81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 12, 1980

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWA	מ ד מ	٠,
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- The Senate will continue to stand at ease. The...are in
- 3. conference with the various sides of the issue, so, hopefully,
- 4. we can resolve it and go home.
- 5. PRESIDENT:
- 6. Ladies and Gentlemen, after about three hours of, I
- 7. think, somewhat successful negotiation, it has been agreed by
- 8. all parties that we would recess until the hour of noon. The
- 9. Governor has called us into Special Session commencing at
- 10. ten o'clock. I would suggest that... I will be here, but no
- 11. one else need be. We will immediately convene and recess the
- 12. Special Session until 12:05 o'clock, so, effectively, we would
- 13. ask your indulgence to be back here at noon on Saturday. Senator

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- 1. PRESIDENT:
- 2. If I can have your attention. After some four hours so
- 3. far of some negotiation, the Republican Leadership and the
- 4. Chief Executive have...have asked for about another hour to
- 5. confer and to...to which we have...to which we have obviously
- 6. readily agreed. So we will stand at ease until one fifteen.
- 7. SECRETARY:
- 8. There will be a Democratic caucus in the President's
- 9. Office immediately.
- 10. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:
- 11. Your attention please. There will be a Republican caucus
- 12. in President...in Shapiro...Senator Shapiro's office at four
- 13. o'clock. Republican caucus, Senator Shapiro's office at four
- 14. o'clock.
- 15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 16. The Regular Session...the Regular Session of the 81st
- 17. General Assembly will come to order. We're...we're going to
- 18. the Order of Resolutions, Consent Calendar and I might advise
- 19. the members that they have...there have been added to that
- 20. ... Senate Resolution 349 by Senator Davidson, et al. Senate
- 21. Resolution 350 by Senator Vadalabene, et al. And Senate Resolu-
- 22. tion 351 by Senator Newhouse, et al...by Senator Newhouse. Mr.
- 23. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to the...Resolu-
- 24. tions on the Consent Calendar?
- 25. SECRETARY:
- 26. No objections have been filed, Mr. President.
- 27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- The question before us, shall we adopt the resolutions
- 29. on the Consent Calendar as set forth. Those in favor indicate
- 30. by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolutions
- 31. are adopted. Are there further resolutions?
- 32. SECRETARY:
- Senate Joint Resolution 78 offered by Senator Rock.

- 1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- Senator Rock.
- 3. SECRETARY:
- 4. No, I got to read it.
- 5. (Secretary reads SJR 78)
- 6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- Senator Rock.
- 8. SENATOR ROCK:
- 9. I yield.
- 10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 11. Senator Shapiro.
- 12. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
- 13. Now, this is the Adjournment Resolution for the Regular
- 14. Session and what was the date?
- 15. SECRETARY:
- 16. January the 22nd. Twelve o'clock noon.
- 17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 18. Twelve...twelve noon.
- 19. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
- 20. In other words, we're not going to take any action in
- 21. Regular Session on House Bill 2563?
- 22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 23. Senator Rock.
- 24. SENATOR ROCK:
- 25. That is correct. The sponsor has indicated to me he...that
- 26. bill that's on the Calendar, he does not wish to call it so that
- 27. I think all of...all of us are aware that we left this building
- 28. this morning sometime after two o'clock after long hours of
- 29. attempted negotiation, I think good faith negotiation, we started
- 30. again at a few minutes before nine this morning and have been
- 31. at it ever since. It appears that the compromise that was
- 32. attempted to be affected, I think, was again a legitimate good faith effort
- 33. on both sides. Having retired now to our respective caucuses and

- ...being confronted as we were...with just a...a myriad of
- unanswered questions, I...I just think to attempt...to pursue
- 3. this late of a Saturday evening in the first day of what was
- 4. a Special Call simply is not in our best interests. And
- 5. would therefore move you, Mr. President...yes, I...I will
- 6. not preempt you...I'll yield.
- 7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 8. Senator Shapiro.
- 9. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
- 10. Well, Mr. President, this side of the aisle...specifically
- 11. is ready to take action on the, what I thought was an agreed
- 12. to amendment to House Bill 2563. We have been here approximately
- 13. an extra twenty-four hours without taking any action on this
- 14. particular matter. What is happening, in effect, that eleven
- 15. million people in this State are being denied almost immediate
- 16. real estate tax relief. That bill, or purported amendment
- 17. as drafted, would have allowed limitations on real estate tax
- 18. rates in this year, 1980. We could have very easily gone home
- 19. last night, but the leadership on this side negotiated in good
- 20. faith beyond one o'clock this morning. We came back at nine in
- 21. the morning and have been negotiating all day. After what we
- 22. thought was an agreement, we went to our respective conferences
- 23. or caucuses, whatever you want to call them. The amendments
- 24. were explained and this side would really like to take some
- 25. action now. Because when we come back the latter part of
- 26. January, the bill will probably have no effect for this year
- 27. and it will be next year before it would go into effect. This
- 28. is a year that massive real estate tax increases are going to
- 29. take place throughout the State. And we don't want to come
- 30. back here and have to act on some more penny ante tax relief
- 31. that costs the State millions of dollars and does nothing for
- 32. the taxpayer of this State, such as that sales tax thing that
- 33. we passed last fall at the behest of the Democratic Majority

- l. of the Senate and the House. I think it's about time we do
- 2. something significant for the taxpayers of Illinois and I, for
- 3. one, and this side of the aisle and my counterparts in the
- 4. House are prepared to stay here and do some work on this matter.
- 5. We have enough votes with the share that should be coming from
- 6. the other side of the aisle, particularly from downstaters,
- 7. that this bill can be passed out with the necessary three-
- 8. fifths majority. We were down here for three days taking care
- of the financial ills of the City of Chicago and their school 9.
- district. And I think it's about time we did something for 10.
- the rest of the State. If there are others on this side of 11.
- the aisle that wish to speak to the ... this action that is about 12.
- to take place, I hope the Chair will give them that privilege. 13.
- But we want something done and we'd like to see it done now. 14.
- PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD) 15.
- Senator ... McMillan. 16.
- SENATOR McMILLAN: 17.
- Mr. President, members of the Senate. I'd like to echo... 18.
- Senator Shapiro's comments by...by just saying a couple of 19.
- things. I, for one, have really heard about as many times 20.
- as I can stand to hear it, that we really haven't had time 21.
- to consider the thrust of the...the tax limitation matters 22.
- that we've had before us. In all of our discussions, in all 23.
- of our negotiations, the basic structure of any piece of 24.
- legislation that we've talked about bringing before this Body 25.
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is exactly the same in terms of the way it would apply to any

- local unit of government that would be limited as legislation 27.
- that was considered carefully before this Body last spring. 28.
- And if nine months is not a long enough gestation period 29.
- to take a look at how it would apply, then I would contend 30.
- that we could be here till hell freezes over and the people 31.
- that don't want to vote for it wouldn't vote for it. 32.
- other thing is, anybody who was concerned about what this 33.

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might do to make it difficult for a Local Unit of Government,
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      ought to remember that yesterday, when we were trying to do
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      something to bail out the rotten financial situation in Chicago,
      everybody thought, at least spoke loudly, that, by golly, we ought
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      to be able to talk about a referendum...in order to allow them
      to do things. Well this particular piece of legislation that
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      we've...we've had around, the alternatives...it has in it a
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      referendum that allows the people in any district, if a majority
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      of them feel they want to shell out the tax money to do some-
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      thing, an opportunity to go around this limit, it's there, it
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      was written in there so that no limitation would really cause
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     hardship in an area where there was concern for it. The fact
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     of the matter is, that the tax eaters simply are refusing again
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      to provide any relief for the...for the poor soul that's paying
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      the taxes and supporting all the stuff that's been thrust upon
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      the people. And I would oppose adjourning and I think it's a
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      sad day when we haven't even been willing to vote on the
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     proposition that's been before us several months.
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     PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
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          Senator Buzbee.
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1. SENATOR BUZBEE:

2. Thank you, Mr. President. I will not try to address the technical 3. aspects of the piece of legislation that the distinguished Minority 4. Leader wants us to...to discuss this evening. One reason I won't 5. attempt to discuss it is because I haven't seen it yet, nor has anybody else in this Chamber except for those few members of the leader-6. ship who have been working on it for the last twenty-four hours. 7. come from an area where we have small local governments. We have 8. small school districts. We have small counties. We have small 9. municipalities. None of those folks can afford to be monitoring the 10. continuing actions of the General Assembly every waking moment of the 11. So as a result, they're not able to send their corporate counsels 12. to Springfield on Saturday morning at ten o'clock in response to a 13. precipitous action that the Legislature and the Governor might take 14. given the fact that we received the call for this Special Session at 15. 7:20 p.m. on Friday evening. The call the Governor put in to save 16. his political hide because of his fear that the newspapers are going 17. to talk about the Governor's action to bail out the Chicago School 18. District. Now, I understand politics and I understand one's attempt 19. to save one's political hide, but for us to consider at this point 20. at 6:25 p.m. on Saturday evening some less than twenty-four hours 21. after the call came...for us to consider a piece of legislation, which 22. we have not even seen at this point, that would be a major rewrite 23. of the complete financial...financing arrangement of all the local 24. governments in this State to consider that rewrite on...on the financial 25. ...the method of financing that, in fact, generates millions and millions 26. and, in fact, billions of dollars and we've got to do that in one twenty-27. four hour period, we're told by the Governor. Now, that just doesn't 28. make any sense. There's one other thing I would like to point out 29. about Senator Shapiro's statement that is absolutely incorrect, Senator. 30. You...you are an honorable man and I know you did not intentionally 31. mean to...to mislead anybody, but you said that if we don't do it today, 32.

it will be too late by January the 22nd. We have checked.

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      the matter is, that the levies have already been extended and so
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      whatever we do today or what we do on January the 22nd, we're going
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      to have to tell those people who have overextended to make up for
      what they thought was going to be a loss of Corporate Personal Property
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      Tax that they have already extended and we're going to have to tell
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      them to go back retroactively and change what they've extended. Now,
      I think that everybody in this Chamber favors that if they have over-
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      extended, but the fact of the matter...they've already done that. The
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     point was raised by some of our...on our side that maybe it would be
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      too late if we waited until the 22nd of January and the fact of the
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     matter is that we have until February the 1st to change any action
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     that they may have already taken. For us to probably be in the stance
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     of putting local governments under because of an action we take today
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     without our knowing whether we're going to put them under or not seems
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     to me just beyond comprehension. I don't know what effect this
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     proposal, which I have not even seen yet, would have on the municipal
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     government of Marissa, Illinois in my district or on Unity Point School
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     District in my district or on the Perry County government in my district
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     or on the City of Carbondale in my district and as I said earlier, those
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     folks don't even know what we're about to do to them tonight.
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     no idea. They don't have the immediate transportation available to them
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     to get to Springfield as the City of Chicago does and to send their
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     corporate counsels and their comptroller and so-forth to explain to us
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     the action that we might today would have on them. I want some time to
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     find out from these folks what we're going to be doing to them and if
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     we do it on the 22nd of January, we can do it in a much better time frame
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     with a lot better information...a lot better knowledge of who we're
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     going to be putting out of business or what restrictions we're going to
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     be making than if we try to do it tonight and I think it's just
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     absolutely beyond comprehension, beyond any...modicum of good sense to
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     try to do it tonight, less than twenty-four hours after the Governor
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     has issued his political butt-saving proclamation.
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     PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
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- Senator Keats.
- 2. SENATOR KEATS:

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3. I usually just talk on bills in a certain area because I claim some expertise in that area and...and I think having at 4. one time been a college economics instructor, this is the 5. second area that perhaps I can talk a little bit. And I rise 6. 7. not so much to support or oppose a bill, but just say, you know, this is ridiculous. I wish a few more of the press 8. were here. At times it's a little embarrassing, the average 9. voter gets out there and votes like an idiot, not because 10. they don't have any brains, but because they don't get any 11. decent reporting to tell them what's going on and that's sort 12. of what's happening with the Democrats tonight. You're going 13. to...slink off into the dark and get away with this little 14. slight of hand simply because the press isn't here to tell 15. anybody about it. Now, I'm not talking to every Democrat 16. on your side of the aisle, you know there are a couple of 17. sincere guys over there and those couple sincere ones know 18. who they are because, you know, some of us...there are a couple 19. that are...I have to give you credit for hutzpah because there 20. are a couple of you guys, I want to tell you a story. You know 21. there was a Sales Tax Bill a while ago and you know, there 22. weren't a whole lot of Republicans who went with that because 23. we thought out of fiscal responsibility that perhaps we shouldn't 24. go along. But, you know, I went with you all the way, I said 25. you Democrats really were sincere and for a change I was going 26. to hang with you, but I want to tell you, you sure proved me 27. wrong. And it's a little embarrassing because as I say, there 28. were two or three sincere ones over there and I did hang in 29. with you guys, but you're always telling us, oh, we're trying 30. to help the little guy, we're trying to do this, we're trying 31. to do that. What a bunch of garbage and I don't even see 32. the reporters from my favorite newspapers here to tell you

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about it. I at least see a few and I thank a couple of you
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     for sticking around, but I want to know just a couple of things.
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     You know, everyone's always saying, it isn't quite the time
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     for tax relief, well, hell, it is never the time for the tax-
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     eaters. They always have four million good reasons not to cut
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     taxes. And they can come back every year with that same excuse,
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     this is out of whack, that's out of whack, that is absurd, I
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     mean for those of us who have taught economics and know a
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     little bit about the subject, I can guarantee you this system
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     will never be in whack unless you go to what's called a second
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     analysis where you bring the entire world to a stop and then
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     you slowly adjust things and as soon as you figure out how
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     to stop the world, you just let me know, because I haven't
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     figured it out yet. But what you'll say is there's never time,
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     oh, in California they had that argument, there'll never be
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     time and the people finally decided, hell, it is too time and
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      they cut their taxes fifty-seven percent. Everybody said the
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      State of California will come to an end. Not only has California
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      not come to an end, the next year the taxpayers came back and
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      cut taxes again. And you know the State's still there, even
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      with that flaky Governor. So they have been an example of, you
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      know, there is a time and once you do it, the system will work
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      out. We sat here and bailed out the school system of the City
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      of Chicago, and I'm not really sure it was much of a deal. In
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      order to bail out a school system, that has to assume there's an
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      educational process going on and you have succeeded in running
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      your school system to a level where to say it's an educational
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      process is almost a joke. But we tried to help you out 'cause
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      we felt the City of Chicago merited some compassion, 'cause
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      we thought that perhaps you would then turn around and show
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      a little compassion for some taxpayers in this State who you
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      have been ripping off for so dog gone long that they can't
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      even remember when you weren't ripping them off. I doubt there's
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      anyone in this State living who remembers when they weren't
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      getting it unfairly. And so, I say to you, for those of us
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     who tried to hang in with some of you 'cause we thought you
      were sincere on tax relief, that has got to be one of the
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     great jokes of a modern era. Here is your chance to actually
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      do something for real and you finally have a chance to do
      something that will actually benefit State-wide, benefit
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      those little...little property owners we're hearing about, those
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     little businesses we're talking about. You know, you don't
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     care about them. And if you want to kid, if you want to kid
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     somebody, do me a favor, don't do it on the Floor of the Senate,
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     you know, it just doesn't do any good, just send a little press
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     release then you can claim you did it, 'cause you couldn't care
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            Here is your chance to finally do something and all
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     we'll listen to for the next five years is, this is not the
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     time. Well, hell, there finally comes a time when you just got
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     to take the plunge and you'll discover the same thing they've
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     discovered in State after State around the country. You know,
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     the government will function, people will get the services
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     and a few of those special interest groups will, much to their
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     surprise, still survive.
                                   And I want to conclude by telling
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     you a little story about a guy named Mike Mansfield. Some of
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     you may remember that name. He was once Majority Leader of
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     the Senate in Washington D. C. He retired after thirty-six
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     years in the Senate and everyone said, oh, what a fine man
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     Mike Mansfield was and he made a comment in U. S. News and
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     World Report saying, you know, everyone says they want less
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     government, but don't cut out mine, you know, leave me with
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     my money. And I said, my God, that guy-had been a Senator
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     thirty-six years and hadn't yet learned to tell the difference
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     between the ten percent special interest groups are always
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     down here trying to rip-off the taxpayers and the ninety
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percent who want nothing more than for us to adjourn so their

- 1. life and liberty will be safe. Well, probably we ought to
- 2. adjourn because the longer you guys are here, the more schemes
- 3. you'll find to spend this money that probably would have been
- 4. better put in the tax relief.
- 5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- Senator Egan.
- 7. SENATOR EGAN:
- 8. Thank you, Mr. President. Just before I slink off into
- 9. the night, I would like to say that the fact is, I don't want
- 10. to call my bill for a very good reason. It's been sometime
- 11. since, if you'll just back up a little bit, we only got thirty-
- 12. one votes to consider to begin with. And when we did consider it,
- 13. I wasn't even invited to the meeting. I don't know where the
- 14. amendment is, I haven't seen it. If you just give me a little
- 15. time, I'll get the bill in good shape and we'll pass it, but
- it's not going to be too late. I know your furor is perhaps
- 17. politically motivated, I don't know anything about that because
- 18. I'm a statesman. But I would like to ask you to just bear with
- us and goodnight fellows and have a nice week-end.
- PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- Senator Philip. Senator Geo-Karis.
- SENATOR GEO-KARIS:
- Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The
- time is runing out on us, but I...I tell you, we are doing
- a disservice to the people of Illinois. A, Senator Egan, I
- 26. might remind you, last night Senator Bruce took credit for
- the sponsorship of the bill that he substituted himself
- for...for you, if I recall correctly. You people have had a
- chance to know the bill since this spring and you've had it,
- so don't tell me you don't know what's in it. All it is is
- tax relief for the taxpayer of Illinois. You're not willing
- to do it, you're giving us pablum, as usual, and the people 32.
- are getting tired and what you're doing, in effect, is saying 33.

- 1. to the people of Illinois, go ahead and pass a bill to allow
- 2. an initiative so that you can take matters in your own hands
- 3. because we're not capable enough and we're not honest enough
- 4. to tell you that we do want to give you some meaningful tax
- 5. relief for your Real Estate Taxes. And don't tell me there
- 6. wasn't any escape...escape hatch in the bill, you had a referendum
- 7. provision in it, the local governments could raise it, we gave
- 8. them five hundred and twenty million dollars when we...replaced
- 9. the Personal Property Tax of the corporations with the personal
- 10. ...with the Corporate Income Tax, which is about a hundred million
- 11. dollars than the local governments got before and local govern-
- 12. ments and school districts, much as I love them, will never
- 13. learn how to conserve in a time that we need it with the high
- 14. rise of inflation unless we set the example. We are taxing the
- 15. people of the State of Illinois to death and they're going
- 16. to respond and I hope they respond very well on March 18 and
- in November when the elections take place because Democrats
- 18. don't blame the Republicans this time. You took the bill and
- Senator Bruce, you sponsored the bill, now you don't want to
- 20. call it, then you can answer to your people.
- PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- 22. Senator Bruce.
- SENATOR BRUCE:
- Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Since
- 25. my name was used in debate, I guess I should stand up here for
- 26. a minute. Senator Egan is the sponsor and I've joined him as
- 27. joint cosponsor: It's interesting that we're talking about, we
- 28. have spent twenty-four hours on this problem, that's a quote
- 29. from Senator Shapiro, that's certainly right. We have spent
- 30. all of twenty-four hours. The Governor's Proclamation was
- signed at 7:20 p. m. and filed in the Index Division of the
- Secretary of State and we are now twenty-four hours and twenty
- minutes into that time limit. It seems to me that that is not

l. a great deal of time for a Legislative Body to respond to a 2. major call for a restructuring of taxes in Illinois. But I want 3. to take a little exception when they say that there was no 4. action all...all the time during that twenty-four hour period. 5. I didn't get a chance to walk out of here until about two-thirty this morning. The staff stayed until four. Senator Rock and 6. I were back in here at a little after eight-thirty this morning 7. and going over this jewel. And throughout the night and through-8. out the day, we have now reached sixteen, I... I am told, sixteen 9. basic agreements. And that puts us a lot farther toward getting 10. a settlement out of this than we were, say a month or two or 11. three or four ago. So to say that there's no action is certainly 12. incorrect. And to say that somehow the Democratic Party is going 13. to deny the taxpayers the relief they need in 1980 is also incorrect. 14. And I've been checking all day today and you may be surprised 15. that all this damn stuff can't be done in one day. But as far 16. as I know in legislation we amended just last year, we allowed 17. Boards of Review to stay in operation. And the Statute says that 18. they can only start their extensions after the Board of ... Review 19. has closed their books. And they haven't. Now we are eleven 20. days into the new assessing year. I've checked with the DLGA 21. and whatever their successor agency is, they haven't issued a 22. final multiplyer yet this year to anybody to extend taxes. 23. I dare say that there's not a community college district in 24. the State of Illinois that has given the County Clerks throughout 25. the State and there are forty-nine districts...the books yet that 26. they could make the extensions. So when we come back here on 27. the twenty-second, let me not have anyone walk out of here with 28. fear that we've denied relief to anyone, they're there. Let 29. me tell you another thing, if every tax had been extended, if 30. everything had been done, if the County Clerks had got the books 31. from the four thousand five hundred taxing bodies in the State 32. of Illinois, had extended the taxes and printed the bills and

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they were in the mail, that does...not deny one bit of tax l. relief this year. Because this Legislature can say to every 2. County Clerk on behalf of every taxpayer, send the money back. 3. And we can do it anytime between now and September of this year. 4. That's what we can do. And anyone that says we walk out of 5. here on the twenty-second of January without tax relief is 6. full of baloney. Now, there's a...that's right Doc and you've 7. had them there and you know when I got my tax bill, in December. 8. And if the Legislature had acted in December of this year, we 9. could have gotten tax relief. Now someone said, Senator McMillan, 10. You got up and said there's been no basic change in the structure 11. of this bill. You put in the opt-out provision today that says 12. a taxing body and you expressed your support of that today. That 13. they can opted out of the provisions of this bill. That wasn't 14. in 1292 when it left this Body and I didn't even see it until 15. today. And I'd been involved in all the negotiations. I left 16. the room not more than two hours ago when they said we're going 17. to try to put in with the Governor's consent a nonseverability clause, You know what that means, it means that Cook County and 18. 19. the City of Chicago, if this bill goes down the tubes, they 20. won't have to pay the tax. And what was the other provision we agreed to, and the Governor, the great Governor of the State of 21. Illinois, today said Cook County's out, the City of Chicago is 22. 23. out. Now, that seems to me, Ladies and Gentlemen, more than 24. just a little wrinkle change. That's a basic policy decision. And if you guys over there think that that's not any big problem, 25. let me tell you, talk to your school districts next year when 26. Chicago comes down here and they want to extend that one more 27. year and one more year and one more year. That's a basic change. 28. And you tack that on with nonseverability, it really gets to 29. be a real ball of wax and so when you say there's been no basic 30. change in the structure of this bill, that flies in the face of 31. what has happened over the last twenty-four hours. I don't see 32.

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- 1. any reason why the General Assembly constituted by the voters of
- 2. this State cannot spend one week on tax relief and we are going
- 3. to spend between now and the twenty-second, I am told, that
- 4. we're going to get a draft of this...bill sometime today. Anybody
- 5. that's got the final draft, would they please hold up their hand
- 6. on this bill. I haven't gotten it. This is my page 10. When
- 7. I left the room, that's it. All the gobbledygook, the strike outs,
- 8. the writes through, we don't even have them back out of the computer
- 9. yet and I can tell you, the last page that I have of this amend-
- 10. ment is just hand written notes of what we said we were gonna agree
- 11. ...and that's all. That's all it is. I'd like to see it before
- 12. we vote on it. I know we had the RTA package, I know we spent
- a lot of time on Cook County Hospital, we spent a lot of time
- 14. just this week on helping the City Schools in Chicago and each
- 15. time they drop one of these fifty-seven page jewels on our desks and
- say, let's get it out of here. I think it's time the General
- Assembly says, let's do business in a more orderly fashion, let's
- give tax relief to voters in an orderly way and do our work
- 19. on the twenty-second. That you, Mr...
- PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- Senator Rock.
- SENATOR ROCK:
- Mr. President, I move we now adjourn.
- PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
- The motion is to adjourn. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution, 25.
- those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those...those opposed.
- The resolution carries.
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