
17. ment to the Constitution of the United States, or to call a State  
18. Convention to ratify a proposed amendment to the Constitution of  
19. the United States." This precisely tracks the language of the  
20. Illinois Constitution. It seems to me that it would make abundantly  
21. clear the Constitutional directive that is in effect, and I would  
22. urge the members to join me in adopting this amendment to our rules.  
23. I'd be happy to respond to any questions, otherwise, I would call  
24. for an affirmative vote on the question.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Just one moment. It is now fifteen minutes of twelve. We  
27. will be leaving here at least within seven minutes of the hour of  
28. noon for the purpose of the Joint Session. Let me make the announce-  
29. ment and clear to it all of you that several members have already  
30. indicated a desire to speak on this subject. We will return to this  
31. Body as soon as the Joint Session terminates for the purpose of  
32. continuing the discussion on this matter. The Chair has seen already  
33. these persons who desire recognition: Senators Rock, Senator Carroll,

1. Senator Knuppel, Senator Saperstein, Senator Netsch. Are there  
2. others? Senator Egan, Senator Glass, Senator Egan, Senator Fawell,  
3. Senator Morris, Senator Nudelman. Senator Harris, I think your  
4. assessment of...that this would not excite many persons is somewhat  
5. in error. Senator Harris.

6. SENATOR HARRIS:

7. Mr. President, my record of assessing what insights debate is  
8. just about on track. Let me just inquire. You indicated that we  
9. would reconvene immediately after the adjournment of the Joint  
10. Session. It seems to me, and I know that a good many members are  
11. going to be called upon to respond to media query. Would it not  
12. be a little bit more consistent with the practicalities of the  
13. day to suggest for example like that we would reconvene twenty  
14. minutes after the adjournment of the Special Session because I  
15. know we're going to have some people somewhat drifting in here.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator, I've come to know from this Body that immediately  
18. sometimes means twenty minutes to some members of this Body.

19. SENATOR HARRIS:

20. Right. Okay.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Knuppel.

23. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

24. I want to point out to this Body and to the President because  
25. he said he was going to attempt to achieve this, and I know that  
26. you people have heard me say this many times but God bore out what  
27. you told me last December...what I told you last December the 27th.  
28. You people punish yourself health-wise and I am one of the greatest  
29. punishers of all. There is no reason that we should adjourn...  
30. should not adjourn now and allow ourselves a decent time for a meal.  
31. Let...let's wake up in this Body to what we're doing to ourselves.  
32. The President said in caucus or other places I've heard him say that  
33. he thought this Body deserved that kind of treatment. So, let's

1. adjourn till 1:15, come back at a time definite. We know we're  
2. going to be here. Let's please run this like a business as far as  
3. time and so forth is concerned so that all of us know what we can  
4. and will do so that we can enjoy the health and things that we're  
5. entitled to and quit running it like, you know, letting it run  
6. itself like topsy. I...I would really appreciate it, and...and I  
7. say that sincerely. I'd like to speak on this issue, but there  
8. comes a time of the day that according to...to what...what I'm  
9. supposed to do, I'm supposed to eat and rest a little bit and...  
10. and I would appreciate that courtesy.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator, you've...Senator, you've convinced me. We...we  
13. will leave this Body in a moment and go to the House and return to  
14. the Senate at 1:15 for the purpose of discussion this motion which  
15. is now pending. Any further business to come before the House  
16. before we leave? Are those members of the Committee of...who were  
17. to escort the Governor prepared to go? Senators Lane, Egan,  
18. Hickey, Regner and Bloom. The Senate will stand in recess until  
19. 1:15.

20. (RECESS)

21. (AFTER RECESS)

22. PRESIDENT:

23. The hour of 1:15 having arrived, the Senate will come to order.  
24. We'll be at ease for a few moments until more members are present.  
25. Introduction of bills.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Bill No. 259 introduced by Senators Egan, Hynes,  
28. Kosinski and others.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 1st reading of the bill.

31. Senate Bill No. 260 introduced by the same sponsors.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 1st reading of the bill.

1. Senate Bill 261 introduced by the same sponsors.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. 1st reading of the bill.
4. Senate Bill No. 262 introduced by the same sponsors.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. Senate Bill No. 263 introduced by Senators Howard Mohr, Soper,
8. Schaffer and others.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. Senate Bill 264 introduced by Senator Schaffer.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. 1st reading of the bill.
14. Senate Bill No. 265 introduced by Senators Clarke, Weaver and
15. Harber Hall and others.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. 1st reading of the bill.
18. Senate Bill No. 266 introduced by Senators Glass, Shapiro,
19. Romano and Berning.
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 1st reading of the bill.
22. Senate Bill No. 267 introduced by Senators Berning, Dougherty,
23. Schaffer and others.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 1st reading of the bill.
26. Senate Bill No. 268 introduced by Senator Berning.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 1st reading of the bill.
29. Senate Bill No. 269 introduced by the same sponsor.
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. 1st reading of the bill.
32. Senate Bill No. 270 introduced by the same sponsor.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)



1. 1st reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Message from the Governor.

4. SECRETARY:

5. A message from the Governor by Michael P. Duncan, Assistant  
6. to the Governor.

7. Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lie before the  
8. Senate the following message.

9.. To the Honorable members of the Senate, the 79th General  
10. Assembly, I have nominated and appointed the following named  
11. persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask  
12. concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your  
13. Honorable Body.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Executive appointments. Message from the House. And would  
16. Senator Harris come to the podium a moment please.

17. SECRETARY:

18. A Message from the House, Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

19. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the  
20. House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate, in the  
21. passage of a bill with the following title, to-wit:

22. Senate Bill 34.

23. Senator Donnewald was the sponsor in the Senate, together with the  
24. following amendment, in the adoption of which I am instructed to  
25. ask concurrence of the Senate, to-wit.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Donnewald.

28. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

29. Yes, Mr. President, I...I would move that we do concur with  
30. the House Amendment which does precisely this, if everybody will  
31. listen.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Your attention please.

1. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

2. We...we have the...the sum of money involved is...is that of  
3. four million dollars as was...in the original bill. We are now  
4. taking that from General Revenue and putting it over into the  
5. Capitol Bond Development Board, and I...I would urge the membership  
6. on both sides of the aisle to support that amendment so that we can  
7. get it on the Governor's desk and...and begin to proceed with the  
8. renovation of the Capitol complex and pay some of the overdue bills.  
9. I think that this requires, Mr. President, a vote of at least  
10. thirty members in the affirmative.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. The question is shall the Senate concur in House Amendment  
13. No. 1 to Senate Bill 34. This requires a roll call.

14. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

15. Yes.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
18. voting is open. Have all voted who wished? Take the record.  
19. On this question, the Ayes are 38, the Nays are 1, 3 having  
20. Voted Present. The Senate concurs in Amendment No. 1 to Senate  
21. Bill 34, and the bill having received the required constitutional  
22. majority, is declared passed. ...(Machine cut-off)...does Senator  
23. Netsch arise?

24. SENATOR NETSCH:

25. If we are in a moment of hiatus, Mr. President, I have some  
26. names to add as cosponsors to a resolution that was introduced  
27. yesterday. Would this be an appropriate time to do it?

28. PRESIDENT:

29. More appropriately, could you put the names on a slip of paper  
30. and give them to the Secretary?

31. SENATOR NETSCH:

32. Very well. Thank you.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Shall...we'll have leave to have those names as set forth on  
2. the paper? All in favor say Aye. Leave is granted. Senator  
3. Welsh.

4. SENATOR WELSH:

5. Mr. President, there will be a Democratic caucus immediately  
6. in President Partee's office.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. And Senator Harris, let me say to you that I think it would  
9. not take more than ten minutes so...so your gentlemen could know.  
10. The Senate stands in recess.

11. (RECESS)

12. (AFTER RECESS)

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Harris on the Floor? Senate will be in Session.  
15. The members will be in their seats. At the close of the Session,  
16. we were in the course of debating a resolution, probably a...a  
17. motion, offered by Senator Harris which has the effect of altering  
18. the terms and conditions of our current Rule 6. The Chair had  
19. indicated by hands raised that there were several persons who had  
20. desired to speak on the matter. There's been an indication that  
21. a motion might be made to...which would have the effect of cutting  
22. off debate. This is a rather serious question for many persons.  
23. The Chair would only ask that we abide our time limits and as nearly  
24. as possible that members refrain from repetitious speeches. The  
25. Chair recognizes Senator Rock.

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
28. I will be as brief as is possible. I appreciate the fact that we  
29. do have, in fact, committees scheduled for this afternoon. I rise  
30. in opposition to Senator Harris' motion, and the reason for my  
31. opposition is that to amend Rule 6 in the way he proposes would  
32. result in Rule 6 of the Senate Rules of this General Assembly being  
33. unconstitutional. The reason I say that, is that the Attorney

1. General of this State has on two occasions ruled that the require-  
2. ment of a three-fifths vote to ratify an amendment to the Federal  
3. Constitution is, in fact, unconstitutional. That section of the  
4. Constitution...our Illinois State Constitution that requires that  
5. has been held by the Attorney General in two separate opinions as  
6. unconstitutional. I would also point out that in May of 1972, this was  
7. adequately pointed out by then Presiding Officer, Lt. Governor Paul  
8. Simon. He said, and I quote, "The Attorney General's opinion is  
9. that the provision of the Constitution requiring thirty-five  
10. votes is invalid and the Chair will abide by that decision". I  
11. think this Senate should abide by that decision. The decisions  
12. to which I refer are, one, an opinion of the Attorney General,  
13. Bill Scott, on April 2nd, 1973, pursuant to the request of then  
14. Speaker Blair, and he says in no uncertain terms, "The requirement  
15. of an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members of each House of  
16. the General Assembly to ratify a proposed amendment to the United  
17. States Constitution is declared to be unconstitutional, and there-  
18. fore, is void". He said again on May 11th, 1972, pursuant to a  
19. request of Senator Saperstein that, "The requirement of a three-  
20. fifths vote", and I'm quoting at page a hundred and eleven, "that  
21. the requirement of a three-fifths vote of each House of the General  
22. Assembly to ratify is also contrary to the Federal Constitution".  
23. Now, it seems to me, Mr. President, that if, in fact, a section of  
24. our Illinois Constitution has been declared null and void and uncon-  
25. stitutional by the Attorney General of our State to then enact that  
26. same provision and attempt to put it in our rules, is simply a void  
27. act. And I would urge opposition to this motion.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Carroll is recognized.

30. SENATOR CARROLL:

31. Thank you, Mr. President. I also rise in opposition to  
32. Senator Harris' motion as I had done under the prior Session of  
33. the General Assembly when he made his ruling which I also felt was

1. unconstitutional at the time. I think what's important to recall  
2. is what the Federal Court did, in fact, say and what the Federal  
3. Court did say is we are here when we do act on a constitutional  
4. amendment, a Federal Constitutional Amendment. We have that  
5. authority which the Federal government delegated to us and that  
6. authority is a direct delegation from the Congress of the United  
7. States and the Constitution of the United States, direct without  
8. stop to the Legislature of each of the States. The State  
9. Constitution cannot inhibit that. The State Executive cannot  
10. inhibit that. The State Judicial cannot inhibit that. It is a  
11. direct delegation to we, the Legislature. We, therefore, have the  
12. total power, the total power, to decide whether or not to adopt  
13. or ratify a constitutional amendment. The Constitution, the  
14. Illinois Constitution three-fifths requirement is not binding upon  
15. us nor can it be nor could any other similar provision. I think  
16. what's important to note here, though, is what we're doing to our  
17. own vote. We were each equally elected. We and the members of the  
18. House. No one person here should have a greater weighted vote than  
19. another. To require an extraordinary majority in doing our federally  
20. delegated responsibility, we should have each and everyone of us an  
21. equal vote. I think we should also look at the history of our  
22. sister states. Eighty-four percent of our sister states require  
23. a simple majority, either a majority of those elected or a majority  
24. of those present and voting. I think to require us to do any more  
25. would be the wrong action for us to take. I would urge all to  
26. oppose this attempt to amend our rules.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

28. Senator Saperstein.

29. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

30. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it is a  
31. known fact that for four years, the Illinois Senate has been  
32. struggling to either pass the Equal Rights Amendment to the Federal  
33. Constitution or to defeat it. I maintain in spite of the fact of

1. the ruling of the...of the Attorney General in two instances with  
2. a Federal Constitution provision that no hardship be placed upon  
3. the electorate of any given state to adopt a Federal amendment, an  
4. amendment to the Federal Constitution with the recent...with the  
5. recent decision of a three panel district court that the State has  
6. the power to determine the number of votes necessary to pass a  
7. Federal amendment and that...a...a provision of the State Constitu-  
8. tion which makes it a burdensome system to adopt a Federal...a  
9. Federal amendment need not be used because the Constitution, the  
10. State Constitution, is not a product of the Legislature per se.  
11. I think the preponderance of decisions in favor of a reasonable,  
12. a reasonable and moderate requirement, vote requirement, should  
13. be followed. I think we have to face reality that this is really  
14. not an issue of the present, the present motion, to amend a Rule 6  
15. of our rules, is not really an effort to provide equity, equity, in  
16. adopting a Federal amendment, but rather to defeat it. I think we  
17. have to look at it straight away that it is an effort to defeat the  
18. will of the people. And I urge you, I urge you, to not to put this  
19. burdensome, burdensome action on the part of this honorable and  
20. fair Chamber as you all have been through the years to give this  
21. Twenty-Seventh Amendment full debate and allow it to be passed by  
22. the rules of this Chamber, Rule 6, which requires a constitutional  
23. majority. Thank you very much.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

25. Senator Glass.

26. SENATOR GLASS:

27. Thank you, Mr. President. I think the arguments that I have  
28. to make have essentially been made by yourself and Senator Carroll  
29. and Senator Saperstein, so I will not take long to make this point  
30. that many of the members here have said that they intend to vote  
31. for a three-fifths vote because they think the Illinois Constitution  
32. requires it, and nothing could be further from the truth. The  
33. Illinois Constitution itself states that, in Section 4 of Article 14,

1. that the requirements of this section shall govern to the extent  
2. they are not inconsistent with the requirements established by the  
3. United States. In other words, even in the section of our Constitu-  
4. tion where it requires a three-fifths vote, it says that those  
5. requirements shall not govern if they're inconsistent with...with the  
6. requirements established by the United States. And as has been  
7. pointed out, the United States has specifically left this decision  
8. within the purview of each State Legislature. And that has been  
9. amply demonstrated by the Attorney General's opinion as well as  
10. by the opinion of the three judge Federal Court which I think most  
11. of us has seen...have seen. That opinion makes it clear that it  
12. is entirely within the purview of this Body to determine what  
13. vote is required to adopt...to ratify amendments to the Federal  
14. Constitution. And I think as has also been pointed out that unless  
15. we require a bare majority vote, we are in effect giving greater  
16. weight to the votes of those members voting No. And I think every-  
17. body's...in this Body, every...everybody's vote ought to be entitled  
18. to the same weight on a measure as important as ratification of an  
19. amendment to the Federal Constitution. So, I would urge that we  
20. defeat this resolution and establish a thirty vote requirement for  
21. ratification.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

23. Senator Netsch.

24. SENATOR NETSCH:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. There...a lot has been said about  
26. the court decision although I think there may be still some dispute  
27. about what the three judge Federal Court did hold or not hold. I  
28. think it might be worthwhile reading a key sentence from that  
29. opinion. Article 14, Section 4 which is the provision of the  
30. Illinois Constitution we're talking about of the Illinois Constitu-  
31. tion of 1970 does not impose a valid restraint on the power of any  
32. Session of the Illinois General Assembly to determine for itself  
33. the number of affirmative votes which will be required to ratify

1. a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States. What  
2. that says is that the provision in the Illinois Constitution is of  
3. no binding effect on this Legislature. It is true, however, that  
4. we are free to adopt, apparently within some bounds of reasonable-  
5. ness, whatever vote we think is appropriate. It is true we could  
6. adopt Senator Harris' motion and a three-fifths vote. It is equally  
7. true that we could adopt a majority vote. The choice is entirely  
8. ours. The second thing that I wanted to mention was just another  
9. word of background on the provision in the Illinois Constitution.  
10. Senator Glass just read the sentence at the end of the very section  
11. that we're talking about which said that any part of this section  
12. not consistent with the Federal Constitution will, in effect, be  
13. inoperative. That sentence is in the Illinois Constitution quite  
14. consciously. There were many of us who were delegates to that  
15. convention who had grave doubts as to whether or not we could  
16. validly impose an extraordinary majority vote on ratification of  
17. a Federal Constitutional Amendment and also the additional provision  
18. which required an intervening election. We wrote to that weasel  
19. worded last sentence in to express our concern and to make sure  
20. that other provisions would not be invalidated if our fears proved  
21. to be well founded. Secondly, and this I think is fairly important,  
22. not only as a member of that convention, but I hope as a reasonable  
23. lawyer, I do not take lightly not paying attention to language that  
24. is in the Illinois Constitution, and it's true it says a three-  
25. fifths vote and an intervening election. I would like to give just  
26. one brief word of background as to why that provision was included.  
27. It came at a time when we in Con Con were very conscious of and  
28. concerned about the so-called Dirksen State's Rights Resolutions,  
29. not technically amendments to the Federal Constitution, but resolu-  
30. tions that would have resulted in amendments. In Illinois as in  
31. some other states, and I think Senator Hickey will concede me some  
32. additional time from her allotment, thank you. Just so I can  
33. finish this one point. At that time, we were very concerned because



1. a number of states had passed those resolutions without apparently  
2. very much debate without any real consciousness of the tremendous  
3. implications involved in them. It would have...resulted in a  
4. major restructuring of the...the relationship, the tripartite rela-  
5. tionship at the Federal government level. What we were concerned  
6. about was to assure in Illinois in the future that any proposed  
7. amendment to the Federal Constitution would be well thought out,  
8. deliberately considered and not hastily acted on. It seems to me  
9. that the purpose and objective of the language in the Illinois  
10. Constitution which is legally inoperative now has been fully met  
11. in the case of ERA. There can be no suggestion, heaven knows, in  
12. this Body that we are not conscious of the fact that we have pend-  
13. ing before us ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. There  
14. can be no suggestion that it has not been thoroughly aired and  
15. debated and deliberately if not dispassionately considered. I am  
16. really believe in my own mind that the objective of the Illinois  
17. provision has been fully met and that we can in good conscience  
18. do what we should have done from the very beginning and that is  
19. bring about ratification of the Federal Constitutional Amendment  
20. as we always have in the history of Illinois in the past by a  
21. majority vote.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

23. We have about one, two...eight more persons who indicated they  
24. wished to speak. So, if we could hold the noise a little down, I'm  
25. sure that the speakers will accomodate us. Senator Fawell.

26. SENATOR FAWELL:

27. Mr. President and members of the Senate, my...my question  
28. here initially at least, Mr. President, will be directed to you.  
29. If...if I heard your comments correctly, I think you had indicated  
30. that you felt that under the Federal decision just as the...the  
31. particular constitutional provision or any State law which would  
32. try to set up procedures in regard to how a Federal amendment can  
33. be ratified, but the State Legislature would fall. Did you also

1. say that in your opinion that a section such as Section 6 here  
2. which would also attempt to do so would be void?

3. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

4. Yes, sir.

5. SENATOR FAWELL:

6. Now, then my question based on that would be to the Chair  
7. as well as to the President of the Senate, Senator Partee, are  
8. we not then if this is your mutual understanding rather arguing a  
9. moot question. Will not the Chair make this decision in regard  
10. to whether we need a simple majority or a three-fifths majority  
11. at the time we ultimately debate the substantive issue?

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

13. Senator Partee.

14. SENATOR PARTEE:

15. Well, things move with such rapidity...rapidity around here,  
16. Senator, that I had not really thought about the answer to your  
17. question. I think I'd like to take some time to think about it  
18. but certainly I would give you an answer at the proper time if that  
19. time presents itself.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

21. Senator Fawell.

22. SENATOR FAWELL:

23. Well, this...this was a matter that I...I thought perhaps  
24. we might be just to exercising a lot of...of thoughts on the  
25. subject and yet not really have anything concrete if in reality  
26. it's going to be the final discretion of the Chair anyway. My  
27. second query, and I do support really the statements that have  
28. been made thus far, would be to Senator Harris or to others that  
29. might know the history of...of Section 6, for how long have we had  
30. the tradition here of...of requiring only a simple majority for  
31. ratification of amendments to the Federal Constitution, if you  
32. know? And then, why...why the change today?

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

1. Senator Harris.

2. SENATOR HARRIS:

3. Well, the present rule doesn't do as you've just stated it.

4. The present rule limits itself to proposals to the Congress for an  
5. amendment and proposals to call a State convention to amend. It is  
6. purposely silent as to the specific question of a ratification of  
7. a proposed amendment. That language is now being added in Section 4  
8. of Article 14, there are those three circumstances provided for a  
9. three-fifths vote. And in our present rule, we only track the  
10. language of the Federal Constitution relating to State's rights  
11. to initiate, but in the Constitution in Section 4, there are three  
12. circumstances provided for. And we have...we...we deliberately  
13. left out the question of proposed ratification two years ago  
14. because it was treated specifically in the Illinois Constitution.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

16. Senator Fawell.

17. SENATOR FAWELL:

18. Yes, Senator Harris, the present Rule 6, though, I...I think  
19. you're correct about ratification, yet in regard to all resolutions  
20. proposing amendments to the United States Constitution or a Consti-  
21. tutional Convention to propose amendments to the United States  
22. Constitution, we have only required a simple majority, have we  
23. not?

24. SENATOR HARRIS:

25. That is correct and that is because we, as one State, would  
26. be initiating a...an amendatory process to the United States Con-  
27. stitution. That's the distinction, but when it is a recommendation  
28. coming to us from the Congress, the Constitutional Convention  
29. recommended to the Illinois Citizenry and it was ratified that the  
30. provision of a three-fifths vote which is very clear and unmistakable  
31. regardless of all the litigation, all the Attorney General's  
32. opinions, all of the court deliberation up to this point, that  
33. language has not been declared invalid by a court of competent

1. jurisdiction. There are only two ways that Section 4 can be taken  
2. out of the Illinois Constitution - by the courts in final determina-  
3. tion or by the amendatory process by the people of Illinois. Those  
4. two circumstances have not occurred and in the light of what has  
5. been taking place the last year or so, it seems sensible to me to  
6. make unmistakable the fact that the Illinois Constitution language  
7. ought to be a part of Rule 6, and that's precisely what I said in  
8. my opening remarks and I'm delighted to have the chance to say it  
9. again. I think it makes sense and be happy to respond to any  
10. other question.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

12. Senator Fawell.

13. SENATOR FAWELL:

14. Just...just in closing, I...I think that reasonable men can  
15. certainly differ on the question of ratification as to whether we  
16. should have three-fifths or a majority. I...I can see sound  
17. arguments in both directions, but I would...I would differ with  
18. ...with Senator Harris insofar as the differentiation he attempts  
19. to make between Rule 6 as it now stands talking about the ratifi-  
20. cation process or when it's commenced by the State. The State is  
21. making an awfully important decision at that time, and we have for  
22. quite some time indicated that a simple majority is proper in that  
23. regard. He...he points out the distinction in regard to ratifica-  
24. tion when the commencement process starts from the Federal entity  
25. and works down to the States. But either way, the State is making  
26. a very important decision and we have heretofore at least expressed  
27. ourselves in regard to the fact that a simple majority would be  
28. sufficient. It would seem to me that it would be...would have  
29. been more appropriate to have debated this issue yesterday when I  
30. would have...I had hoped that we would have had the substantive  
31. issue, but also to put this off until such time as the substantive  
32. issue comes because I know very well that as various ratification  
33. questions come before us, we're going to be faced with this, and

1. we're going to have to make the decision each and every time. And  
2. if our Presiding Officer is correct that what we're doing here any-  
3. way is a nullity, then we are indeed wasting some very important  
4. time. But, at least, those are the thoughts which I care to put  
5. into the debate at this time.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

7. Senator Morris. Senator Nudelman.

8. SENATOR NUDELMAN:

9. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
10. I don't think it too terribly important at the moment whether or  
11. not we consider the Illinois Constitution section concerning three-  
12. fifths as it relates to the Federal Constitutional Amendment in  
13. effect, not in effect, constitutional or not constitutional. If  
14. it's constitutional, then it's settled, the question. If it is  
15. not constitutional, we are here today and we have the power and  
16. the authority to set our own rules and to decide whether it's  
17. thirty or three-fifths number...thirty votes or three-fifths of  
18. the Body that is necessary, that is the only question before us.  
19. I think that...the gentleman in the Chair is incorrect when he says  
20. that our vote would not affect our...our rules. Our vote sets our  
21. rules and the Federal Court which purported to say that the consti-  
22. tutional section is not valid, in fact, specifically said that it  
23. is our authority, right, obligation and duty to set our own numbers  
24. of rules...our own numbers in our rules and then base our vote on  
25. that. I think, however, it should also be noted that it was the  
26. intent of the Constitutional Convention of which I had the pleasure  
27. to be a member and the intent of the people of the State of Illinois  
28. when they approved that Constitution that three-fifths be the  
29. number. They also voted that three-fifths be the number for amend-  
30. ments to the State of Illinois Constitution. Do you believe that it  
31. should be simpler to change the Federal Constitution than it is to  
32. change the Constitution of...State of Illinois? Do you believe that  
33. it should be simpler to change the Federal Constitution than it is

1. to override the veto of the Governor of the State of Illinois? I  
2. don't think so. I don't think the Federal Constitution should be  
3. taken more lightly than a simple veto by the Governor, nor should  
4. it be taken more lightly than the State of Illinois' Constitution.  
5. I think the local constitution affects us more on a daily level  
6. than a...the Federal Constitution does, and we are more concerned  
7. day by day with the vetoes of the Governor than we are of some  
8. other things. But we added a protection, we added a protection  
9. against precipitous action and that protection was the three-  
10. fifths rule. And if it is not technically a part of our State  
11. Constitution now, then we can certainly amend that by voting for  
12. the three-fifths rule today. Thank you.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

14. Senator Newhouse. Senator Graham.

15. SENATOR GRAHAM:

16. Mr. President, I realize that wise men who said getting  
17. something done around here is like mating elephants, just done  
18. on a higher level. It's accomplishing with a great deal of screaming  
19. and groaning. It takes about two years to produce anything. I  
20. am troubled by those who want to subscribe to inconsistency. I  
21. just, for the life of me, don't understand it, only when it fits  
22. a specific personal need. Two-thirds of the Congress must vote  
23. to foist something like this off...off upon the states. Three-  
24. fourths of the states must ratify it to foist it off on the entire  
25. population of the United States of America, and why in the world  
26. we sat up here and try to legitimately argue that this State should  
27. only have to produce thirty votes in this Senate to do it, I'll  
28. never understand.. Then, why in the devil don't we quit acting like  
29. elephants and get on with the business?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

31. Senator Knuppel.

32. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

33. Well, I find it, Mr. Chairman, I find it very interesting here

1. that there should even be a debate. There must be somebody  
2. between thirty and thirty-five who are waffling. Some people who  
3. want to take this home and hide behind it and say I didn't vote on the  
4. Equal Rights Amendment because it never came to a vote. I voted  
5. on a procedural question. So for those of you who don't have  
6. guts enough to stand up and vote on the issue in this Body, you  
7. should support this resolution. For those of you who told your  
8. constituency that you were for the ERA, and if there are thirty of  
9. those people, they should vote No and let's don't kid anybody.  
10. You may be kidding somebody else, but you're not kidding me when  
11. I see somebody tell me he's for ERA, and he votes for this amend-  
12. ment. I'm going to tell him he's a little short on guts, intestinal  
13. fortitude for those of you who don't know what that means, and  
14. that he's waffling so he can fool his voters back home. Now, I  
15. wonder if this matter ever went to the United States Supreme Court  
16. in the light, in the light of one man, one...one vote, just how, just  
17. how this would stand up. Some way, I find it abhorrent that some  
18. cowards, whoever they may be, whoever they may be on this Floor,  
19. and I'm not talking about those people who are dedicated. Now,  
20. wait a minute, I know you're dedicated Jim. Don't...you don't  
21. have to take offense. But there's a lot of people in this Body  
22. that are not dedicated. There apparently are thirty people in  
23. this Body who at one time or another must have made some repre-  
24. sentation to Senator Saperstein that they were for ERA. Now, if  
25. this carries and they raise this to thirty-five votes, I'm going  
26. to ask Esther who they are. And I'll tell you, the people who  
27. aren't good to their word in this Body don't make very good  
28. Senators and they...they...they're...they're going to be in the  
29. position, they're going to find it hard to find votes from other  
30. people when they want somebody to support them with...for some-  
31. thing. I just find it completely abhorrent to me. It's completely  
32. abhorrent to me.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

1. Senator Knuppel, will you hold on a minute? For what purpose  
2. does Senator Berning arise?

3. SENATOR BERNING:

4. I...I'd like to ask the speaker a question.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

6. He indicates he will yield. His time has run out. I was  
7. going to advise him that his time is expired.

8. SENATOR BERNING:

9. I know that. I know that. I just was curious as to whether  
10. or not this honorable member of this Body, a former honorable  
11. member of the Constitutional Convention, voted for the Constitu-  
12. tion which required the three-fifths vote.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

14. Senator Knuppel.

15. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

16. Well, I'm sure I supported the Constitution in its form, but  
17. there are many, many, many articles in this Constitution that I  
18. did not support when we voted on them in separate articles. I say  
19. this, that when we as a State Legislature...lature believe that we're  
20. larger than the Federal government or an amendment to it, we take  
21. ourselves pretty seriously as legislators. And I know there's a  
22. lot of us that are pretty damn conceited in this Body, and I know  
23. there are a few of us that think we are that big.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

25. Senator, will you conclude your...

26. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

27. I sincerely doubt...

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

29. Will you conclude your remarks? Thank you. Senator Bruce.

30. SENATOR BRUCE:

31. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Body. I believe  
32. from the debate we have determined several things. I'd like to  
33. review those with you if I might. First of all, the Illinois



1. Constitution requirement of three-fifths vote to adopt a Federal  
2. amendment is invalid. I think Senator Rock pointed that out by  
3. the opinions of the Attorney General. That Constitutional provision  
4. does not apply. The Federal Court has ruled in the only decision  
5. on this point that that provision is not binding on the General  
6. Assembly. But I think it's also important to realize what the  
7. Federal opinion says and what the Attorney General does not say.  
8. First of all, they said, "The power to determine the number of  
9. votes pursuant to the adoption of a Federal Constitutional Amend-  
10. ment rests solely and entirely with the General Assembly." That  
11. is why they ruled that the Constitution will not bind us. The  
12. Constitutional Convention had no right or authority under law to  
13. say to us as a Body, we shall adopt by three-fifths. That's what  
14. the Federal Court said in its first point. Secondly, they said  
15. because of the Federal Constitution and the way it is sent to the  
16. states, it is absolutely silent as to the requirements the states  
17. can place upon themselves. The court then concluded, without the  
18. restriction in the Federal Constitution, states are free to do as  
19. they will. We are not the only State, if this motion is adopted,  
20. to require an extraordinary majority to adopt a Federal amendment.  
21. I think it's also important to note that it is equally clear by  
22. the opinion of the Attorney General and of the opinion of the  
23. Federal Court that every Illinois Constitutional Amendment will  
24. require three-fifths. There has been no debate that would indicate  
25. otherwise. Final, let me make one nonlegal argument. The reason  
26. for a three-fifths vote is not to help the proponents of ERA or  
27. the opponents of ERA or those who want to have a State Right to  
28. Work's provision or those who do not want a State Right to Work's  
29. provision within our Constitution. It is based upon the idea that  
30. amendments should be adopted slowly and with consensus. Now,  
31. nothing has divided this State as much as the Equal Rights Amendment.  
32. I would tell you that the reason for a three-fifths vote is before  
33. any amendment is adopted. There should be consensus among the

1. people that its amendment is effective and good. Thank you.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

3. Senator Morris.

4. SENATOR MORRIS:

5. I have a question for Senator Bruce.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

7. Senator indicates he will yield.

8. SENATOR MORRIS:

9. All right. Do you have...you mentioned that we would not be

10. the only State that requires an extraordinary majority? How many

11. states would...or do require an extraordinary majority?

12. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

13. Senator Bruce.

14. SENATOR BRUCE:

15. In the opinion of the Federal Court, on Page 34 in their

16. footnote, the court stated that twenty-four states have a majority

17. of those elected, seventeen states - a majority of those present,

18. and eight states have a variety of other procedures for adoption.

19. The opinion then is that eighty-four percent of all state legisla-

20. tures require a constitutional majority or simple majority, that

21. would mean sixteen percent of the states allow another procedure.

22. I have not, I will admit to you, other than the footnote in the

23. Federal opinion, and I gave that as footnote 34 on Page 34. I

24. had no other reference other than that, but I am sure that that

25. was adequately researched by that three judge panel.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

27. Senator Morris.

28. SENATOR MORRIS:

29. In other words, eighty-four percent of the states in similar

30. situation to Illinois would require thirty votes or less?

31. PRESIDING OFFICER ( SENATOR ROCK):

32. Senator Bruce.

33. SENATOR BRUCE:

1. Well, they would require either of two things. Either a  
2. majority of those elected or a majority of those present in voting  
3. on the issue. But what you're asking is yes. A majority of the  
4. states require only a simple majority on ratification of the  
5. Federal Constitutional Amendment proposal.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

7. For what purpose Senator Saperstein arise?

8. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

9. I believe that our research has shown us that...

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

11. Senator...Senator, there...there is objection. You are out  
12. of order. There are others who indicated they wish to speak.  
13. You have already spoken once. Please. Under our rules, I think  
14. a...a...a member is allowed to speak twice after all of the others  
15. have spoken. Senator Partee.

16. SENATOR PARTEE:

17. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this is an issue  
18. that has divided brother against brother and sister against sister  
19. and certainly no elongated, elasticized rhetoric is needed at this  
20. point. I don't propose to make any long speech. This does give  
21. me an opportunity, however, to clarify my posture with reference to  
22. how I was going to rule under ordinary circumstances when this  
23. matter came before this Body. And I only say that, Mr. President,  
24. because a great deal of misinformation has been sensed throughout  
25. the State by newspapers, by radios, by television, as to what my  
26. posture was going to be. It was very definitely stated in a news-  
27. paper that I will not dignify by giving its name that I had already  
28. ruled that a simple majority was required - a rank in accuracy  
29. because the question had not even come before us. It was reported  
30. in some papers yesterday and on the radio about this state yester-  
31. day that I was going to rule that it took three-fifths vote. I  
32. want you to know, Mr. President and the members of this Senate,  
33. that this is a very serious question and that even I did not know

1. how I was going to rule. My answer, a standard answer to that  
2. question, was and it never got printed very often until just this  
3. morning that I said I would listen to the debate on both sides of  
4. this issue. I would listen to the input of the various members as  
5. to how they individually felt. Taken into consideration, the  
6. legalistics. Taken into consideration, the politics, if you will,  
7. of this matter. And taken into consideration, everything that was  
8. said on the subject, and after all of that had been heard, I would  
9. make an objective judgement. But I suppose, Mr. President, out  
10. of every evil situation, there devolves a good one because as a  
11. result of that dissemination of misinformation several things  
12. happened which in a small measure will help the economy, the  
13. sagging economy of our State. I received a large number of tele-  
14. grams from people who had been misinformed by the media as to  
15. what my position was which of course brings money into the  
16. coffers of Western Union and gives them an opportunity to perhaps to  
17. keep their people employed. Ma Bell must have been very happy  
18. because I received a large number of telephone calls, and this,  
19. of course, is the expenditure of money and, of course, helps to  
20. help our sagging economy. And even those people who sell stationery  
21. and stamps, the Post Office of the United States, that's where we  
22. all get them some participation because there were a lot of letters  
23. sent to me on the basis of this misinformation. I would only would  
24. make one further point that Illinois is one of, and would if this  
25. motion is defeated, would be one of eighty-four percent of the  
26. states in this...in this United States that require either a  
27. majority vote or even less than a majority vote. Seventeen of those  
28. states require less than a majority vote. The gnashing of teeth  
29. and the wailing about the need for thirty-six votes on this is just  
30. simply out of kelter with reality. A state that has forty Senators,  
31. let us say, and if this issue comes before that Senate, when only  
32. thirty of them are present, need only sixteen votes for ratification.  
33. If a state has thirty Senators and ten are present, only six of

1. them could ratify this matter. So, when you say that we would be  
2. out of step, it's just not so. We ought to, it seems to me, be a  
3. part of the overwhelming majority, the enlightened thinking of this  
4. country and be a part of the eighty-four percent rather than a part  
5. of the sixteen percent. Thank you.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

7. For what purpose...for what purpose Senator Wooten arise?

8. SENATOR WOOTEN:

9.. A question to the proponent just to clarify my own thinking.  
10. I deeply appreciated the very elucid exposition and summarization  
11. we had from Senator Bruce although I quarrel with the conclusion,  
12. but I think it brought things into sharp focus for me and that  
13. really we're not arguing about violating our State Constitution.  
14. We're talking about today establishing a rule for dealing with  
15. this kind of procedure and we are absolutely free to do anything  
16. we want. There are no encumbrances, it's either thirty or three-  
17. fifths. Do I understand that is the sense of the discussion I've  
18. heard thus far? So, we're really under no pressure from our own  
19. Constitution. What we do today is just our decision, and we'll  
20. stick...we'll stick with that - the decision we make this time  
21. in that situation.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

23. Is there any further discussion? Senator Nimrod.

24. SENATOR NIMROD:

25. Mr. President and Ladies...Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
26. it seems to me that we have heard a number of attorneys today get  
27. up and give legal opinions, and what we are really doing here is  
28. supposed to be Senators and abiding by what the law is today. Now,  
29. I would like to be able to have taken the judgement of an attorney  
30. today and then made a decision on it, but I will be very confused  
31. because I've heard decisions from both sides. So, I think what we  
32. have to do then is to accept the law as we have it today and cannot  
33. say that the Constitution does not stand as it is. I have to look

1. at things in a simple, factual, practical way. The Constitution  
2. has been passed and has been ratified and accepted in the State of  
3. Illinois. It calls for a three-fifths, and until that changes, that  
4. is what my elected obligation is to enforce the Constitution. I  
5. would think that I would be happy to do it one way or another,  
6. depending on what I wanted to believe or not believe or how I feel  
7. or how I don't feel about the ERA. I think that's insignificant  
8. and inconsequential as to what the issue is right now. The issue  
9. right now is should we or should we not abide by the Constitution  
10. as it actually is and it's been accepted and for that, it's very  
11. clear and plain. It requires three-fifths and we can do something  
12. about changing it later, but our rules should be that joined to  
13. the Constitution of our State.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

15. For what purpose does Senator Partee arise?

16. SENATOR PARTEE:

17. Senator Nimrod yield to a question?

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

19. He indicates he will yield. Senator Partee.

20. SENATOR PARTEE:

21. You happen to know a very fine gentleman by the name of  
22. William...you happen to know a very fine gentleman by the name  
23. of William Scott who is the Attorney General of this State for  
24. whom you have bled on this Floor many days?

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

26. Senator Nimrod.

27. SENATOR NIMROD:

28. Yes, I happen to know him and I will continue to bleed for  
29. him.

30. SENATOR PARTEE:

31. Now...

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

33. Senator Partee.

1. SENATOR PARTEE:  
2. ...are you aware that he has issued two opinions saying that  
3. the rule requiring three-fifths is unconstitutional?  
4. SENATOR NIMROD:  
5. Well, if that rule is unconstitutional and he's issued an  
6. opinion, he still hasn't changed the Constitution. Now, until the  
7. Constitution changes, in other words, I don't think we're a State  
8. of...of...of a man's one opinion. He's our Attorney General and...  
9. and...and...  
10. SENATOR PARTEE:  
11. Well, the Attorney General says that the Constitution is  
12. not binding on this issue. Do you support his opinion or do you  
13. reject it?  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):  
15. Senator Nimrod.  
16. SENATOR NIMROD:  
17. Can I ask you a question? Does that mean that the Constitution  
18. is changed because his opinion has been rendered?  
19. SENATOR PARTEE:  
20. Sir, I only asked the question, do you support...  
21. SENATOR NIMROD:  
22. I asked you a question.  
23. SENATOR PARTEE:  
24. ...or reject...well, you can't ask a...answer a question by  
25. asking one. My question is...my question is do you adopt the opinion of  
26. the Attorney General or do you reject it?  
27. SENATOR NIMROD:  
28. Do I understand that his opinion was that...that he speci-  
29. fically said those things, or did he really say, as I understand  
30. it, that it's not his opinion to...it's not his place to render  
31. this decision. It's up to the courts to make that decision. Isn't  
32. that what he said?  
33. SENATOR PARTEE:

1. Well, no, that's not what he said. You read what he said.  
2. It's obvious to me you don't want to answer the question, so I  
3. will just let it slide. We'll let it hang in limbo. I'm not going to  
4. push you through the wall, but you didn't answer the question.

5. SENATOR NIMROD:

6. Well, I tell you this. I think that opinions of the Attorney  
7. General have to be taken to the courts, and I will tell you that  
8. if the...if we agree or disagree with him, I cannot blindly accept  
9. opinions of the Attorney General on every issue that comes about.  
10. I...I think on the fact where it has to do with our Constitution,  
11. I think what we have to do is say let's go to the court and render  
12. that opinion before we go ahead and act on that. In this case,  
13. the one thing that makes me hesitate on this whole issue, Senator  
14. Partee, is this. Is that what we are doing here and what we're  
15. concerned with has to do with something that's going to affect the  
16. Federal and our whole nation. I don't believe we're under the  
17. obligation to go ahead and just take the lesser of the two decisions  
18. at a time when we have ample time to make this decision. So, in  
19. that case, without having all these facts together and all these  
20. things to make a...a decision that I cannot make intelligently at  
21. this particular point, then what I will do is to withhold and  
22. require the higher amount until I'm sure I can do it the other  
23. way.

24. SENATOR PARTEE:

25. Well, if you happen to see the Attorney General, tell him  
26. that Cecil Partee supports his opinion, will you?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

28. Senator Weaver has sought recognition and he has waited  
29. patiently. Senator Weaver.

30. SENATOR WEAVER:

31. Mr. President, I would move the previous question.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

33. Senator Weaver has moved the previous question. All in favor



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Dr. Harris's motion

1. say Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senator Harris may  
2. close the debate.

3. SENATOR HARRIS:

4. We've had considerable conflicting dialogue here.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

6. Could we have some order please.

7. SENATOR HARRIS:

8. This is an important decision for us to make. In my opening  
9. remarks, I made reference to the fact that Section 4 of Article 14  
10. is operative until declared invalid by a court of competent juris-  
11. diction or until amended by the people of Illinois. We are taking  
12. a very simple and straightforward step to relieve the Presiding  
13. Officer of any question of interpretation of what is required  
14. to ratify a proposed amendment to the United States Constitution.  
15. Section 4 of Article 14 states unequivocally, unmistakably and in  
16. very clear language that a three-fifths vote of the members elected  
17. is required. I urge the members of this Senate to uphold the  
18. Constitution and join me in clearly making that fact operative and  
19. effective in this motion to amend Rule 6 of the Temporary Rules of  
20. the Senate of the 79th General Assembly. I urge a roll call.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

22. Senator Harris has moved that Senate Rule No. 6 be amended.  
23. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote No.  
24. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
25. wish? Take the record. For what purpose does Senator Bloom arise?

26. SENATOR BLOOM:

27. I don't think my switch is working.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

29. I think that...

30. SENATOR BLOOM:

31. I'd like to be recorded as Aye.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

33. Well, the...the record cannot be changed. The Journal will

1. reflect that your switch was inoperative at the moment of voting  
2. and that the Journal will reflect that you wish to be voted in  
3. the affirmative. On that question, the Ayes are 31, the Nays  
4. are 26, there were none Voting Present. On that...Senator Harris'  
5. motion prevails. Senator Netsch.

6. SENATOR NETSCH:

7. I'd like a verification of the Aye votes please.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

9. Senator Netsch has requested a verification of the affirmative  
10. roll call. The Secretary will call the roll - the affirmative  
11. votes.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Those voting in the affirmative were:

14. Bell, Berning, Bruce, Clarke, Course, Davidson, Donnewald,  
15. Graham, Harber Hall, Harris, Joyce, Kosinski, Latherow, McCarthy,  
16. Merritt, Mitchler, Howard Mohr, Don Moore, Nimrod, Nudelman,  
17. Ozinga, Philip, Regner, Romano, Savickas, Shapiro, Sommer, Soper,  
18. Vadalabene, Weaver, and Welsh.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

20. The roll call has been verified. The Ayes are 31, the Nays  
21. are 26 and the motion prevails. Senator Harris.

22. SENATOR HARRIS:

23. Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the  
24. vote by which the motion to amend Rule 6 was carried.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

26. Senator Harris has moved to reconsider the vote by which  
27. this motion prevailed. Senator Merritt has moved to Table. All  
28. in favor of that motion signify by saying Aye. All Opposed. So  
29. ordered. The only remaining piece of business on the Secretary's  
30. Desk is a death resolution. Are there any announcements?

31. Senator Dougherty.

32. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

33. The Committee on Local Government will meet immediately in

1. Room 400.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

3. Are there any further announcements? Will the members please

4. be in their seats. Senator Saperstein, for what purpose do you

5. arise?

6. SENATOR SAPERSTEIN:

7. To announce and reaffirm the notices sent out that there will

8. be an Education Committee meeting immediately after adjournment

9. in Room A-1.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

11. Senator Johns, do you have an announcement? Okay. Will the

12. members please be in their seats. We have a death resolution.

13. Proceed, Mr. Secretary.

14. SECRETARY:

15. ... (Machine cut-off) ... Resolution No. 25 introduced by

16. Senators Newhouse, Hall, Partee, Chew, Smith and all members.

17. (Secretary reads Resolution No. 25)

18. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

19. Senator Newhouse.

20. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

21. Mr. President, I think we all know of the grief of citizens

22. of Chicago over the death of the recent leader of the Black

23. Muslims of Chicago. I would ask now for suspension of the rules

24. and immediate adoption of this resolution.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

26. Thank you, Senator. Senator... Senator Partee.

27. SENATOR PARTEE:

28. Senator... Senator Newhouse, if you'll just hold that motion

29. a minute. I wanted to make a comment, if I might.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

31. Senator Partee.

32. SENATOR PARTEE:

33. Elijah Muhammad was perhaps one of Chicago's best citizens.

1. In the years intervening in the last five or six, the Black  
2. Muslim Movement, in my judgement, took on a new and different  
3. character from their original image as being a totally separatists  
4. group. It is to be said, I think, with accolades and encomiums  
5. that if any religious leader can inculcate in his membership the  
6. word no when it comes to the use of intoxicating beverages, who  
7. could keep all of his members from ever engaging in the art of  
8. gambling or smoking or sexual meanderings outside of the marriage,  
9. and could in that neighborhood discourage and obliterate the use  
10. of pork which is a very much used and liked food in that area, and  
11. could at the same time bring about the kind of economic climate  
12. with many, many successful businesses buying in foreign...in...  
13. in States, in the United States, large farms and raising food  
14. and shipping it to Chicago, and to the other temples throughout  
15. the nation. A man who could do all of that was a great man. A  
16. man who could offer inspiration to his membership to cause them  
17. to give up all of those vices which I have alluded to and who,  
18. at the same time, could cause his members to willfully and gladly  
19. give ten percent of their earnings to that church was a great man.  
20. Chicago will miss him.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR ROCK):

22. Senator...Senator Newhouse. Senator Newhouse has moved for  
23. the suspension of the rules. All those in favor of suspending  
24. the rules indicate by saying Aye. All those Opposed. The rules  
25. are suspended. Senator Newhouse now moves the adoption of  
26. Resolution No. 25. All those in favor of the adoption of this  
27. resolution indicate by rising. The resolution is adopted. The  
28. Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m., Thursday, March 6th.  
29. Senator Johns.

30. SENATOR JOHNS:

31. Just one announcement. I failed to mention that Executive  
32. Committee will now meet immediately in Room 212, very few bills.  
33. We'll expedite everything as quickly as possible. Thank you.