

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 25, 1976

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of eleven having arrived, the Senate will come to
3. order. Will our guests in the gallery please stand as we have
4. the prayer by Reverend Arthur B. Webb, United Methodist Church,
5. Virginia, Illinois.

6. REVEREND WEBB:

7. (Prayer given by Reverend Webb)

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Reading of the Journal, Senator Johns.

10. SENATOR JOHNS:

11. Thank you, Mr. President, I move that reading and approval
12. of the Journals of Friday, May the 14th, 1976, Tuesday, May the
13. 18th, 1976, Wednesday, May the 19th, 1976, Thursday, May the 20th,
14. 1976, and Monday, May the 24th, 1976, be postponed pending arrival
15. of the printed Journals.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. You heard the motion. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed
18. Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion is carried. Committee reports.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns
21. the following bills to committee: Appropriations; Senate Bill 1962
22. and House Bills 3111 and 3821.

23. The Rules Committee met on May the 24th, 1976, pursuant to
24. notice. The following members were present: Senators Partee,
25. Rock, Howard Mohr, Harris and Donnewald. By unanimous vote, the
26. following bills are reported out of committee, ordered read a first
27. time, and referred to the Committee on Assignment of Bills: Senate
28. Bills 1729, 1930, 1943, 1957 and 1960. By an affirmative vote of four,
29. the following bills were reported out of committee, ordered read
30. a first time and referred to the Committee on Assignment of Bills:
31. Senate Bills 1557, 1766, 1950 and 1961, House Bills 3189, 3217,
32. 3250, 3379, 3383, 3626, 3705, 3795, 3806, 3807, 3814, 3817, 3834.
33. By an affirmative vote of four, it was moved that the following

1. bills be restored to the...Calendar in their former positions:
2. Senate Bill 31, with House Amendment No. 1 on the Secretary's
3. Desk, House Bills 3197 and 3202 to 3rd reading.
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Senate Bills on 1st reading.
6. SECRETARY:
7. Senate Bill 1557
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senate Bill 1729
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. Senate Bill 1766
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. Senate Bill 1930
14. (Secretary reads title of bill)
15. Senate Bill 1943
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. Senate Bill 1950
18. (Secretary reads title of bill)
19. Senate Bill 1957
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. Senate Bill 1960
22. (Secretary reads title of bill)
23. Senate Bill 1961
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 1st reading of the foregoing bills.
26. PRESIDENT:
27. House Bills 1st reading.
28. SECRETARY:
29. House Bill 3189
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. House Bill 3217
32. (Secretary reads title of bill)
33. Senate Bill...or House Bill 3250

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)
2. House Bill 3379
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. House Bill 3383
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. House Bill 3626
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. House Bill 3705
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. House Bill 3795
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. House Bill 3806
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. House Bill 3807
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. House Bill 3814
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. House Bill 3817
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. House Bill 3834
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the foregoing bills.
23. PRESIDENT:
24. Messages from the House.
25. SECRETARY:
26. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.
27. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that
28. the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the
29. passage of a bill with the following title: Senate Bill 1220
30. along with House Amendment No. 1.
31. PRESIDENT:
32. Secretary's Desk.
33. SECRETARY:

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

2. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that

3. the House of Representatives has passed bills with the following

4. titles in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence

5. of the Senate, to-wit:

6. House Bills 3494, 3833, 3661, 3850 and 3854.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Resolutions.

9. SECRETARY:

10. Senate Resolution 361 introduced by Senator Kosinski.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Kosinski. Senator Kosinski moves to...

13. SECRETARY:

14. It's congratulatory.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. ...Senator Kosinski moves to suspend the rules for the immediate

17. consideration of this resolution. All in favor say Aye. Opposed

18. Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Kosinski

19. now moves to...for the immediate adoption of this resolution.

20. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The

21. resolution is adopted. Senate Bills on 2nd reading. Senate Bill

22. 1511, Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 1600, Senator Netsch. Senate

23. Bill 1603, Senator Bruce. Read the bill.

24. SECRETARY:

25. Senate Bill 1603

26. (Secretary reads title of bill)

27. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations offers

28. two amendments.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Bruce.

31. SENATOR BRUCE:

32. These are committee amendments, Mr. President, and one of the

33. members of the Appropriations Committee will explain it.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Who is the person...Senator Rock. Amendment No. 1.

3. SENATOR ROCK:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 is a lengthy amend-
5. ment which was offered and adopted in the Committee on Appropria-
6. tion. It...it will effectively reduce the sum of twenty-five
7. thousand dollars in the administration office. There are cuts in
8. each and every division. I think it's been agreed by both sides
9. of the aisle in committee, and rather than go through the whole
10. thing, I would move the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Rock moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate
13. Bill 1603. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed Nay. Amendment
14. No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments? Amendment No. 2.
15. Committee Amendment No. 2, Senator Rock.

16. SENATOR ROCK:

17. Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 inserts after line
18. 14 on page 6, the following: "payable from the State Employees'
19. Group Insurance Premium Fund, six million one hundred thousand
20. dollars". Now, these are premiums paid by the employees and
21. Federal reimbursements. I would move the adoption of Amendment
22. No. 2.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Any discussion? Senator Rock moves the amendment of the...
25. adoption of Committee Amendment No. 2. All in favor will say Aye.
26. Opposed Nay. Committee Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Any further
27. amendments?

28. SECRETARY:

29. Amendment No. 3 offered by Senator Regner.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Regner.

32. SENATOR REGNER:

33. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, this is an

1. amendment that has a total reduction of a hundred ninety thousand
2. nine hundred dollars, and the explanation for this amendment is
3. the Department of Personnel's request for EDP includes large
4. increases for data center charges and for rental of a Systems III
5. Computer and peripheral equipment. What they're trying to do is
6. convert conversion of a batch processing system for updating personnel
7. data based to an online data entry system. They have not cost
8. justified this program in the past, and I do feel very strongly
9. that it should be cost justified before they do this very expensive
10. change. It's going to cost and magnitude itself in the future
11. and cost even more money, and I'm sure that whomever the new Governor
12. is next year he might want to take a look at a program such as
13. this that's going to continually add onto the cost. So, I move the
14. adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1603.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Bruce.

17. SENATOR BRUCE:

18. Yes, Mr. President. This involves an amendment...removing
19. money for EDP within the Department of Personnel which the depart-
20. ment opposes. This project that will be removed is already under
21. way. The computer hardware has been purchased. The...the system
22. is up as of this week. It is being verified and will be online
23. July the 1st. If the money is removed, there is no system to return
24. to. There is no system to operate. This General Assembly has
25. indicated to the Department of Personnel that they wanted a quicker turn-
26. around time between examination and verification of the examination
27. and results to the employee or the potential employee along with
28. the fact that he would be more quickly referred. This is part of
29. the peer program, the personnel examining and eligible referral
30. system, and this system is ready to go on July the 1st. Removal
31. of this money will mean the system will not be able to operate with
32. substantial loss to the State of Illinois financially.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Regner.

2. SENATOR REGNER:

3. Due to Senator Bruce's remarks, I thought it was sort of
4. amusing because when the department was before the Appropriations
5. Committee, they were nowhere near this far along the line under
6. questioning. It's a long range project. It has to clear the
7. Governor's office, and I doubt if it'll save much in the way of
8. turnaround time, not more than a day or so in the actual turna-
9. round time on having the information available. And that is
10. the exact reason why I wanted to see a cost benefit study done
11. before this system is put in, and I think in the long run even if
12. whatever has been spent on it now would be lost due to cancellation
13. of the program, we'd be ahead in the long run, because we wouldn't
14. have those added costs at a later time, and I would like a roll
15. call vote on the adoption of this amendment.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. The roll call has been requested. The question is, shall
18. Amendment No. 3...shall Amendment No. 3 by Senator Regner be adopted.
19. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting
20. is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
21. Take the record. On this question, the Ayes are 22, the Nays are 27.
22. Amendment No. 3 fails. Any further amendments from the Floor? 3rd
23. reading. Senate Bill 1604, Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 1608,
24. Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 1610, Senator Lane. Oh pardon me,
25. for what purpose does Senator Joyce arise?

26. SENATOR JOYCE:

27. Point of personal privilege, Mr. President. In...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. State your point, Senator Joyce.

30. SENATOR JOYCE:

31. ...in the President's gallery, there is the 8th grade students
32. from Grundee County from Mazon Grade School. I'd like to have them
33. stand and be recognized...

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. Will they stand and be recognized by the Senate. Senate
3. Bill 1610, Senator Lane. Senate Bill 1614, Senator Morris.
4. Senate Bill 1627, Senator Nudelman. Senate Bill 1646, Senator
5. Buzbee. Senate Bill 1789, Senator Dougherty.

6. SECRETARY:

7. ...Senate...

8. PRESIDENT:

9. First of all the bill has been read a third time. Senator
10. Dougherty is recognized...

11. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

12. And I have...

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Second time.

15. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

16. ...it has been reread for reason of an amendment. Senator
17. Glass objected somewhat to my calling of it at this time. I just
18. wondered whether or not he's studied the thing to effect a...is
19. there feeling on the thing? That's what I would like to know.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Glass.

22. SENATOR GLASS:

23. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Dougherty, I was just
24. going over to ask you if you could hold this one more day. We haven't
25. completed our analysis of it.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Dougherty.

28. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

29. I can't see any reason for the delay, however, I will yield one
30. more day. Thank you.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Take it out of the record. Senate Bill 1795, Senator Kosinski...
33. Senator Dougherty is recognized.

1. SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

2. Senator...Mr. President, I was just going to direct an
3. inquiry to the Chair. Noting Senator Chew's absence, is it true
4. or not that he may have been exposed to German measles?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. I'm given to understand that that's a distinct possibility. Senate
7. Bill 1867, Senator Bruce. Senate Bill 1878, Senator Demuzio.
8. Senate Bill 1935, Senator Hynes. 1935, Senate Bill...read the
9. bill.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Bill 1935

12. (Secretary reads title of bill)

13. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations offers
14. four amendments.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Amendment No. 1, Senator Hynes.

17. SENATOR HYNES:

18. Amendment No. 1 is a reduction of 2.3 million dollars in
19. operations for the Office of Education. It was adopted unanimously
20. in the committee, and I would move its adoption.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Any discussion? Senator Hynes moves the adoption of Amend-
23. ment No. 1 to Senate Bill 19...no...1935. All in favor say Aye.
24. Opposed Nay. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Amendment No. 2, Senator
25. Hynes.

26. SENATOR HYNES:

27. Amendment No. 2 reduces the grant items in the Office of
28. Education budget by a total of 36.3 million dollars, 34.8 in General
29. Revenue, six hundred ninety-two thousand in drivers education, and
30. seven hundred ninety-three thousand in the Common School Fund.
31. This is an effort to bring the bill in line with the budgetary
32. recommendations. It was the judgement of the committee that these
33. reductions could be made and that the programs involved would be adequately

1. funded if...if not at the full level. There will be probably an
2. additional amendment forthcoming to reduce the grant line items
3. by an additional ten million dollars in connection with special
4. education building if that project can...or program can be funded out
5. of the Capital Development Bond proceeds and the legislation to...
6. to accomplish that has passed the House and is here in the Senate,
7. so there may be an additional amendment to change the funding of that
8. program from General Revenue to bonds very shortly. And I would
9. move the adoption of Amendment No. 2.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Any discussion? Senator Buzbee.

12. SENATOR BUZBEE:

13. Yes, Mr. President, question of Senator Hynes.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. He indicates he'll yield.

16. SENATOR BUZBEE:

17. On the item dealing with, and I'm looking in the bill trying
18. to find the line item right now, I haven't found it yet, but it's
19. the item dealing with Special Ed Handicapped, a two million six
20. hundred seventy thousand dollar reduction..

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Hynes. Senator Buzbee.

23. SENATOR BUZBEE:

24. It's on Page 18, line 2 of the bill, Senator Hynes. It...the
25. ...the amount on the...in the line item was eight million six hundred
26. and seventy thousand and this amendment reduces...reduces it to six
27. million. Now, I was a little confused on this particular part.
28. As I read the bill, it says - "for reimbursement to school districts
29. which provide for education of handicapped orphans from residential
30. institutions as well as foster children who are mentally impaired
31. or behaviorally...disordered as provided under Section 14-7.03 of
32. the School Code." You'll recall that you and I specifically discussed
33. the problem that I have in my district, and as I read it, this does

1. affect that where these students are housed in private institu-
2. tions and the local school district has to provide the educational
3. facilities for them and then is reimbursed. I...I don't mean to
4. put you on a spot here, but I wonder if somebody from our staff
5. could tell us, or if you have the information, how much money was in
6. that line item last year, or how much did they get from that line
7. item last year?

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Hynes.

10. SENATOR HYNES:

11. I cannot give you...I...

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator...Senator Weaver. Now, just a moment.

14. SENATOR HYNES:

15. ...I cannot give you ...

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Weaver, did you desire recognition?

18. SENATOR WEAVER:

19. Well, I was just going to answer Senator Buzbee's question.
20. I think that line item was up two or three hundred percent over
21. last year.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Hynes.

24. SENATOR HYNES:

25. There...there is an increase. I don't know the precise amount,
26. but there were two things involved in the computation of the amend-
27. ment. One was that is was the judgement...our judgement of the...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Now, just a moment, one moment. Now, will the members be in
30. their seats. Will all people not entitled to the Floor, please
31. leave the Floor. May we have some order, please. Continue Senator
32. Hynes.

33. SENATOR HYNES:

1. ...and it was our judgement that the estimate of claims was
2. overstated, and that secondly, that this would guarantee a payment
3. well in excess of ninety percent of any possible claims, and
4. furthermore, that if, in fact, there is a shortage there is an
5. opportunity at a later point in the fiscal year to...to make some
6. adjustment. So, we felt that this reduction was a justifiable
7. one.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Buzbee.

10. SENATOR BUZBEE:

11. Well, Senator Weaver informs me that it's...it's a hundred
12. and fifty percent increase. The request was a hundred and fifty
13. percent increase, so by cutting them back to six million, we're
14. still substantially over what they got last year. Senator Hynes,
15. is...is that not true? By cutting them back by the two million,
16. we're still substantial by above what they received in...in this
17. fiscal year, is that correct?

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Hynes.

20. SENATOR HYNES:

21. That is correct. Last year was, I believe, about four million
22. dollars, so it is substantially over what it was last year.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Could we have just a little, little less noise from the press
25. box, please. Thank you. Senator...any further...any further
26. discussion? Senator Hynes moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2
27. to Senate Bill 1935. All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes
28. have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Amendment No. 3, Senator Hynes.

29. SENATOR HYNES:

30. Amendment No. 3 is the fifty percent amendment, and I would
31. move its adoption.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Hynes moves the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate

1. Bill 1935. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes
2. have it. Amendment No. 3 is adopted. Amendment No. 4, Senator
3. Hynes.

4. SENATOR HYNES:

5. Amendment No. 4 is a technical change. It provides that
6. certain grants may be paid to...to chronic truants rather than
7. court assigned truants. There had been a problem in prior grant
8. payments with the eligibility of the recipients, and this clarifies
9. it so that those were intended to be covered are, in fact, covered,
10. and I would move its adoption.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Any further discussion? Senator Hynes moves the adoption of
13. Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1935. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed
14. Nay. Ayes have it. Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Senator Hynes is
15. recognized.

16. SENATOR HYNES:

17. There...there may be an Amendment No. 5 up on the Desk. I'm...
18. I'm not sure. Well, it...it was supposed to have been up there,
19. but I do not wish to offer it today and I would ask leave to be able
20. to bring this bill back tomorrow if we can get the technical problems
21. with the amendment worked out.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Any amendments from the
24. Floor? 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1938, Senator Weaver. Read the
25. bill.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Bill 1938

28. (Secretary reads title of bill)

29. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. Senate Bills on
32. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1514, Senator Buzbee. Senate Bill 1523,
33. Senator Hickey. Read the bill.

1. SECRETARY:

2. Senate Bill 1523

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Hickey.

7. SENATOR HICKEY:

8. Mr. President and colleagues, this is not the first time you've
9. heard me talk on this subject, but it is the first time that we've
10. had this solution for this subject. Both 1523 and 1524 are out-
11. growths of House Bill 990. We're all glad that we've have made an
12. attempt to equalize assessments throughout the State by HB 990, but
13. it does some very difficult things to my area. Because we have
14. obeyed the law a little more closely than any county in the State
15. and have been assessing it over forty percent, the effects of 990
16. can be really disastrous for us. At the same time in the last
17. three years because we've been assessing near the legal limit, the
18. Rockford school district alone has lost about eight million dollars
19. in State school aid. They anticipate a loss of something around
20. fifteen million dollars from HB 990 unless these two bills are passed.
21. The second half of 1523 which provides for a new calculate...

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Just a minute, Senator. Just a minute, Senator. Now, it's
24. just unbelievable that we can't have a little more decorum than
25. this. The lady can't be heard. This is a very important subject.
26. Members be in your seats. Continue, Senator Hickey.

27. SENATOR HICKEY:

28. Thank you, Mr. President. The second half of the...of 1523
29. as it was originally submitted has been deleted. This through a
30. new kind of calculation would have awarded the school districts more
31. State-aid in the next three years. We have deleted that, and the
32. one thing that is left in 1523 is an additional year of the freeze
33. of the 1974 equalized assessed valuation. HB 990 provides for

1 freeze for two years for '75 and '76. At the time that this was
2 written in it was assumed that two years...in two years inflation
3 would make the jump to 33 1/3 not too painful. It has been proven
4 that that expectation has not working out, and so we're adding a
5 third year, 1977. Now, as those of you who are familiar with 990
6 know there is the three year adjustment period allowed for the
7 counties assessing under 33 1/3. This balances that for the counties
8 over 33 1/3. I'd be glad to try to answer any questions, and I
9 ask for your favorable support.

10 PRESIDENT:

11 Senator Nimrod.

12 SENATOR NIMROD:

13 Mr. President and fellow Senators, these bills were discussed
14 at length in committee, and I do want to mention that Senator Hickey
15 did agree to some changes from her original request that would have
16 allowed for State school aid appropriations for a three year period,
17 and we've agreed in committee that a one year grant, a one-time
18 grant for one year, and then allow them to increase their taxes
19 locally for an extra year, for a three year period, would apply not
20 only to Rockford, but to all...all taxing by all districts throughout
21 the state that are so affected by this bill, whether it be a park
22 district or whether it be a school district. And there were some
23 inequities that were caused by 990 by some of those who'd been doing a
24 special...especially good job as far as assessing is concerned, and
25 so this does reward Rockford for a one year period, but, however,
26 it does...I...I think it is equitable and it is fair under the
27 circumstances, and we did reach a compromise on this bill, and I,
28 for one, am supporting it, and our committee did stand behind this.

29 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30 Senator Fawell.

31 SENATOR FAWELL:

32 Well, I'm sorry that I'm not aware of the provisions of this
33 bill, and I probably don't understand them, but there are a lot of

1. park districts and school districts I know in DuPage County who
2. have been badly hurt by 990. And as I recall the...the freeze or
3. as it...the safeguard that you would not go below your '74 assessed
4. valuation was pertaining to a county-wide assessed valuation. So,
5. that individual districts, for instance, although county-wide, the
6. assessed valuation in DuPage County is not less than '74. Yet individual
7. districts are suffering quite a bit, and...but this I take it is,
8. Senator, rescuing only the Rockford school district? I'm sorry.
9. I...I...I apologize for not being aware of what...can...can you
10. elucidate a bit?

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

12. Senator Hickey.

13. SENATOR HICKEY:

14. (not audible) Fawell, it...it simply adds the year '77 to the
15. years '75 and '76 for all counties assessing over 33 1/3, so DuPage
16. County, too, Senator Fawell, can benefit from this.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18. Senator Fawell.

19. SENATOR FAWELL:

20. Does it do anything about helping the districts within? I mean
21. ...the...the...county-wide...you're...you're extending the '74
22. assessed valuation for a longer period of time, is that?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

24. Senator Hickey.

25. SENATOR HICKEY:

26. The way HB 990 was written, Senator Fawell, it talks about a
27. county-wide aggregate equalized assessment evaluation.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

29. Senator Fawell.

30. SENATOR FAWELL:

31. That's the point that I was getting at...it's...with that
32. county-wide, you still have individual districts continuing to
33. suffer. It doesn't help...it helps the county, but park districts

1. and school districts will still find in their individual townships,
2. for instance, a great decrease, and although the county, the aggregate
3. may be retained - that is the '74, we find that we do not go under
4. the '74, we nevertheless find that a number of districts are not
5. rescued. There's no freeze that pertains to the individual districts.
6. This...this does nothing, I assume, to help in that regard.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8. Senator Hickey.

9. SENATOR HICKEY:

10. Well, we did not attempt to remedy everything in 990. This
11. is one situation that it...that is remedied by it. If you have
12. a problem with individual districts, within your county, I think
13. that calls for new legislation which perhaps many of us would support
14. you in, but it doesn't pertain to this.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

16. Further discussion? Senator Soper.

17. SENATOR SOPER:

18. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Hickey, I wonder if you
19. would answer a few questions.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21. Indicates she will yield. Senator Soper.

22. SENATOR SOPER:

23. You...you spoke of eight million lost to the Rockford schools,
24. and fifteen million dollar lost to the Rockford school. Is this
25. the funding of this...funding program of the State, is that what
26. you're talking about?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

28. Senator Hickey.

29. SENATOR HICKEY:

30. Senator Soper, the part that we're talking about now, applies
31. State-wide. It does not apply just to Rockford, and it would affect
32. all counties having assessed over 33 1/3. In 1524, which is coming
33. up next, we do have a provision to help the local situation, and we

1. can address ourselves to that then, but this now, is a State-
2. wide provision.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

4. Senator Soper.

5. SENATOR SOPER:

6. Well, I understand that, but I think you're trying to take
7. these bills together, and if you are, you did mention eight million
8. and fifteen million, and I understand the...the assessed valuation
9. as far as the counties are concerned, but so, I don't have to ask
10. the question again, we talking about eight or fifteen million out
11. of the School Fund to go to Rockford school in addition to what they
12. would receive under the formula this time?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

14. Senator Hickey.

15. SENATOR HICKEY:

16. Senator Soper, when I was talking about eight million dollars,
17. I was referring to what Rockford...the Rockford school district
18. alone, let alone the other districts in the county, would have
19. been paid in State-aid over the last three year period if they
20. had assessed at 33 1/3 which is near the medium level for the
21. counties of the State. The fifteen million is what they could
22. possibly lose with 990 coming into effect in the future without...
23. without this help. This bill...this first bill, 1523, would probably
24. help the Rockford school district about two million dollars which
25. wouldn't...they wouldn't get...realize until about 1979. 1524
26. provides a formula for a...for a grant to be paid in two installments.
27. And I have an appropriation bill which has been introduced to implement
28. 1524 which is to the tune of two million eight hundred thousand
29. dollars for all of the school districts in Winnebago County.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

31. Senator Soper.

32. SENATOR SOPER:

33. Well, is this in the Governor's Budget? Is this budgeted?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
2. Senator Hickey.
3. SENATOR HICKEY:
4. No, Sir.
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
6. Further discussion? Senator Graham.
7. SENATOR GRAHAM:
8. Mr. President and members and Senator Hickey, I have a problem
9. too, that Senator Fawell alluded to. I have a portion of DuPage
10. County, a township and a school district that was previously assessing
11. at about forty-seven percent before the imposition of 990. Going
12. back under the provision of 990, then the school district finds
13. themselves short of funds. What's this going to do for them?
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
15. Senator Hickey.
16. SENATOR HICKEY:
17. I don't think this will probably do anything for them. If
18. you have a specific situation which needs to be changed, this re-
19. fers only to counties where the level of assessment over forty
20. percent, that is 1523 does, or 1524 not 1523. But if you have a
21. specific situation about a specific school district, I would advise
22. you to get...try to get some corrective legislation. I can tell
23. you it isn't easy. I've been working on this for a year and a
24. half, but I would so advise you.
25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
26. Senator Graham.
27. SENATOR GRAHAM:
28. Being of the minority party and having a governor on the other
29. side of the fence, what do you think my chances are?
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
31. Senator Hickey.
32. SENATOR HICKEY:
33. Your guess is a good as mine, Senator.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
2. Further discussion? Senator Graham.
3. SENATOR GRAHAM:
4. This is not in the Governor's Budget.
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
6. Senator Hickey.
7. SENATOR GRAHAM:
8. Thank you.
9. SENATOR HICKEY:
10. No.
11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
12. Senator Berning. ...Senator Regner. Senator Schaffer.
13. SENATOR SCHAFFER:
14. I just wanted to comment that the Winnebago County assessing
15. practices in the last few years made them the only county in the
16. State that was actually...complying with the law, and I think last
17. year when we passed 990 and I certainly supported 990, there was
18. a great deal of discussion about correcting some of the problems
19. that would be suffered by those people who were doing what they
20. should have been doing and that's assessing somewhere near the
21. fifty percent mark. And I do support this legislation, and I think
22. the precedent of helping the people who are complying with the
23. laws we pass rather than punish them is a valuable one and merits
24. our support.
25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
26. Further discussion? Senator Partee.
27. SENATOR PARTEE:
28. Most...thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.
29. Most of it has been said. I just wanted to add my voice of support
30. for these bills. It certainly seems to me that when a county or
31. any branch of government for that matter follows the law that they
32. ought not be penalized by some alteration of that law, and this
33. bill is absolutely necessary to prevent them from being penalized

1. for following the law. I want to compliment Senator Hickey for
2. having so diligently stuck with this particular thing and this in...
3. and at the same time want to say that our staff personnel has
4. done a fantastic job with making certain that this is in the
5. proper form, and I'm certainly going to support it.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

7. Any further discussion? Senator Fawell.

8. SENATOR FAWELL:

9. We're only discussing 1523, here, is that right...

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

11. That is correct.

12. SENATOR FAWELL:

13.Because I do want to comment on 1524.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15. That is correct. Senator Hickey may close the debate.

16. SENATOR HICKEY:

17. Thank you, Mr. President. I want to point up one...one thing
18. for Senator Graham. This bill, 1523, does not provide for any
19. State money and would not be in the...in the Governor's Budget.
20. I was...I answered the question the way I did because you had
21. addressed yourself to both bills. I want to thank Senator Schaffer
22. and Senator Partee for...for their support and want to remind the
23. whole group that this bill...both these bills passed out of committee
24. and Senator Nimrod, and I wanted...want you to know that they both
25. passed out of committee 10 to 0. Thank you.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

27. All right, the question is shall Senate Bill 1523 pass. Those
28. in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting
29. is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take
30. the record. On that question, the Ayes are 52, the Nays are none,
31. 1 Voting Present. Senate Bill 1523 having received the constitutional
32. majority is declared passed. On the order of Senate Bills on 3rd
33. reading is Senate Bill 1524, Mr. Secretary.

1. SECRETARY:

2. Senate Bill 1524

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

6. Senator Hickey.

7. SENATOR HICKEY:

8. Thank you, Mr. President. This is the companion bill of
9. which I spoke a minute ago. This is a formula which does provide
10. a grant to districts in counties which assessed at forty percent
11. or over in 1974, and this is just Winnebago County. The fiscal
12. note on this bill is 5.7 million, but the appropriation bill which
13. has been introduced which is 1945 is...no, wait a minute, that's
14. not right, it's 1960...1956, provides for 2.8 million. This
15. formula is arrived at...by figuring the difference between the
16. assessed valuation figured at 33 1/3 than what it was in...in 1974.
17. This...we're talking about under six million dollars. We're talking
18. about past loses of eight and potential loses of fifteen. I can
19. tell you that if the State were in better shape, I would have asked
20. for more. If there are any questions, I'd like to try to answer
21. them.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

23. Senator Fawell.

24. SENATOR FAWELL:

25. Well, I...I have some problems with this bill, not specifically,
26. Senator, with the bill. I understand what you're doing and empha-
27. thize and sympathize. I wonder about its constitutionality. You're
28. aiding a school district, and I suppose your park district is just
29. as badly bombed by the effects of House Bill 990, which I might
30. say I didn't vote for, as I tried to point out to the Body that
31. this immediately affected the assessed valuation, and all of our
32. park districts and school districts in counties such as Winnebago and
33. also DuPage County where the assessors were striving to do the job, too,

1. and some of them were up close to forty percent. Now, we're
2. ignored completely. I have a park district, for instance, that
3. lost twenty-two million dollars in assessed valuation, and the
4. freeze that we refer to, being a county aggregate freeze as the
5. Senator has pointed out, doesn't help one bit, so the previous
6. bill, for instance, isn't going to help Rockford because the county
7. aggregate may be frozen. A county-wide tax might be benefited,
8. but if you're a district within the county, you are quite badly hurt.
9. We're talking about a good deal of money here, and we're talking
10. about specifically giving aid to one particular school district,
11. and let me emphasize again, there are a lot of school districts
12. downstate which have been hurt by House Bill 990 in addition to
13. not getting the aid from the State of Illinois which we promised,
14. and in addition to having to roll back taxes because we have refused
15. to eliminate the roll back tax. This just is not fair. It ain't
16. right what you're doing. It's a special privilege asked for one
17. particular district that has been hurt, but others have been equally
18. hurt and more so, and we're looking at school districts and ignoring
19. other bodies, and I would say right within Winnebago County that
20. park district can get up and say - here is lack of equal protection
21. of laws if I ever saw one. Where you're gaining some aid for the
22. school district, but letting the park district go down the tube,
23. but from a moral viewpoint as far as other areas are concerned, and
24. I repeat, we're hurt, too, in DuPage County, maybe we ain't got
25. the clout, but we certainly can let one and all know that this is
26. unfair legislation. It just is not right to take four or five
27. million dollars, whatever the price tag is, of the very scarce
28. dollars that we're talking about and we're going to give special
29. rescue aid to one particular district, it just isn't right, and we
30. should not approve the bill.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

32. Any further discussion? Senator Carroll.

33. SENATOR CARROLL:

1. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support this legislation
2. as I supported Senate Bill 1523 and had supported 990. I think
3. when we were discussing 990, some of us had some problems with that
4. legislation because of the fiscal impact that the implementation
5. would have. We said then on both sides of the aisle that as a
6. result of passing 990, we knew there would be a cost of doing
7. business. We knew there would be a cost of doing business. This
8. is that cost. I don't live in Rockford. I have no one who attends
9. that school district and that's not the problem. The problem is
10. we have said to those people, you followed the law, you kept your
11. equalized value up high, you got less in school aid because you did it,
12. you followed the law, and now, we will penalize you. I think we
13. have partially corrected it through 1523 by spreading out over
14. three years that cutback, but I think we do have to make this one
15. time grant to make that district near to whole. They had attempted
16. to tax themselves the amount of money they would need, we told them
17. they could not do that. We have to supply them with the relief
18. that they're entitled to. I would ask everybody to support this
19. legislation.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21. Senator Harber Hall.

22. SENATOR HARBER HALL:

23. Mr. President, I also rise to oppose this bill. When 990 was
24. considered, it was recognized that some counties were going to be
25. over the one thirty assessed valuation mark and many under. It was
26. determined then, that those who would be over would be able to
27. equalize over a three year period and...and come down on their
28. valuations. Now, here we are in here making a special grant to one
29. of the districts that assessed over thirty-three percent. I would
30. remind members that perhaps their counties, as mine, were, most all
31. of the six of my counties were over a third...thirty-three and a
32. third percent, not forty, it's true. It's true that Winnebago was
33. the highest of all the counties, but there were many counties assessing

1. over thirty-three and a third percent, and we're not making any
2. special consideration for those counties. We're asking them to
3. come down and meet the level by attrition within three years. This
4. can be done by Rockford as it can with McLean, as it can with
5. Woodford, as it can with Logan, as it can with DeWitt. As it can
6. with all the other counties that were also assessed over one-third.
7. The..the counties that have been assessed under one-third, we are
8. forcing them. We give them no break. We say you must come up. They
9. have to do that in three years, and they will. They are not complain-
10. ing. They know it's...they know it's equalization. Now, equaliza-
11. tion means equalization for those who...who have been assessing high
12. and saving those taxpayers some money up in Winnebago. I'm surprised
13. that the representative of the...taxpayers in Winnebago County can
14. come down here and ask that those taxpayers keep paying a higher
15. rate of tax than anybody else in...in the State of Illinois. I'm
16. surprised they could do that, but here they are doing it, one
17. special consideration for one county. It is wrong. Senator Fawell
18. said correctly, it is wrong. This is special legislation for one
19. county only.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21. Senator Bradly Glass.

22. SENATOR GLASS:

23. A question of the sponsor, if I may, Mr. President.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25. Indicates she will yield. Senator Glass.

26. SENATOR GLASS:

27. Senator Hickey, was this bill introduced as a companion bill
28. to 1523 or was it an alternative approach to the same problem?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30. Senator Hickey.

31. SENATOR HICKEY:

32. Senator Glass, it is a companion bill. This is...this is a
33. grant paid by the State. The other pertains to local assessed valuation.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2. Senator Glass.

3. SENATOR GLASS:

4. Well, I...I would say that the points made by Senators Hall and
5. Fawell are...are very compelling, and I supported you on 1523, but
6. it seems to me that was a corrective bill to...to correct an inequity
7. that was clearly suffered by your county which had been doing a good
8. job of assessing and...and a better job than any other county in
9. Illinois, and I can certainly understand that, but...but I question
10. whether this isn't a double recovery as it were. It seems to me
11. by correcting that in 1523, we provided adequate relief and shouldn't
12. over do it by this grant.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

14. Senator Wooten.

15. SENATOR WOOTEN:

16. Mr. President and colleagues, I would like to point out Senator
17. Hall made reference to other counties above...assessing above 33 1/3
18. at the time we passed 990. There were a total of six, and only one,
19. Winnebago County, was taxing at 41.17. The only difficulty many
20. of us had with 990 last year was what it would do to Winnebago
21. County. Only one of us comes from that area. We talk about right
22. and wrong and quite frankly, I have yet to see anything that is
23. clearly right or wrong in any of the measures we have passed.
24. But it seemed to me that the single offensive thing about 990 last
25. year was what it did to Winnebago County. I think in taking these
26. remedial steps, we are approaching what is fair and just, and I
27. would urge everyone to support this bill.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

29. Senator Roe, does the other Senator from Winnebago wish to
30. be recognized? Okay. Senator Shapiro.

31. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

32. Will the sponsor yield for a question, Mr. President?

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

1. Indicates she'll yield. Senator Shapiro.

2. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

3. Senator Hickey, has the assessed valuation of Winnebago

4. County dropped any since the implementation of House Bill 990?

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

6. Senator Hickey..

7. SENATOR HICKEY:

8. Well, not...not the aggregate EAV. I mean it's...you know,

9. it stays at...at 74.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

11. Senator Shapiro.

12. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

13. ...Yes, then, in other words...there is...as far as assessed

14. valuation is concerned, there is...is no difference other than it...what

15. it has been the past two years since the resource equalizer has

16. been in effect?

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18. Senator Hickey..

19. SENATOR HICKEY:

20. Oh, yes, since it's been in effect, there...it has grown,

21. certainly, but not since 990, because of the freeze of...of the '74

22. EAV. Two different things,..two different years you're talking

23. about.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25. Senator Shapiro.

26. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

27. Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,

28. I'm going to have to oppose this bill. It's special legislation

29. and there are other governmental units throughout the State where

30. the assessed valuation is above the 33 1/3 percent, and it appears

31. to me that it's a matter of...relativity. Winnebago County was

32. certainly one of the highest, but there are other counties that

33. approached the...the forty percent mark, and...and in addition, it

34. does maintain the status quo. In other words, the fact that the

1. assessed valuation is frozen at this level means that unless
2. there are other factors changing in the formula, that the amount
3. of State aid that Winnebago County would get would remain the
4. same unless the ADA were to drop or something of that...of that nature
5. which it has. I don't see why this particular piece of legislation
6. would be fair to the other taxing bodies throughout the State for
7. the assessed valuation, particularly school districts, where the
8. assessed valuation is above the 33 1/3 percent plus the fact that
9. it requires an additional appropriation unbudgeted, and I think
10. the bill should be defeated.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

12. Is there any further discussion? Senator Berning.

13. SENATOR BERNING:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. I don't wish to discuss this
15. particular bill as it is represented for a particular issue but
16. to refer to it in the context where it rightly belongs, and that
17. is with Senate Bill 990 of last year and any and all other efforts
18. that this Body in its wisdom or lack thereof attempts to define
19. what local governmental units ought to do. Assessments, I call
20. the attention of every member of the Body, is a matter of individual
21. interpretation. Never will five people agree with the assessment
22. of any particular piece of property. This whole question, Senate
23. Bill 990, which recognized that no county was complying with that
24. then existing law, and I submit that in a very short time, no county
25. will be complying with the new existing law, so what I'm saying,
26. Mr. President and members of the Body, is simply this, it's high
27. time that the General Assembly stop, take a new look, go back
28. and eliminate entirely any effort to control local assessments for
29. purposes for State money. Let's simplify it and go to a flat grant
30. per pupil and let each and every county assess in any fashion it
31. pleases since it will no longer have any effect on its neighbor or
32. any other county in the State. I submit we would not be confronted
33. with dilemmas such as this or as 990, and the State's appropriations

1. of school dollars would be streamlined and simplified, we would
2. all know where we stand, and so would the school districts.

3. Thank you.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

5. Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

6. SENATOR BUZBEE:

7. Yes, I have one question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9. Indicates she will yield. Senator Buzbee.

10. SENATOR BUZBEE:

11. Senator Hickey, I'm entirely sympathetic with what you're doing
12. here, however, I'm a little hesitant because of there's at least
13. one township in my district, perhaps more, that were above the
14. thirty-three but below the forty, so I'm going to go back to them
15. now, and tell them that I voted for Winnebago County, but I didn't
16. do anything for my township. Is that correct?

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18. Senator Hickey.

19. SENATOR HICKEY:

20. Yes, Senator Buzbee, that is correct. There was...there was
21. the possibility of such legislation to correct the thing about which
22. you're speaking and to which Senator Fawell addressed himself in
23. the joint property tax committee. I'm sorry that Senator Clarke
24. isn't here to speak to that. That is a separate issue from this
25. one. It is a particular problem, and I would advise you to try to do
26. something about that. This does not negate the possibility of that
27. being done. I think if I interpret them correctly that the joint
28. committee on the property tax decided not to push for that in this
29. Session because it was too late to...to take care of that local
30. situation and the inequity between districts in counties.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

32. Senator Buzbee.

33. SENATOR BUZBEE:

1. Well, one good answer brings on a second good question. Why
2. did not you write this bill for the equalized assessed valuation
3. as per the school districts at 33 1/3 percent instead of forty
4. percent?

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

6. Senator Hickey.

7. SENATOR HICKEY:

8. Because I felt that Winnebago had a very special problem,
9. Senator Buzbee. As a matter of fact, at one time more than one
10. Republican legislator came into my district and talked at great
11. lengths about how the legislature must do something to correct
12. this problem in Winnebago County. There has been agreement on
13. both sides of the aisle on this inequity for a long, long time,
14. and that is the thing to which I was addressing myself because
15. I didn't have your problem. I didn't anticipate it and write it
16. into my legislation, but I hope you can.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18. Further discussion? Senator Philip.

19. SENATOR PHILIP:

20. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
21. Senate. It really seeks to amaze one how the Senator from Winnebago
22. can come down the Floor of this Senate and ask for 5.8 million dollars
23. for Winnebago County on the basis they assessed forty-one percent
24. but deny DuPage County who assessed at thirty-nine percent. To me
25. that doesn't make any sense at all, to say the least it's unfair,
26. it's unjustifiable, and I would suggest very strongly if you have
27. any conscience at all and you believe in being fair, to vote No on
28. this bill.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30. ...that was not a question. Senator Bell.

31. SENATOR BELL:

32. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Hickey, you're going to
33. need an explanation with my coming vote, because I am a member of

1. the Revenue Committee and I did vote to move this bill to the
2. Floor and I want to explain why in the fact that I'll be voting
3. against it. I think it needed to be brought to the Senate Floor
4. for this kind of discussion because of the tremendous impact that
5. this problem is having throughout the State of Illinois, and was
6. my feeling in the Revenue Committee that it should be debated and
7. discussed here on the Floor of the Senate, rather than simply in
8. Revenue Committee. Having said that, I certainly would find my-
9. self in a very untenable position to go back to Will County and
10. after having voted for this particular legislation to address my-
11. self to the needs of those school districts and park districts that
12. have been so badly hurt in Will County. Especially in lieu of the
13. fact that I've been voting No or just Present in reference to
14. practically every appropriation bill that's come through, so if I
15. made a Aye vote in this particular bill, it would be...why I just
16. can't do it, so I wanted to explain that to you, Senator Hickey,
17. and why I voted to bring this to the Floor for debate.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

19. Senator Netsch.

20. SENATOR NETSCH:

21. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to just repeat or under-
22. score a couple of things that perhaps have already been said but
23. put them in a different context perhaps. Number 1, I think every-
24. one in this Chamber should remember everything that was said at the
25. time that 990 was passing last year, and I would particularly remind
26. all of the people who had been either members of the joint committee
27. on property tax reform from which those bills emanated, or those
28. who had been members of the Revenue Committee. At that time, it
29. was made very, very clear that the area that would be primarily
30. penalized by a change in the law that we all felt was necessary
31. and otherwise justified would not be left hanging out on a limb,
32. and that was Winnebago County. And for us to go back on what was
33. virtually a promise that was made at that time that that situation would
34. be covered next year let us first just get the reduced equalizer through

1 would be a total...breach of faith, not only with Senator Hickey,
2 but with the entire area that she is representing, and I don't
3 think it really comes with very good grace for some of you to say
4 - well, there were a few other districts that...a few other areas
5 that may have been above the 33 1/3 and perhaps should have had some
6 form of relief, also. I...if that is true, perhaps something could
7 or still could be done...could have been done about it or maybe still
8 could be done about it, but in any event, there is no justification
9 for penalizing Winnebago County and its representative who has
10 worked hard to see that this injustice is corrected, and I think
11 that is an obligation that in good faith all of us made to that
12 area when we passed that bill last year. Finally, I would remind
13 you of one analogy for someone over there who suggested that, well,
14 this is really special legislation. Some of you may remember when
15 a sudden change in the law, some years ago it took place, and the General
16 Assembly recognized that that created a different situation. I'm re-
17 ferring to the abolition of tort immunity by a Supreme Court decision
18 involving the Kaneland Community Unit School District. The law
19 suddenly changed on that school district. That school district was
20 left with a very major fiscal burden as a result of it. The General
21 Assembly passed a specific appropriation to bail out that school
22 district, recognizing that the change in the law was right and just,
23 but not one unit alone should have to bear the full financial burden.
24 That is exactly what we are doing in this case. We are saying that
25 the change in the law was right and just, but Winnebago County
26 should not bear that fiscal burden. I think it is our obligation
27 to see that we live up to the commitment that we really made last
28 year when we passed that bill.

29 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30 Senator Mitchler.

31 SENATOR MITCHLER:

32 I have a question of the sponsor, if I might.

33 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

1. ...Sponsor indicates she will yield. Senator Mitchler.

2. SENATOR MITCHLER:

3. Senator Hickey, the...the debate in opposition to your bill
4. seems to stem around the fact that in the bill it provides for
5. that forty percent and over, in other words, and that's only
6. Winnebago County. Would you be agreeable to bringing your bill back
7. to 2nd reading, taking it out of the record, and bringing it back
8. to 2nd reading, and have the bill amended, so that it would have
9. the equalized assessed valuation was at greater than 33 1/3
10. percent, so the Senator Fawell's DuPage County would in excess of
11. thirty, close to thirty-eight, thirty-nine percent and that, would
12. be included in that, and you'd give relief to all of those counties,
13. and then it wouldn't be special legislation only for Winnebago?

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15. Senator Hickey.

16. SENATOR HICKEY:

17. Senator Mitchler, I...I think you just heard Senator Netsch
18. say that it is Winnebago County alone which was talked about at the
19. time that 990 passed as...as suffering so greatly. Now, somebody
20. spoke about DuPage County at thirty-nine percent and Will County.
21. As Senator Wooten just read to you as far as 1974 is concerned, there
22. were only six counties with EAV levels above 33 1/3, and DuPage...
23. neither DuPage nor Will are in that group. No, I would not be
24. willing to bring it back to 2nd reading for that amendment.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

26. Senator Mitchler.

27. SENATOR MITCHLER:

28. Well, I can't...

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30. May I have your attention. The Chair would just like to point
31. out that there are five members who have indicated...they wish
32. recognition, so...Senator Mitchler.

33. SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. Well, Senator Hickey, what is your reason for not wanting
2. to help the other five counties that are suffering from the same
3. problem that your county is experiencing?

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

5. Senator Hickey..

6. SENATOR HICKEY:

7. Senator Mitchler, they are not suffering to the same extent
8. as Winnebago County which has been agreed by many people on both
9. sides of the aisle.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

11. Senator Mitchler.

12. SENATOR MITCHLER:

13. Well, Senator Hickey, your attitude in that regard it all
14. depends how far the pin is driven in, I suppose, it...you determine
15. how much your suffering, but perhaps in some of those other areas
16. that don't have the capability of...of meeting the financial crisis
17. that their school districts have, it...it is just as serious as
18. it is in Winnebago. I would be sympathetic, but if you're just
19. going to think alone of Winnebago County and not take in the other
20. five counties which would be very simple to do and would take in
21. the township that Senator Buzbee talked about and Senator Fawell,
22. and some of the others that are strapped down. Is there...not
23. seeing any reason why we can't do that and take care of them just
24. as well, then I think that you're being rather selfish about this bill.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

26. Senator Partee, for what purpose do you arise?

27. SENATOR PARTEE:

28. Well, I think that Senator Hickey doesn't need to continue to
29. defend her course of action, and I arise to support her and to say
30. that I think she's being browbeaten at this time by people who had
31. every opportunity to have...been assertive of their rights to protect
32. their areas when these bills were going along. Now, we had this
33. bill in last year, 9...990. I didn't hear all these arguments then

1 about my park district or my this or my that. Who stopped anybody
2 here from putting in a bill on behalf of the...the areas for which
3 they are now very much aggrieved. Nobody has stopped them, and
4 certainly not Senator Hickey, and to wait until this final date of
5 judgment when she is trying to do something that is so desperately
6 needed for her own county, something that we've discussed at long
7 length here without any other peripheral issues being added to it
8 seems to me to be in very poor taste. Now, she's not being selfish
9 and I don't think it's fair to say that she's being selfish. She's
10 doing what she ought to do as...on respect of her constituents.
11 She's doing what we have a right to do, because we have put her and
12 her constituents in this position of jeopardy by a change of the
13 law. Certainly out of any kind of moral or any kind of other con-
14 sideration, we have an obligation to a right what has been wrong.
15 It's wrong what we've did...what we did to that county, and I
16 think she's now trying to address herself to it, and to accuse her
17 of not being concerned about somebody else is just in my opinion
18 a terrible kind of...I'm not going to say chauvinistic, but it's
19 a terrible kind of thing to do.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21 Senator Schaffer.

22 SENATOR SCHAFFER:

23 I just really at this point would like to agree with Senator
24 Partee and Senator Netsch's comments and express my support for this
25 bill. Once again this is the county that was setting the pace for the
26 State in assessments. Last year I don't recall everybody talking about how
27 high their counties and townships were assessed. The statistics I saw
28 indicated how low they were assessed, and that's what brought about 990,
29 and I think Winnebago County is entitled to this relief and when it's
30 appropriate, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move the previous question.

31 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

32 Senator Ozinga.

33 SENATOR OZINGA:

1 I just felt that everybody has been in the act now, and it's
2 about time for the previous question.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

4 Well, there are...that motion...

5 SENATOR OZINGA:

6 It's almost 10 o'clock and we haven't...

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8 ...is always in order, but we have traditionally allowed those
9 you have indicated that they sought recognition to be recognized.
10 Senator Harber Hall. Senator Soper.

11 SENATOR SOPER:

12 Thank you Mr. President. Senator Hickey, the only thing that
13 bothers me about this is you're going to ask for five million dollars
14 out of the School Fund, and the Governor has told us that there's
15 just so much money in that School Fund to be distributed on a certain
16 ...certain basis to the various school districts. Now, if we give
17 your school district...I'd like to have some attention here, if you...
18 you know, I can't hear myself speak here. I think if you're all
19 interested in your school districts, you ought to listen to what I've
20 got to say. If this five million dollars is taken out of the School
21 Fund, it means that proportionately every school district in the State
22 of Illinois will receive so much less money. The City of Chicago
23 who receives about thirty-eight or forty percent of the School
24 Fund will...will lose about that much money, and there is no way
25 it can get...it can get more than so many ounces of water out of
26 a pail, you know. After the water is gone, that's it, and we don't
27 seem to have that unless we raise taxes. Now, if you all want to
28 raise taxes, fine, you go ahead and do it, but I'm not about to
29 raise taxes or...or...or disturb this formula that we have. Now,
30 as far as what Senator Netsch said about that case, at that time
31 we...we had decided that that two million dollars or whatever it
32 was, was available, we didn't take it out of the School Fund. We didn't
33 tax every school district. We didn't take any money away from them.

1 We didn't...we said the...the whole State of Illinois should
2 participate in this thing, and the whole state did, and it's just
3 like apples and oranges. It's a little different proposition at
4 this time. If you want to take so many millions of dollars or
5 thousands of dollars from your school district and give it to
6 Winnebago school districts, fine. You can do that, but then you
7 go back and explain why your school district got so much less of
8 that five million dollars.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

10 Any further discussion? Senator Harber..yeah, Senator
11 Fawell, that will be your second time. I just have to make sure.
12 Senator Harber Hall.

13 SENATOR HARBER HALL:

14 I would like to clarify one point, perhaps on a point of
15 personal privilege. Senator Netsch indicated there was some bad
16 faith among members of the joint committee to study property
17 tax, a committee that I've been serving on, and she was a gracious
18 hostess and had us up to Rockford. And she would indicate, I'm
19 sure, Senator Netsch, that I have never at any time indicated
20 support for this concept, simply because it is special legislation.
21 I do recognize that Winnebago County was assessing at a higher
22 rate than any other county, but to me that's beside the point.
23 But having served on that committee and also on the Revenue Committee
24 as a whole, my record would show that I would be...would have been
25 opposing this all the way through all the committee hearings and
26 all the subcommittee hearings.

27 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

28 Further discussions? Senator Fawell.

29 SENATOR FAWELL:

30 Well, I apologize for rising twice, but a matter of personal
31 privilege. I do want to state that when this was debated, Senator
32 Netsch, certainly we in DuPage County made it, we thought, very,
33 very clear that it was going to have some severe detrimental effects

1 upon us. Now, I recall that certainly the Senator from Rockford
2 also made this clear, and I joined with her in pointing out some
3 of the detriments which would be coming if we did pass 990, and
4 I repeat, I voted against the legislation which wasn't a popular
5 move, because everybody was in favor of the idea of lowering the
6 assessed valuation freeze point. But I pointed out that we were
7 already experiencing a great deal of problems of local government not
8 being able to have the revenues they ought to have in school
9 districts, especially. And Senator Partee, if this is browbeating
10 a fellow member of the legislature, I'm sorry about it, but I had
11 several districts suggest that I do what...what the Senator from
12 Rockford had done in introducing legislation, for instance, that
13 I think must still be pending that she has that would also give a
14 special grant to park districts up there in Winnebago County, and I
15 said no. I...that type of a bill just doesn't have any chance in...in
16 this year where we have all the economic problems we have. It
17 would be unthinkable for...someone to come in and say specifically
18 for me, I want this, give me several million dollars, and by gosh,
19 we're actually seriously thinking about doing it. Now, this has
20 nothing to do with who the fine Senator may be who is asking for
21 this, and we got all kinds of school problems and here we have...
22 we're going to sneak one right across the line here, whereas others
23 of us from downstate have a number of school problems that we're
24 concerned about, but our bills can't even get out of subcommittee,
25 the release of the bill, for instance, in regard to eliminating
26 rollback taxes, which could be of immense help, and the financial
27 problems that I suppose will be debated in very shortly in regard
28 to the supplemental appropriations and how much Chicago ought to
29 get and so forth and so on. Is this all part of a power play? Have
30 you made an understanding, I won't call it a deal, that Winnebago
31 will get this and Chicago will get something else? We've played
32 a lot of foolish games down here in Springfield, but it seems to
33 me that regardless of the personalities that may be involved here,

1 we can't do something like this, and I repeat, it isn't fair. I
2 don't care if there are two other counties, or three other counties,
3 or what, you can't come in and just grab for one particular area
4 and say - well, I'm fighting for my constituency. Three cheers for you,
5 but it isn't right, by golly, and I am still going to insist that
6 ...that we take a position against it. Chuckle all you may.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8 Senator Partee, for what purpose do you arise?

9 SENATOR PARTEE:

10 Well, I was diverted for a moment, and I didn't hear all
11 of the remarks, but the gentlemen has placed a judgment on what
12 is going on here which he says he couldn't get his bills out of
13 committee. I don't know of any bills of that nature, and we've
14 been on the Rules Committee, and we've tried very hard to get out
15 all bills which were within the categories and there's been no
16 unfairness about it. As a matter of fact, we have bent over
17 backward to accomodate our membership. Sometimes at a real pain
18 to ourselves, so, Senator, if you'd had a bill such as this, there
19 wouldn't have been any problem with it. As far as I know, you could
20 get your bills out if you'd taken the time to prepare them, and
21 not wait until the minute of the...the roll call, and start to
22 say that somebody else is aggrieved. Now, that's just not fair,
23 and I'm not going to let the record remain with that statement
24 of yours without challenging it, because it's absolutely incorrect.

25 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

26 Senator Hickey may close the debate.

27 SENATOR HICKEY:

28 Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I'd like to suggest
29 to Senator Fawell that he speaks of his rollback elimination as if
30 it were dead. I wish he wouldn't do that, because there are many
31 of us very much interested in that, and...and, you know, if he
32 doesn't want it anymore, that's one thing, but to me, it seems
33 like a fair and just thing, and I hope it comes through. As far as

1. park districts are concerned, you're worried about the Rockford
2. Park District, for which I did have a bill which tied in committee
3. for a special appropriation which would have given them about one
4. sixth of the loss that they're maybe going to suffer from 990,
5. but...1523 which we've just passed does amount to...to assistance
6. for them of just about the same as that grant, and they're....so
7. that they're not out in the cold altogether. Now, as far as school
8. aid is concerned, I'm well aware that lots of other school districts
9. are in trouble. You haven't heard me say one word today about
10. asking for support for this because the Rockford School District is
11. in trouble, but it is. It's like all the rest of them, but I'm
12. not asking for this for...for that reason. You talk about going
13. back to counties over 33 1/3. The six that...that we referred
14. to are Lee, Scott, Stevenson, Tazwell, and Wabash. DuPage isn't
15. there. Apparently before 1974, they were in the...in the lower
16. half of the assessment picture below 33 1/3, so their problem is
17. indeed quite a different one. I still suggest that you should
18. introduce some legislation to take care of the districts. Just
19. one more thing, I'm not doing this because of the difficulties
20. of the Rockford School District. I'm doing because people previously
21. on both sides of aisle, and I...I'm sorry that Senator Clarke
22. is not here today, have agreed that this is a specific problem,
23. that this is right, fair and just and part of the bill for
24. equalizing the whole state, and I ask your support. Thank you.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

26. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1524 pass. Those in favor
27. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
28. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the
29. Ayes are 35, the Nays are 17, 2 Voting Present. Senate Bill 1524
30. having received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
31. Senator Netsch moves to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill
32. 1524 has passed. Senator Morris moves to Table. All in favor
33. signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Senator

1. Weaver.

2. SENATOR WEAVER:

3. Thank you, Mr. President.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

5. ...Senator Partee. Senator Weaver has been recognized.

6. SENATOR WEAVER:

7. I would appreciate a recess of the Senate for the purpose of

8. a Republican Caucus.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

10. Senator Partee.

11. SENATOR PARTEE:

12. Is there any indication as to time allotment that you desire?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

14. Senator Weaver.

15. SENATOR WEAVER:

16. Approximately thirty minutes, Mr. President.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18. Senator Partee.

19. SENATOR PARTEE:

20. Well, aside from being an optimist, I notice you use a safe

21. word like approximate. So, that's fine, and there will be a

22. Democratic Caucus at the same time in...in my office.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

24. Senate will stand in recess for approximately thirty minutes

25. for the purpose of a Republican and Democratic Caucus. Senator

26. Howard Mohr.

27. SENATOR HOWARD MOHR:

28. Yes, I was going to ask Senator Partee, how long you will be

29. in caucus?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (Senator Rock)

31. About twenty minutes. Senate stands in recess.

32. (RECESS)

33. (AFTER RECESS)

1. PRESIDENT:
2. The Senate will reconvene. Senate is called to order. Senate
3. Bills on 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1567, Senator Bruce. Senate
4. Bill 1594, Senator Egan and Harber Hall. Senate Bill 1737, Senator
5. Davidson. Senate Bill 1799, Senator Bruce. Senate Bill 1800,
6. Senator Bruce. (machine cutoff) 1567, Senator Bruce. Read the
7. bill.
8. SECRETARY:
9. Senate Bill 1567
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. 3rd reading of the bill.
12. PRESIDENT:
13. Senator Bruce.
14. SENATOR BRUCE:
15. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. We are
16. starting a series of bills, Senate Bill 1567, 1799, 1800, on
17. through that all deal with the State Employee's Group Insurance
18. Program. A program that was conceived by Senator Harris and myself
19. back in 1970, and in 1971 it became active. We...
20. PRESIDENT:
21. Is leave granted to discuss all of the bills to discuss all
22. of the bills at once?
23. SENATOR BRUCE:
24. ...Well.....
25. PRESIDENT:
26. Leave is granted.
27. SENATOR BRUCE:
28. ...Senator, I...I don't whether we can do that, but we'll...
29. PRESIDENT:
30. What I mean is nearly as possible.
31. SENATOR BRUCE:
32. ...nearly as possible.
33. PRESIDENT:

1. overall...overall...overall overview. Senator Bruce.

2. SENATOR BRUCE:

3. The first bill in the series is Senate Bill 1567 recommended
4. by the Department of Insurance Study and the Group Advisory
5. Commission to the State Department of Personnel. This would allow
6. us to have a two year contract on the State employees' group
7. insurance contract rather than the possibility that we now have
8. of only a one year contract with a renewal option. We have...we
9. exercised the renewal option this year and saved, I think, sub-
10.stantial money. This would allow us the option of having a two
11. year contract, bringing a carrier on board, and he would realize
12. that if he got the business he would be able to stay with us for
13. a least a minimum of twenty-four months with the right to renew
14. for a period of one year. I don't know whether there's any questions
15. on this. We've had a thorough hearing in the Insurance Committee.
16. It's been discussed at some length before the Group Advisory
17. Commission. If there are no questions, I would ask for a roll call,
18. Mr. President.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill
21. 1567 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The voting is
22. open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question,
23. the Ayes are 46, the Nays are 3, with none Voting Present. Senate
24. Bill 1567 having received a constitutional majority is declared
25. passed. Senate Bill 1799, Senator Bruce.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Bill 1799

28. (Secretary reads title of bill)

29. 3rd reading of the bill.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Bruce.

32. SENATOR BRUCE:

33. Yes, Mr. President, under Federal law presently applying to

1. states since we became an employer last July 1 under the Federal
2. Labor Standards...Fair Labor Standards Act, any employer in the
3. United States must offer to its employees the option of picking up
4. a qualified HMO program in lieu of the health insurance program
5. offered by the employer. The State of Illinois in April, I believe,
6. was finally as one certified program, one certified HMO, and because
7. of that we now must offer that HMO option to our State employees.
8. I would alert the members of the fact that is of no additional
9. cost. The Federal government did say that if there was additional
10. cost, it...it would be borne by the employee, and this statute so
11. states.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Any further discussion? Senator Bell.

14. SENATOR BELL:

15. Couple questions of Senator Bruce.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. He indicates he'll yield.

18. SENATOR BELL:

19. Senator Bruce, under the HMO concept, is it in your opinion
20. that there might be some adverse selection that would work against
21. the cost experience in such a way as to drive up the cost of health
22. insurance?

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Bruce.

25. SENATOR BRUCE:

26. Yes, Senator Bell, it is absolutely possible, and I am sure
27. that it will occur, but the Federal government has said -- as an
28. employer we must offer the option. I don't what we do except to
29. defy the Federal law, but you are absolutely correct. It will
30. drive up the cost of our...our program.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill
33. 1799 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The

1. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. Let
2. the record show if Senator Kenneth Hall had been on the Floor,
3. he would have voted in the affirmative. Senator Newhouse the same.
4. On this question, the Ayes are 36, the Nays are 2, with 6 Voting
5. Present. Senate Bill 1799 having received a constitutional majority
6. is declared passed. Senate Bill 1800, Senator Bruce.

7. SECRETARY:

8. Senate...Senate Bill 1800

9. (Secretary reads title of bill)

10. 3rd reading of the bill.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Bruce.

13. SENATOR BRUCE:

14. Mr. President and members of the Senate, Senate Bill 1800
15. deals with the problem, as the program was originally conceived in
16. 1971, we ran for a contract of eighteen months starting in January
17. of 1972. The problem was that under the original statute it allowed
18. us to return to the employee any surplus generated in the employee
19. paid portion of the contract. We found that be an unworkable situation,
20. and I and Senator Harris introduced legislation in the '72 Session
21. to amend it to say that any surplus generated in the employee paid
22. portion would be used to do one of two things, either to reduce
23. premiums or to increase coverage. That legislation also has been
24. used and every member of the State Senate benefits by the fact that
25. their health...their life insurance premiums are reduced by ten
26. cents per month per thousand because we have received a surplus.
27. The problem is that in our first carrier we have now sued for over
28. five million dollars of an accrued surplus that they generated, and
29. they have failed to return to us. Legal counsel indicates that if
30. that money were to be returned on that first eighteen months'
31. contract, we would have to tract down all the State employees who
32. worked for the State through...through 1972 and remit to them a check
33. in the tune of about fifteen cents. This statute would clarify

1. that the...the original change in the Act applied to the first
2. contract also.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill
5. 1800 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The voting
6. is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this
7. question, the Ayes are 45, the Nays are 1, with 1 Voting Present.
8. Senate Bill 1800 having received a constitutional majority is
9. declared passed. Senate Bill 1801, Senator Bruce. Senator Bruce
10. is recognized.

11. SENATOR BRUCE:

12. Yes, because of some problems of an amendment that the
13. Republicans are drafting and we are working on, I'd like to hold
14. Senate Bills 1801 and 1802 of that series and continue with 1803.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Your pleasure, Senator. Senate Bill 1803, 3rd reading. Read
17. the bill.

18. SECRETARY:

19. Senate Bill 1803

20. (Secretary reads title of bill)

21. 3rd reading of the bill.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Bruce.

24. SENATOR BRUCE:

25. Yes. This Senate Bill 1803 arises because of a law suit that
26. was filed against the State Employee Group Insurance Commission and the
27. Director, and others in Champaign County by the graduate assistants.
28. It has always been our decision that graduate assistants are not
29. full-time State employees under the definition for coverage under
30. the Group Insurance Program. They filed suit. I think they had
31. a sum basis for that in the sense that we say that a person who
32. works twenty hours a week or more were normally half-time in a
33. normal work period would be an employee. We have added to that

1. definition the fact that they must be under our State Pension
2. Program. This does not affect the coverage as we presently define
3. it. If we were to include the graduate assistants, it would some
4. three to five million dollars to our premium cost, so this was...
5. this is to clarify the fact that only full-time employees or
6. employees who work half-time or more and are covered by our Pension
7. Systems in the State would be eligible to the...to the coverage
8. of the State Employee Group Insurance Program.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Any further discussion? Question is, shall Senate Bill 1803
11. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The voting is open.
12. Does Senator Bruce desire to vote? Have all voted who wish? Take
13. the record. On this question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are 1,
14. with none Voting Present. Senate Bill 1803 having received a
15. constitutional majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 1804,
16. Senator Bruce. Read the bill.

17. SECRETARY:

18. Senate Bill 1804

19. (Secretary reads title of bill)

20. 3rd reading of the bill.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Bruce.

23. SENATOR BRUCE:

24. Yes, Mr. President, this allows the State Treasurer, the State
25. Comptroller, and the Director of Insurance who are designated members
26. of the State Employee Group Insurance Advisory Commission to designate
27. someone who may attend the meetings. That has been the operating
28. procedure on the commission since its operation began in 1971.
29. This clarifies a question of the chairman who is somewhat fearful
30. of challenge when we approve contracts totally sixty-two million
31. dollars without a full contingent of membership. This would make
32. it clear that they may designate someone to attend in their stead.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Any further discussion? Senator Howard Mohr.

2. SENATOR HOWARD MOHR:

3. Mr. President, is that considered proxy voting?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. What, sir? I...I didn't understand you.

6. SENATOR HOWARD MOHR:

7. Having...no. Okay.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate
10. Bill 1804. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The
11. voting is open. (machine cutoff) who wish? Take therrecord. On
12. that question, the Ayes are 49, the Nays are 2, with none Voting
13. Present. Senate Bill 1804 having received a constitutional majority
14. is declared passed. Senate Bill 1806, Senator Bruce. Read the
15. bill.

16. SECRETARY:

17. Senate Bill 1806

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 3rd reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Bruce.

22. SENATOR BRUCE:

23. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate, under our bidding
24. procedures for the group program, we have always given credit under
25. the...under the specifications for the contract that we would give
26. credit for the two percent premium-tax paid. The Department of
27. Insurance and the people who control the bidding in Illinois indicated
28. that they did not think that was the cleanest way to handle the
29. question, and so, their recommendation is that we exempt from the
30. two percent premium tax any premium paid on the State Employee
31. Group Insurance Program. Our rationale always been that since we
32. are taxing them they ought to get for it since it's State money paid
33. back out, and that way it's a complete wash and all this bill says,

1. that it...if...if they generate premium because of business done
2. with the Group Insurance Program, they...that part of their premium
3. dollars is exempt from the two percent premium tax, and that way
4. in-state and out-of-state carriers are...treated equally.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill
7. 1806 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay.
8. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
9. Senator Bruce. On this question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are
10. none, with none Voting Present. Senate Bill 1806 having received
11. a constitutional majority is declared passed.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Senate Bill 1853, Senator Nudelman. Read the bill, Mr.
14. Secretary.

15. SECRETARY:

16. Senate Bill 1853

17. (Secretary reads title of bill)

18. 3rd reading of the bill.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Senator Nudelman.

21. SENATOR NUDELMAN:

22. Thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple bill which does
23. exactly what the synopsis says. It would treat IRA, which are
24. individual retirement accounts, to the extent that fifteen hundred
25. dollars per year, the same way that accounts are treated to
26. the extent of seventeen hundred dollars...seventy-five hundred dollars
27. per year in relation to the State of Illinois income tax, and I
28. would solicit a favorite roll call.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall Senate
31. Bill 1853 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.
32. The voting is open. Senator McCarthy. Have all voted who wish?
33. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the

1. Ayes are 44, the Nays are 3, 2 Voting Present. Senate Bill 1853
2. having received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
3. Senate Bill 1854, Senator Nudelman. Mr. Secretary, read the bill,
4. please.
5. SECRETARY:
6. Senate Bill 1854
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. 3rd reading of the bill.
9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
10. Senator Nudelman.
11. SENATOR NUDELMAN:
12. Thank you, Mr. President, this bill does the exact same thing
13. as relates to personal property tax as the other bills did as relates
14. to income tax, and I would...solicit a...
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
16. Excuse me, Senator Nudelman.
17. SENATOR NUDELMAN:.
18. ...favorable roll.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
20. Could we have some order, please. Senator Nudelman.
21. SENATOR NUDELMAN:
22. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill does exactly the same
23. thing that the previous...bill did as relates to personal property
24. tax as the other bill did as relates to income tax, and I would
25. solicit a favorite roll call.
26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
27. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall Senate
28. Bill 1854 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.
29. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
30. On that question. the Aves are 42. the Navs are 2, 5 Voting Present.
31. Senate Bill 1854 having received a constitutional majority is
32. declared passed. Senate Bill 1868. Senate Bill 1939, Senator
33. Weaver. Senator Partee.

1. SENATOR PARTEE:
2. 1868 we're passing, but the rest...the next one 1869, you
3. may call.
4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
5. I'm sorry, thought we would be holding both of them. 1869.
6. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
7. SECRETARY:
8. Senate Bill 1869
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 3rd reading of the bill.
11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
12. Senator Partee.
13. SENATOR PARTEE:
14. Does exactly what he just said. I'll take a favorable roll
15. call. It's for the General Assembly.
16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
17. The question is, shall...is there discussion? Senator Harber
18. Hall.
19. SENATOR HARBER HALL:
20. Would the sponsor yield?
21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
22. He indicates that he will yield.
23. SENATOR PARTEE:
24. I can't see you, Senator.
25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
26. Excuse me...
27. SENATOR PARTEE:
28. There are so many gentlemen standing in the aisle...
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
30. Would the caucus...caucus middle row...
31. SENATOR PARTEE:
32. I don't even know who's talking.
33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

1. , ...please...

2. SENATOR PARTEE:

3. Oh, I see. It's Senator Harber Hall. Thank you, I'll yield

4. to...

5. SENATOR HARBER HALL:

6. Senator, I'd just to like to know, I haven't kept up with

7. this much, ...what will be the current rate of staff service

8. appropriation for each member?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Senator Partee.

11. SENATOR PARTEE:

12. This is...this is for the vouchered members for the back home

13. offices, district offices.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

15. Senator Harber Hall.

16. SENATOR PARTEE:

17. ...staff depends on persons making their own choices.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. Senator Hall.

20. SENATOR HARBER HALL:

21. Thank you. How much will it be per member, total?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Senator Partee.

24. SENATOR PARTEE:

25. Twelve...it's twelve thousand per member.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Senato Wooten, did you wish? Senator Wooten.

28. SENATOR WOOTEN:

29. This is not the one that was to be called back for an amend-

30. ment, is it? Okay, thank you.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Senator Buzbee.

33. SENATOR BUZBEE:

1. Yes, Mr. President. I'd just like to make one clear for
2. the press. There is some of them, I think who perhaps who still
3. do not understand this twelve thousand dollars. When you start
4. to add up the figures, fellows and ladies, that how much a legislator
5. gets paid, this twelve thousand does not go to us. It goes to our
6. office staff and in fact, the lady that works in my office, they
7. will not even send her check to my post office box address. They
8. insist on sending it to home. I don't see a penny of it, so when
9. you add the twenty, don't add the twelve on to it, because it's
10. not mine. Thanks.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Senator Berning.

13. SENATOR BERNING:

14. Thank you, Mr. President, I would merely like to suggest that
15. perhaps Section 3 ought to be amended, Mr. President Partee, in
16. as much as we...wait a minute. We're in the 79th. The fact that
17. some of us may not be back after January 1, it would seem to indicate
18. from this that we could obligate the entire twelve thousand and
19. thereby leave nothing for anyone that...who was elected in January.
20. Am I incorrect in this or....

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

22. Senator Partee.

23. SENATOR PARTEE:

24. I think so, Senator. We are now in the 79th General Assembly.
25. Right? And the bill refers to what someone cannot do who is a
26. member of the 80th General Assembly, so what anybody in the 79th
27. did would have no affect on this. It couldn't have any affect on it.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Senator Berning.

30. SENATOR BERNING:

31. I'll admit that that 80th stopped me for a moment. We are in
32. the 79th, that's correct, but does this then perclude in the 79th
33. from obligating any of that twelve thousand?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Partee.

3. SENATOR PARTEE:

4. You'll find that is statutorily prohibited for any member of
5. the 79th General Assembly to obligate any part of that in the 80th.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Senator Berning.

8. SENATOR BERNING:

9. I don't mean to belate it, but it just appeared to me that
10. this is an item that ought to have that fifty percent limitation
11. which Senator Partee has placed on so many other appropriations.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Senator Partee.

14. SENATOR PARTEE:

15. I think the statutory language which is already in the
16. statute would take care of what is a alert problem that you have
17. raised. The statute covers it, so it wouldn't be possible for
18. anyone to incumber from the 79th General Assembly part of the money
19. that we spent in the 80th.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21. Senator Graham.

22. SENATOR GRAHAM:

23. I think it is very clear, and I think the practice around
24. here has been very clear on that point. If anyone makes a mistake
25. of thinking they can obligate into the next Session when they might
26. not even be here, just try it, because the Secretary of the Senate
27. won't sign the voucher and the Comptroller will not get it and they
28. will not get their money.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Is there further debate? The question is, shall Senate Bill
31. 1869 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed Nay. The voting
32. is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
33. question, the Ayes are 48, the Nays are none, none Voting Present.

1. Senate Bill 1869 having received a constitutional majority is
2. declared passed. Senate Bill 1939, Senator Weaver. Read the
3. bill, Mr. Secretary.
4. SECRETARY:
5. Senate Bill 1939
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. 3rd reading of the bill.
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
9. Senator Weaver.
10. SENATOR WEAVER:
11. This is...does just as exactly as the Calendar states. The
12. amount is four hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred dollars
13. and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
15. Is there further debate? The question is, shall Senate Bill
16. 1939 pass? Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed Nay. The voting
17. is open.
18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
19. Senator Hynes, for what purpose do you arise, sir?
20. SENATOR HYNES:
21. Mr. President, while the vote is being tallied, I'd like to
22. introduce a group from the Cohen School in Chicago in my district
23. and ask that they stand and be acknowledge.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
25. Will our guests please stand and be acknowledged by the Senate.
26. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question...on
27. that question, the Ayes are 45, the Nays are none, 3 Voting Present.
28. House Bill...Senate Bill 1939 having received the constitutional
29. majority is declared passed. On the order of Senate Bills 3rd
30. reading is Senate Bill 1937, Mr. Secretary.
31. SECRETARY:
32. Senate Bill 1937
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 3rd reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

3. Senator Bruce.

4. SENATOR BRUCE:

5. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this is an eighteen
6. million dollar supplemental appropriation to the Department of
7. Revenue for purposes of making income tax refunds. The problem
8. has existed within the department. Five things have created the
9. need for the eighteen million dollar deficiency. The fact that
10. the average dollar amount of refunds has increased by...for
11. individuals by two dollars and sixty-six cents. When we miss..
12. when the Department of Revenue misses the average estimated refund
13. by two dollars and sixty-six cents, that generates over the entire
14. scope of the returns received by the Department a deficit of seven
15. million four hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. In addition
16. there was miscalculation of the possible refunds allowable to
17. corporations in the turn of an average six hundred and forty-six
18. dollars which generates eight million three hundred and fifty-three
19. thousand. In addition, we now have the Federal-State...Federal-
20. State tape match which does show taxpayers who have filed a Federal
21. return but have not filed a State return. That addition though,
22. we find more taxpayers. It results in an additional three hundred
23. thousand dollars in refunds being issued to taxpayers that could
24. have filed and received a State tax refund. Additionally this year,
25. fewer taxpayers are making errors. Errors have occurred in the
26. last year. They come in April 15th. By the time the error is...the
27. biggest they have is people not signing the return or not attaching
28. the W-2 forms. That is occurring to a greater...lesser degree this
29. year, so that the processing of more returns is occurring within
30. this fiscal year. Additionally they...we have two large business
31. refunds during the fiscal year, one for two hundred and eight
32. thousand, one for two hundred and forty-two thousand, totally more
33. than four hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. All of those

1. have accumulated to where the amount required for the Department
2. of Revenue for individual and business refunds for income tax is
3. now a total of eighteen million dollars.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

5. Is there any discussion? Senator Weaver.

6. SENATOR WEAVER:

7. Senator Bruce, why didn't the Governor put this in his budget?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9. Senator Bruce.

10. SENATOR BRUCE:

11. Well, two of the programs that I mentioned, you could not
12. anticipate by March the 6th. For example, the amount of refunds
13. on individual returns, those are not processed and the first time
14. they get a good sampling of individual returns is...after April
15. the 15th. They found, as I mentioned, they had missed only by
16. two dollars and sixty-six cents the average return of over six
17. million income tax returns filed by individuals in this State, but
18. when you multiply that two dollar and sixty-six cent error, it
19. totals to seven million four. In addition, we are fully on line
20. with the Federal-State...tape match, and...you can say fortunately
21. or unfortunately, we do find a lot of taxpayers who file a Federal
22. return but have not filed a State return. We find though that some
23. of those who have not filed are entitled to a refund, so that's
24. generated three hundred thousand dollars now that's that's on line.
25. The...the numbers just add up to eighteen million dollars and there's
26. no way the department can anticipate until we receive a good sampling.
27. Obviously, this is a projection of a...of a computer run of a sampling
28. of returns that have now been analyzed by the department.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30. Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill
31. 1937...I beg your pardon, Senator Hynes.

32. SENATOR HYNES:

33. Mr. President, members of the Senate, just as a

1. we may have later this afternoon, this is an example of the basic
2. unreliability of a number of official documents that are published
3. with respect to State finance.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
5. Senator Carroll.

6. SENATOR CARROLL:
7. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
9. Indicates he will yield. Senator Carroll.

10. SENATOR CARROLL:
11. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Bruce, I was just curious
12. to know whether you have a list of those people who are eligible
13. for refunds, because it would seem to me there's a possibility of
14. conflict of interest of any members of the legislature who might
15. be entitled to be recipients of refunds under this bill.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
17. Including the Chair, I might add. Senator Bruce.

18. SENATOR BRUCE:
19. While although the CIA and the FBI are privy and although
20. your bankers and you're a counselor, available to the IRS, they're
21. unfortunately not available to me, and I...if you will pass the
22. legislation, I will like Solomon look with equality among each
23. return to see if it's properly entitled to a refund. No, there's
24. no way we can find if anyone here has a conflict.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
26. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1937 pass. Those in favor
27. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
28. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the
29. Ayes are 40, the Nays are 4, 3 Voting Present. House...Senate Bill
30. 1937 having received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
31. Senator Bell, for what purpose do you arise?

32. SENATOR BELL:
33. Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
2. State your point, Sir.
3. SENATOR BELL:
4. We have in the gallery behind us a group of students and
5. faculty from Homer School, Homer Township, in the great county
6. of Will, and I wonder if this Body would be courteous to enough
7. to welcome them here.
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
9. Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized.
10. Senator Carroll still on the Floor? Okay. House Bills on 3rd
11. reading. Senator Netsch, do you wish that series called.
12. SENATOR NETSCH:
13. No, I'll take the next one.
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
15. No. All right. On the order of House Bills 3rd reading,
16. is House Bill 3068. Do you wish that called?
17. SENATOR NETSCH:
18. Yes.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
20. Yes. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.
21. SECRETARY:
22. House Bill 3068
23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
24. 3rd reading of the bill.
25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)
26. Senator Netsch.
27. SENATOR NETSCH:
28. Thank you, Mr. President. Before I start on 3068, might...
29. may I just say that within a day or two, we expect to get rid of
30. that one series of bills. We are just waiting for some technical
31. amendments to come out of the Reference Bureau. With respect to
32. House Bill 3068, this was a bill that came out of the House Committee
33. on Human Resources. What is said about it now on the Calendar is not

1. quite accurate. It really does something considerably more modest
2. and milder than that. It now requires only that the cost of living
3. be...survey be taken annually in the Department of Public Aid and
4. that the reports of that survey be reported to the Legislative
5. Advisory Committee and in addition that the cost of...of any such
6. annual survey be determined and likewise reported to the Legislative
7. Advisory Committee, and it begins that in October of this year.
8. All of the provisions which might have implied an obligation on
9. the part of the Department of Public Aid immediately to put such
10. a survey into effect, that is to incorporate it into the basic
11. grant, have been eliminated from the bill, not I should say by my
12. choice particularly, but they have nevertheless been eliminated
13. from the bill. So, that now it is purely an information bill. It
14. gives us facts that we need to know. It leaves completely to
15. discretion of the General Assembly and of the Department in the
16. future what might be done with them. At...in this form, the bill
17. was supported by the Department of Public Aid.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

19. Senator Schaffer.

20. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

21. Senator Don Moore is not on the Floor at this time, but the...
22. he as Chairman of the Legislative Advisory Committee on Public
23. Aid and the Department are in support of the bill as amended. The
24. amendments, I think, have made the bill acceptable, and I think if
25. he were on the Floor, I'm sure that he would urge a favorable vote
26. on it.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

28. Any further discussion? The question is, shall House Bill
29. 3068 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
30. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
31. On that question, the Ayes are 34, the No...Nays are 12, none Voting
32. Present. House Bill 3068 having received a constitutional majority
33. is declared passed. Senator Graham, for what purpose do you arise?

1. SENATOR GRAHAM:

2. Sometime ago when I was doing five things at one time,
3. Senate Bill 1853 passed with me voting in...in the negative. I
4. would like to...I...I voted in the affirmative. I would like to have
5. it shown that I intended to vote...vote in the negative. 1853.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

7. The record will so reflect. On the order of House Bills on
8. 3rd reading is House Bill 3315. Senator Knuppel, do you wish to
9. call that bill? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

10. SECRETARY:

11. House Bill 3315

12. (Secretary reads title of bill)

13. 3rd reading of the bill.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15. Senator Knuppel.

16. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

17. Mr. President and members of this Body, I doubt that following
18. the two lengthy caucus which just concluded there's anyone in this
19. Body who is unfamiliar with what this bill provides. It's a
20. supplemental appropriation to the State Board of Education in the
21. amount of thirty-seven million six hundred and ninety-five thousand
22. four hundred and fifty-seven dollars for the...from the General
23. Revenue Fund, and one million two hundred and ninety-one thousand
24. eight hundred and eighty-five thousand from the Common School Fund.
25. If you will look at the bill, you'll find that it's for reimbursement
26. to school districts for services and materials that have already
27. been expended in programs for the use of handicapped children,
28. twenty-two million one hundred sixty-five thousand eight hundred
29. and fifty-seven for reimbursement to school districts for a portion
30. of the cost of transporting handicapped students under Section 14-1301
31. seven hundred and two thousand, for reimbursements to school districts
32. for ordinary special...extraordinary special education services
33. one million four hundred and ninety thousand, for tuition of handicapped

1 children attending nonpublic schools, three million four hundred
2 and ten thousand, for reimbursement to school districts for a
3 portion of the cost of transporting common school pupils, eight
4 million eighty-six thousand eight hundred dollars, for reimbursement
5 to school districts for...for providing free lunch and breakfast
6 programs, one million seven hundred and forty thousand, and for
7 the production, procurment, storage and distribution of special
8 education materials for visually handicapped children, one
9 hundred thousand. Now, from the Common School Fund for compensation
10 of regional superintendents of schools, and this was put on as an
11 amendment in the House, four hundred and seventy-eight thousand,
12 and for tuition of children from...orgpanages and children's homes
13 that are in State housing units, eight hundred and thirteen thousand
14 eight hundred and eighty-five. I've been listening all Spring
15 to Senator Bell. He's been an oracle on the Floor that we
16 should reorder our priorities, and he has not gone without heed
17 on this side of the aisle, and I ask you gentlemen over there as
18 well as the gentlemen over here that if there's one priority that's
19 ...stands higher than education and particularly this type of
20 education. More than that we had a commitment that we made,
21 mandates that we placed upon these special regional districts.
22 This...this supplemental appropriation deserves a one hundred per-
23 cent vote and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25 Is there any discussion? The question is, shall House Bill
26 3315 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
27 Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the
28 record. Senator Knuppel.

29 SENATOR KNUPPEL:

30 It appears that there are a lot of people who haven't made
31 up their mind on this, and I would...I would, therefore, move it
32 be placed on Postponed Consideration.

33 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

1 Sponsor has requested Consideration Postponed. So ordered.
2 Senator Bruce, 3357. On the order of House Bills on 3rd reading is
3 House Bill 3357. Mr. Secretary.

4 SECRETARY:

5 House Bill 3357.

6 (Secretary reads title of bill)

7 3rd reading of the bill.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9 Senator Bruce.

10 SENATOR BRUCE:

11 Yes, Mr. President. This again is the State Employee Group
12 Insurance Program, a supplemental appropriation of two million one
13 hundred thousand dollars for additional premium costs. As you
14 know, we pay the full premium cost of all State employees. Additionally
15 we pay seven dollars per month for dependent optional coverage.
16 We pay one-half the premium on life insurance...one-half of your
17 salary we pay the premium on life insurance. We miscalculated the
18 number of State employees that would be enrolled, and therefore,
19 we need a supplemental of two million one.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21 Is there any discussion? Question is, shall House Bill 3357
22 pass? Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
23 Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the
24 record. On that question, the Ayes are 48, the Nays are none,
25 none Voting Present. House Bill 3357 having received a constitu-
26 tional majority is declared passed. 3362, we'll get back to if
27 Senator Bruce will be kind enough to take the Chair. Senator
28 Vadalabene, on the order of House Bills on 3rd reading is HB 3547.
29 Mr. Secretary.

30 SECRETARY:

31 House Bill 3547.

32 (Secretary reads title of bill)

33 3rd reading of the bill.

HB 3547
5-25-76
3rd Reading

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Vadalabene.

3. SENATOR VADALABENE:

4. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate,
5. House Bill 3547 increases the Fiscal Y '76 appropriation for the
6. offices of Secretary of State by nine hundred and thirty thousand
7. dollars for the payment of utility costs of the Capitol Complex
8. buildings. The bill would appropriate an additional six hundred
9. and ninety thousand dollars for electricity and an additional two
10. hundred and forty thousand for fuel and oil, and I would appreciate
11. a favorable vote.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall House
14. Bill 3547 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.
15. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
16. On that question, the Ayes are 49, the Nays are none, none Voting
17. Present. House Bill 3547 having received a constitutional majority
18. is declared passed. House Bill 3362, Senator Rock. Read the bill,
19. Mr. Secretary.

20. SECRETARY:

21. House Bill 3362

22. (Secretary reads title of bill)

23. 3rd reading of the bill.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. Senator Rock.

26. SENATOR ROCK:

27. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
28. Senate. This is a deficiency appropriation for FY '76 for the...
29. to compensate for their raise in postal rates which took effect
30. of January of this year. It's in the amount of a hundred and forty-
31. six thousand dollars. I would urge a favorable roll call.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. Is there further discussion? The question is, shall Senate

1. Bill 33...House Bill 3362 pass? Those in favor vote Aye. Those
2. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
3. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 49, the Nays are
4. none, 1 Voting Present. House Bill 3362 having received a consti-
5. tutional majority is declared passed. House Bill 3744, Senator
6. Davidson-Knuppel. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

7. SECRETARY:

8. House Bill 3744

9. (Secretary reads title of bill)

10. 3rd reading of the bill.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Senator Davidson.

13. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

14. Mr. President and members of the Senate, this bill is in
15. result of the Auditor General auditing the services and commodities
16. furnished to the State Fair in 1974 and found these all justifiable
17. bills and services rendered. It's been documented by the Auditor
18. General to us in April. This is urgency, this bill, so it can be
19. paid in this year, because it's in this fiscal year. I know of no
20. opposition to the bill at this time. I'll answer any questions.
21. Urge a favorable vote.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Is there further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

24. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

25. I just want to say one thing. Those bills should have been
26. paid out of the...out of the legislation that passed here last year.
27. There was some...there was some obstinance on the part of the Auditor
28. General for...no known reason that I can realize and we have to pass
29. another bill at a cost to taxpayers, but everybody should vote Aye.
30. These are just and honest bills, and they should be paid.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Is there further discussion? Question is, shall House Bill
33. 3744 pass? Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The

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1. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On
2. that question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are none, 2 Voting Present.
3. House Bill 3744 having received a constitutional majority is
4. declared passed. On the order of Senate Bills 2nd reading.
5. Senate Bill 1646, Senator Buzbee. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
6. Senator Buzbee.
7. SENATOR BUZBEE:
8. Yes, Mr. President, I believe the bill has already been read
9. a second time. This is the SIU appropriation's bill. I have an
10. amendment on the Secretary's Desk which I gave to him this morning.
11. What number is that, Mr. Secretary?
12. SECRETARY:
13. Number 3.
14. SENATOR BUZBEE:
15. This is amendment No. 3...
16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
17. Amendment No. 3.
18. SENATOR BUZBEE:
19. No. 3.
20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
21. The bill has been read a second time on the 20th of May.
22. SENATOR BUZBEE:
23. Right.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
25. Senator Buzbee.
26. SENATOR BUZBEE:
27. You will recall the discussion that we had on Friday last when
28. we discussed the SIU supplemental appropriation, and we were talking
29. about transfer...
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
31. Excuse me, Senator Buzbee. Can we have some order please in
32. the center aisle.
33. SENATOR BUZBEE:

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1. ... when we were talking about the Retention Fund that they
2. are required by law to have, and the Board of Higher Education
3. had transferred one point one million from that Retention Fund over to
4. General Revenue and this amendment instead of doing that 1.1 million
5. will now do nine hundred thousand dollars, and I would ask for a
6. favorable roll call.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Senator Buzbee, the Secretary informs me that your first
9. amendment failed. This is Amendment No. 4. The explanation would
10. apply to Amendment No. 4. The question is, Senator Buzbee has
11. moved the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 1646. Is
12. there discussion? Is... Senator Nudelman, are you seeking recognition
13. on this motion? The question is on the adoption of Amendment No.
14. 4. All in favor say Aye. Senator Shapiro.

15. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

16. Would the sponsor yield to a question.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Indicates that he will yield.

19. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

20. Senator Buzbee, instead of decreasing... what you're doing
21. here is increasing the Retention Fund by nine hundred thousand
22. instead of 1.1 million?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24. Senator Buzbee.

25. SENATOR BUZBEE:

26. That is correct.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Senator Shapiro.

29. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30. Mr. President, I'd like to speak to the amendment then. As
31. far as I'm concerned, with the limited amount of information that
32. I have, it doesn't change my stance on it. It increases Retention
33. Fund by just slightly lesser amount. We should not allow this to
34. happen, and I personally will oppose it.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Weaver.

3. SENATOR WEAVER:

4. Question of the sponsor.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Indicates that he will yield.

7. SENATOR WEAVER:

8. Senator Buzbee, is this just increasing General Revenue
9. Funds by nine hundred thousand?

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

11. Senator Buzbee.

12. SENATOR BUZBEE:

13. That is correct, Senator Weaver. It does exactly as my
14. bill originally as...as I originally introduced it, the way I
15. wanted it. Except at that time, we're talking about 1.1 million
16. whereas now we're talking about nine hundred thousand. As you
17. are aware, this is something that SIU is mandated by law to do,
18. and if they do not get this, what they're going to have to do
19. is either increase fees at the dormitories or decrease services or
20. both, and as a matter of fact, the treasurer at SIU tells me that
21. he is required by law to keep this Retention Fund at that level,
22. so, therefore, he's going to have to dig money out of other line
23. items if they do not get this to hold it in that Retention Fund
24. as...as he interprets the law. So, the onus is going to be on
25. them if we don't...if we don't give them this additional nine
26. hundred thousand.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Senator Weaver.

29. SENATOR WEAVER:

30. Well, again, Senator Buzbee, the rest of us are expected to
31. eat these funds some way or another, and I...I'm not saying that
32. the Board of Higher Education is right or wrong, but this is an
33. understanding that I thought we had that we're going to have to

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1 find these funds elsewhere and eat them in our existing appro-
2 priations, so I would have to stand in opposition to the amendment.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

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

6 SENATOR BUZBEE:

7 Well, I only point out that at no time during the appropriation's
8 process was this point ever discussed. My bill as it originally
9 was written contained this provision, and nobody ever once pointed
10 it out on the Senate Appropriations Committee or on the Floor as
11 we were discussing the bill. Unfortunately when IBHE drew the
12 reduction amendments to come down to reflect the ten million dollars for
13 higher ed, they reflected their own opinion in my bill with that
14 amendment, and so, I am now trying to put it back originally as it
15 was, and as you know, the other systems, the University of Illinois
16 and SIU are the only two systems that are required to...to do this,
17 and the University of Illinois' case, most of their dormitories are
18 paid off. That's one reason they do not have this problem, and
19 in the other...in the other systems' cases, what happens is, the
20 fact that all kinds of charges are simply...that normally go into
21 the maintenance of a dormitory, such as utilities and janitor
22 costs, and so forth, we don't believe are accurately reflected in
23 the figures that they charge off...that they get from General
24 Revenue, and so, we're...we're talking about equity here as far
25 as we're concerned. I know it's a basic disagreement. The IBHE
26 this year took an arbitrary figure of reduction by one-third. Nobody
27 said anywhere where those guidelines came from. They just decided
28 to do...to cut this by one-third. That reflects the 1.1 million,
29 and now, I'm taking it down to nine hundred thousand so, that would
30 be about what...down to thirty percent or so.

31 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32 On the motion to adopt, those in favor say Aye. Those opposed
33 Nay. I hear a request for a roll call. Question is on the adoption

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1. of Amendment No. 4. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote
2. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take the
3. record. On that question, the Ayes are 17, the Nays are 21, 1
4. Voting Present. The motion to adopt fails. Are there further
5. amendments? 3rd reading. On the order of Senate Bills 2nd read-
6. ing, Senate Bill 1614, Senator Morris. Read the bill, Mr.
7. Secretary.

8. SECRETARY:
9. Senate Bill 1644

10. (Secretary reads title of bill)

11. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations offers
12. three amendments.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. That is Senate Bill 1614.

15. SECRETARY:
16. Senate Bill 1614

17. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations offers
18. three amendments.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Senator Rock.

21. SENATOR ROCK:

22. Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 offered and adopted
23. in committee as the...the desirable net effect of cutting some 1.7
24. million dollars out of the department's sixty million dollar request.
25. I would move the adoption of Amendment No. 1.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Is there debate? The question is on the adoption of Amendment
28. No. 1. All in favor say Aye. All opposed Nay. The Ayes have it.
29. The amendment is adopted. Amendment No. 2, Senator Rock.

30. SENATOR ROCK:

31. Amendment No. 2...this bill has traditionally contained a
32. formula whereby part of the expense is borne by the Road Fund and
33. part by General Revenue. What we have done with Amendment No. 2

1. is change the percentage figures from forty-seven-fifty-three
2. to seventy-five-twenty-five, and it will have a net effect of
3. reducing the General Revenue expenditure by 2.8 million dollars,
4. and I would move the adoption of Amendment No. 2.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Is there discussion? The question is on the adoption of
7. Amendment No. 2. All in favor say Aye. All...all opposed Nay.
8. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Amendment No. 3.
9. Senator Rock.

10. SENATOR ROCK:

11. Amendment No. 3 was offered and adopted by Senator Regner.
12. I will yield. This is the one where we line item the expenditures
13. for the IBI and the Illinois State Police. If you wish to speak
14. to it, otherwise...I...I...I would move its adoption, but I thought
15. ...all right. It...all...all this amendment does is there's no
16. dollar change. It...it merely specifies that the personal service
17. line items for both the Illinois Bureau of Investigation and the
18. Illinois State Police are to be used for officers of those respective
19. departments only, and I would move the adoption of Amendment No. 3.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21. On a motion to adopt Amendment No. 3, all in favor say Aye.
22. All opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any
23. further amendments? Senator Berning.

24. SENATOR BERNING:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. I admit I'm a moment late, but
26. here again as in so many instances, amendments for these bills are
27. not in our book, and I would just like, if possible, to direct a
28. question to the sponsor of Amendment No. 2 to clarify again what
29. the division of...of dollars were and whether I understood correctly
30. that seventy-five percent is coming from Highway Funds.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Senator Rock.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Yes, that is correct. If you'll look at the bill on Page
2. 3, Section 1, there is a allocation of the respective percentages
3. for the cost of overhead...the cost of doing business of this
4. department. Now, as you are well aware, the Illinois State Police
5. traditionally have been funded out of the Road Fund because their
6. activities concern themselves with the highways. We have felt by
7. virtue of this change that this percentage will better reflect the
8. activities of the Department...

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Gentlemen...

11. SENATOR ROCK:

12. ...by attributing a higher percentage to Road Fund. Additionally
13. it will have the desirable affect of relieving or freeing up some
14. 2.8 million dollars in the General Revenue Fund, so, yes, you
15. are quite correct. The formula has been changed from forty-seven
16. or fifty-three-forty-seven to seventy-five-twenty-five.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Yes. The Chair would take note that all this discussion is
19. out of order. Additionally, Senator Berning, as your...as to your
20. question of committee amendments, they are never printed and put
21. in your books until adopted. Amendments from the Floor under our
22. rules may be requested to be printed and distributed but that is
23. not a...requirement of this Senate at the present time. Any further
24. amendments? 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1627, Senator Nudelman.
25. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Bill 1...Senate Bill 1627 was read a first time on
28. May the 24th, 1976. Amendments numbered 1 and 2 were adopted.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. It's been read a second time on May the 24th.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Second...on a second...time, right.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

1. Any further amendments? Senator Weaver.

2. SENATOR WEAVER:

3. Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 3 increases the
4. appropriation to the surveys reflecting a two and a half percent
5. salary adjustment. Total amount is a hundred and twenty-nine
6. thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars, and I would move
7. its adoption.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. Is there further discussion? Senator Weaver moves the adoption
10. of Amendment No. 3 to ... Senate Bill 1627. Those in favor say
11. Aye. Those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is
12. adopted. Any further amendments?

13. SECRETARY:

14. Amendment No. 4 offered by Senator Weaver.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

16. Senator Weaver.

17. SENATOR WEAVER:

18. Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment increases the
19. appropriations in the amount of four thousand three hundred and
20. ten dollars to the Division of Museums, reflected in the two and
21. a half salary percent adjustment...and I move its adoption.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Any further discussion? On the motion to adopt, those in
24. favor say Aye. Those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amend-
25. ment is adopted. Any further amendments?

26. SECRETARY:

27. Amendment No. 5 offered by Senator Weaver.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Senator Weaver.

30. SENATOR WEAVER:

31. Amendment No. 5, Mr. President, reduces the appropriations of
32. the R & E by twenty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine
33. dollars. A reduction of eleven thousand two hundred and fifty-five

1 dollars, this amendment is to conform to the 2.5 salary adjustment
2 and also, the next amendment is a reduction of eleven thousand
3 five hundred and twenty-four to conform to the two and a half
4 percent adjustment instead of an increase to 33.8 percent salary
5 increase, so I move its adoption.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7 Any discussion? On the motion to adopt, those in favor say
8 Aye. Those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is
9 adopted. Amendment No. 6, Senator Weaver.

10 SECRETARY:

11 Amendment No. 6 offered by Senator Weaver.

12 SENATOR WEAVER:

13 Mr. President, this amendment is...adds Section 3a to the
14 Department's appropriation request. It would prohibit the funds
15 appropriated to the surveys from being transferred or held in
16 reserves. Last year, there was a reserve in these surveys of over
17 8.5 percent and it's worked a real hardship on them, and I would
18 move the adoption of Amendment No. 6.

19 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20 On the motion to adopt...is there discussion? Those in
21 favor say Aye. Those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment
22 is adopted. Any further amendments? Senator Weaver.

23 SECRETARY:

24 Amendment No. 7 offered by Senator Weaver.

25 SENATOR WEAVER:

26 Amendment No. 7 is an increase of three hundred and thirty-
27 five thousand point six. Basically this is to reflect a deficiency in
28 payout on the Retirement System. Through the last five years, this
29 appropriation has been deficient in the amount of over a million
30 dollars, and so, this addition will just meet payout in the present
31 ...or the next fiscal year, and so I would move its adoption.

32 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33 Discussion? Senator Nudelman.

1. SENATOR NUDELMAN:

2. Thank you, Mr. President. We...we oppose this amendment on
3. the grounds that the tying up of three hundred and thirty-five
4. thousand dollars in this period of tight money is unnecessary.
5. It isn't needed right now to be spent right now, so we think that
6. the fact that the Pension Fund is not funded to this extent is not a
7. ...a critical thing at...at the moment, and I think the money could be
8. better used some place else.oppose this amendment.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Is there further discussion? Further discussion? On the
11. motion to adopt Amendment No. 7, those in favor say Aye. Those
12. opposed Nay. The Noes have it. The amendment fails. Further
13. amendments? 3rd reading. Are there other bills on the order of
14. ...Senate Bills on 2nd reading that any sponsor wishes to call at
15. this time? Senator Netsch. Further bills on 2nd reading?
16. Introduction of bills.

17. SECRETARY:

18. Senate Bill 1963 and 1964.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Rules Committee.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senate Bill 1965 and 1966.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24. Rules Committee. Resolutions. Senator Egan, for what purpose
25. do you arise?

26. SENATOR EGAN:

27. I have a matter, Mr. President, on the Secretary's Desk, and
28. it's for concurrence on a House amendment to a resolution and I
29. would like to at the proper time have it called.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

31. We will...we will get to that order.

32. SENATOR EGAN:

33. Thank you.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Well, gentlemen, we have not concluded the business of the
3. day, and we'll take announcements at the end of the day. Senator
4. Vadalabene, is that the purpose for your seeking recognition?
5. Senator Glass.

6. SENATOR GLASS:

7. Mr. President, would a motion be in order at this time to
8. waive a Six Day Notice Rule?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. We're...we're on resolutions. Why don't we get rid of the
11. resolutions and then we'll take motions and announcements, and
12. we will get right after these resolutions to the Secretary's
13. Desk for concurrences.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Resolution 362 introduced by Senator Demuzio and all
16. Senators. It's congratulatory.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Senator Demuzio moves for the...asks leave to suspend the
19. rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of the...of
20. the Resolution 362 and ask that all the Senators be shown as co-
21. sponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On the motion to
22. adopt, all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The
23. resolution is adopted.

24. SECRETARY:

25. Senate Resolution 363 introduced by Senator Partee and all
26. members. Congratulatory.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Congratulatory. Senator Partee asks leave of the Senate for
29. the suspension of the rules and immediate consideration and adoption
30. of the resolution, asks that all Senators be shown as cosponsors.
31. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On the motion to adopt, all in
32. favor say Aye. All opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution
33. is adopted.

1. SECRETARY:

2. Senate Resolution 364 introduced by Senator Nimrod. It's
3. congratulatory.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

5. Senator Nimrod asks leave of the Senate for the immediate
6. consideration...suspension of the rules for the immediate consider-
7. ation and adoption of the resolution, asks that all Senators be
8. shown as cosponsors. Is there leave? Leave is granted. On the
9. motion to adopt, all in favor say Aye. All opposed Nay. The
10. Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Communications.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Notice of appointments. Pursuant to Senate Resolution 356,
13. Senators...President...Senate President Cecil A. Partee appointed
14. Senators William Morris and Ben Palmer and Senator...Senate Minority
15. Leader William C. Harris appoints Senator Jack Schaffer to be the
16. special committee on attorney practices, and this is dated May the
17. 25th, 1976. Signed by Senators Partee and Harris.

18. Notice of appointment. Pursuant to Senate Resolution 356,
19. Senator...Senate President Cecil A. Partee appoints Senators
20. Lemke, Nudelman, and Knuppel, and Senate Minority Leader Harris
21. appoints Mitchler and...Senators Mitchler and Regner to the special
22. committee on medical practices, and this is signed May the 25th,
23. by Senators Partee and Harris.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. Committee reports.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Committee...Committee on Committees report that Senators
28. ...Senate Lemke has been assigned to the Committee on Labor and
29. Commerce to replace Senator Chew. Signed by Senator Kenneth Hall,
30. Chairman of the Committee on Committees.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Secretary's Desk. There's one more committee report, Senator
33. Egan.

1 SECRETARY:

2 Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns
3 the following bills to committee: Agriculture, Conservation and
4 Engery, Senate Bill 1950, House Bill 3250; Appropriations, Senate
5 Bill 1957 and House Bills 3379, 3383, 3795 and 3817; Executive,
6 House Bill 3189; Judiciary, House Bill 3705; Labor and Commerce,
7 ...Senate Bill 1557; Local Government, Senate Bills 1930 and 1961,
8 and House Bills 3806 and 3807; Pensions, Personnel, and Veterans
9 Affairs, Senate Bill 1729, and House Bill 3814; Public Health,
10 Welfare, and Corrections, House Bill 3834; Revenue, Senate Bills
11 1766 and 1943 and HOUse Bill 3217; Transportation, Senate Bill
12 1960 and House Bill 3626.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14 Senator Partee.

15 SENATOR PARTEE:

16 Mr. President, by this motion, I seek leave to waive the Six
17 Day NOTICE period on Senate Bill 1950 in order that it may be heard
18 in the Agriculture, Conservation and Engery Commission tommorrow...
19 Committee tomorrow. That's 1950.

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21 Senator...19...1950. Senator Partee asks leave of the Senate
22 to suspend the Six Day Notice Rule for the purpose of having
23 Senate Bill 1950 heard in the Committee on Agriculture and Conser-
24 vation. Is there leave? Leave is granted. We're not on announce-
25 ments yet, gentlemen. Senator Egan has one matter that he would
26 like to get to..well, we're not on the order of motions yet,
27 gentlemen and ladies. Well, the President has special privileges,
28 I suppose. It was on that Committee Report. Let us clear up the
29 one final matter of Secretary's Desk on the order of concurrence.
30 Senator Partee, Senate Bill 1950 has already been posted, and there
31 is concern that perhaps we have the wrong number. It's already
32 been posted.

33 SENATOR PARTEE:

34 That is the right number.

35 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

1. Secretary's Desk. Concurrences. Senator Egan.

2. SENATOR EGAN:

3. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Senate
4. Joint Resolution 65 is the resolution which amends the Senate
5. Joint House rules to provide that a...all pension bills must have
6. a pension impact statement. It was passed unanimously out of the
7. Senate and sent to the House where they attached two very meaning-
8. ful amendments reducing the time period from fifteen days to
9. seven days for a sponsor to be allowed to have...for the commission
10. to...to be allowed to have to prepare the impact statement and the
11. second amendment further limits the...the input by the...the commission
12. and I...I have discussed the matter with the leadership on both
13. sides. We have very carefully attended to the matter, and I've...
14. I know of no opposition. I...so I'd seek your support in...in
15. concurring with the House amendments, and I need thirty-six votes.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Is there further discussion? The question is on the adoption
18. of SJR 65. A roll call will be required, and since we are amending
19. the joint rules, three-fifths will be required. The question is
20. on the adoption of SJR 65. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
21. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Take...
22. take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are
23. none, none Voting Present. SJR 65 having received a two-thirds
24. vote of the Senate is declared...three-fifths note of the Senate is de-
25. clared adopted. Announcements. Senator Nimrod.

26. SENATOR NIMROD:

27. Yeah, Mr. President, what I would like to ask is a waiver of
28. the Six Day Rule on Senate Resolution 313 to be heard in Executive.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Senator Nimrod...

31. SENATOR NIMROD:

32. Thank you, Mr. President...

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

1 ...asks leave of the Senate to waive the Six Day Notice
2 Rule relative to Senate Resolution 313. Is there leave? There's
3 a question. Senator Nimrod, what does the resolution do?

4 SENATOR NIMROD:

5 It's a...requesting a reporting...it's in Executive and
6 it's requesting a reporting of the Secretary of State on the
7 statistics on the nineteen year old drinking...the...between nineteen...
8 accident...it's...it's a statistical request.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10 Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Glass...or Senator
11 Nimrod.

12 SENATOR NIMROD:

13 An announcement. I would like to remind the Senators that
14 the weekly get together with the House members on a prayer meetings
15 at the State House Inn is at 7:30 tomorrow morning, and all Senators
16 are invited to come.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18 Thank you. Senator Glass. Perhaps you can use Senator Roe's
19 microphone if your...Senator Glass.

20 SENATOR GLASS:

21 Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask for waiver of the
22 Six Day Notice Rule so that House Bill 3797 might be heard tomorrow
23 in the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Energy.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25 Senator Glass asks leave of the Senate to suspend the Six Day
26 Notice Rule for the purpose of hearing House Bill 3797 in the Committee
27 on Agriculture tomorrow. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator
28 Shapiro.

29 SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30 Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would like
31 to ask leave of the Senate to suspend the Six Day Posting Notice,
32 so that House Bill 3250 can be heard in Ag, Conservation and Energy
33 ...Energy Committee tomorrow.

34 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

1. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Harber Hall.
2. SENATOR HARBER HALL:
3. Mr. President, I'd like leave of the Senate to have the...the Six
4. Day Law...or Rule suspended for the hearing of Senate Bill 1557 in
5. Labor and Commerce tomorrow. 1557.
6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
7. Senator Harber Hall moves for the suspension of the rules
8. relative to the Six Day Posting on Senate Bill 1557 so that it
9. may be heard in the Labor Committee. Is there leave? Leave is
10. granted. Senator Vadalabene.
11. SENATOR VADALABENE:
12. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I
13. would ask leave of the Senate to waive the Six Day Posting Rule to
14. have House Bill 3626 heard in the Transportation Committee on next
15. Tuesday, June 1st.
16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
17. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Carroll.
18. SENATOR CARROLL:
19. Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to announce that
20. the Revenue Committee meeting set for two o'clock in Room 212 will
21. be held in Room 212 immediately after adjournment.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
23. Senator Joyce.
24. SENATOR JOYCE:
25. Like leave of the Body to waive the Six Day Posting Notice for
26. Senate Bills 1900 and 1901, for the energy bills, and hear them in the
27. Executive tomorrow. I'm doing this for Senator Knuppel. He had to
28. leave.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
30. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Hickey.
31. SENATOR HICKEY:
32. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to waive the Six Day Rule,
33. so that HB 3301 may be heard in Agriculture tomorrow.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator ParTEE.

3. SENATOR PARTEE:

4. Mr. President and members of the Senate, an announcement
5. with reference to tomorrow's schedule. The Calendar posts...
6. shows that there will be a meeting of the Agriculture at nine,
7. another one of Labor and Commerce at nine, and I would suggest to
8. you that at noon tomorrow, we will have the formal presentation
9. of the Chambers. We will have the formal opening of our Chambers
10. at noon, so for...taking into consideration the other meetings,
11. we will meet the...the...we will meet tomorrow at 11:45, and...
12. and I would certainly ask the members to be here tomorrow so that
13. we can start at noon for the ceremonies. I might, I don't want to
14. sound like a housemother, but I would suggest to the members that
15. they tidy up their desks. There will be a lot of vistors here
16. tomorrow, and just tidy them up and so that the place will look as good
17. as it is supposed to look and it won't look as though it's
18. been overly used in this short of period.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Senator Philip.

21. SENATOR PHILIP:

22. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make an announcement
23. that the House softball team is practicing tonight and they have
24. invited the Senate, so I would suggest that if you're interested
25. in playing ball, we're practicing tonight, Lincoln Park, diamond
26. 5 at five o'clock. So, let's get all the ballplayers out tonight.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Further announcements? Senator Berning.

29. SENATOR BERNING:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. I think this is not an announcement.
31. It's probably a point of personal privilege. Last evening in the
32. Armory across the street, it was my distinct pleasure and honor as
33. a matter of fact to attend the United States Armed Forces Bicentennial

1 Band and Chorus concert. This concert was arranged by the Disabled
2 Americans Veterans Hall, Hagler Chapter 15 of Springfield and
3 Lincolnland Community College. I merely want to point out to you
4 that we had here in Springfield as part of a nationwide appearance
5 by this band and chorus, a program of outstanding patriotic and
6 historic music both orchestral as well as choral. Those of you
7 who were not privileged to attend are the poorer for having missed
8 this outstanding presentation. Thank you, Mr. President.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10 Are there further announcements? Senator McCarthy moves that
11 the Senate adjourn until 11:45 tomorrow. All in favor say Aye.
12 Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands adjourned until
13 11:45 tomorrow.