

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of noon having arrived, the Senate will come
3. to order. Prayer this afternoon will be by the Reverend
4. Gene Sigler, Jones Memorial Community Center, Chicago
5. Heights, Illinois. Will our guests in the Gallery please
6. rise. Reverend.

7. REVEREND SIGLER:

8. (Prayer given by Reverend Sigler)

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Tuesday, March 27th, 1979, Wednesday, March 28th, 1979,
13. Thursday, March 29th, 1979.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Johns.

16. SENATOR JOHNS:

17. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journal just
18. read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has
19. additions or corrections to offer.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. You've heard the motion. All those in favor signify
22. by saying Aye. All opposed, the Ayes have it. So ordered.
23. Senator Donnewald, for what purpose do you arise?

24. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

25. Yes, Mr. President, I notice that there are some relation
26. of yours and sitting on the wrong side of the aisle, I wish
27. you'd advise them that they should sit on the left side of
28. the aisle.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. They...they want to have a balanced outlook. I would...
31. the Chair will introduce my Mother and my Mother-in-Law for
32. the benefit of the Senate members. Will you stand and be
33. recognized, please. And two cousins from Glenview, Illinois,

1. Barbara and Janet Tandy. Will you stand and be recognized.
2. I think they're in Senator Regner's district. You better...
3. better watch yourself, Dave. Message from the Governor.

4. SECRETARY:

5. A Message from the Governor by Jim Edgar, Director,
6. Legislative Affairs.

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

9. To the Honorable members of the Senate, the 81st General
10. Assembly. I have issued the following Executive Order
11. creating the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs,
12. transferring it, the powers of the Department of Business
13. and Economic Development and the powers of the Governor's
14. Office of Manpower and Human Development and certain
15. Community Affairs powers to the Department of Local Govern-
16. ment Affairs and further transferring to the Department
17. of Revenue certain tax related powers of the Department
18. of Local Government Affairs.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. The Committee on Reorganization. Committee reports.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of the Committee on the
23. Assignment of Bills, assigns the following Senate Bills
24. to committee:

25. Appropriations I - 483, 486, 487, 488, 489 and 490.
26. Appropriations II - 484 and 485; Elementary and Secondary
27. Education - 491, 494, 501; Executive - 474, 475, 482, 495;
28. Finance and Credit Regulations - 476; Judiciary I - 467,
29. 469, 470, 471, 472 and 473; Judiciary II - 481; Labor and
30. Commerce - 497, 498, and 499; Local Government - 463, 464,
31. 465, 466 and 492; Public Health, Welfare and Corrections;
32. 478 and 496; Revenue - 468, 479, 493 and 500; Transportation
33. - 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 477, 480.

34. Senator Donnewald assigns the following House Bills

1. to committee:
2. Agriculture - 239; Local Government - 342; Public Health,
3. Welfare and Corrections - 326.
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Messages from the House.
6. SECRETARY:
7. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.
8. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
9. the House of Representatives have adopted the following
10. Joint Resolutions, in the adoption of which I am instructed
11. to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:
12. House Joint Resolution 16, Senator Knuppel is the
13. Senate sponsor.
14. House Joint Resolution 17, Senator Knuppel is the
15. Senate sponsor.
16. House Joint Resolution 29, House Joint Resolution
17. 30 and House Joint Resolution 31, Senator Kenneth Hall is
18. the sponsor.
19. PRESIDENT:
20. Executive Committee.
21. SECRETARY:
22. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.
23. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
24. that the House of Representatives has passed bills with
25. the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed
26. to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:
27. House Bills 21, 33, 46, 62, 86, 199, 211, 229,
28. 257, 340, 387, 455, 495, 502, 541, 546, 591, 592, 593, 594,
29. 595, 604, 605, 674, 687, 688, 689, 698, 706, 716, 804, 942
30. and 943.
31. PRESIDENT:
32. Introduction of bills.
33. SECRETARY:

1. Senate Bill 502 introduced by Senators Davidson, Chew,
2. Vadalabene and others.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. Senate Bill 503 introduced by the same sponsors.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. Senate Bill 504 introduced by the same sponsors.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. Senate Bill 505 introduced by Senators Vadalabene, Chew,
9. Davidson and others.
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. Senate Bill 506...introduced by Senators Davidson, Coffey,
12. Chew and others.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. Senate Bill 507 introduced by Senators Coffey, Davidson,
15. Chew and others.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. Senate Bill 508 introduced by Senators Nash, Rock,
18. Savickas and others.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. Senate Bill 509 introduced by Senators Demuzio and Gitz.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. Senate Bill 510 introduced by Senators Weaver, Moore, Chew
23. and others.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. Senate Bill 511 introduced by Senator Weaver.
26. (Secretary reads title of bill)
27. Senate Bill 512 introduced by the same sponsor.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. Senate Bill 513 introduced by the same sponsor.
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. Senate Bill 514 introduced by Senators Mitchler, D'Arco,
32. Maragos.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. Senate Bill 515 introduced by Senator Mitchler.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. Senate Bill 516 introduced by Senators Graham and Becker.
4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
5. Senate Bill 517 introduced by the same sponsors.
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. Senate Bill 518 introduced by Senator Collins.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senate Bill 519 introduced by Senators Collins, Netsch,
10. Mitchler and Geo-Karis.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. Senate Bill 520 introduced by Senator Geo-Karis.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. Senate Bill 521 introduced by Senator Lemke, Maragos,
15. D'Arco and others.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. Senate Bill 620 or 522 introduced by Senators Nedza -
18. Lemke, Maragos, D'Arco and others.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. Senate Bill 523 introduced by Senators Lemke, Maragos,
21. D'Arco and others.
22. (Secretary reads title of bill)
23. Senate Bill 524 introduced by Senator D'Arco and Lemke,
24. Maragos, Nedza and others.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. Senate Bill 525 introduced by Senators Lemke, Maragos,
27. Nedza and others.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. Senate Bill 624 introduced by Senators D'Arco...or 524
30. ...Senate Bill 526 introduced by Senators D'Arco, Lemke,
31. Maragos and others.
32. (Secretary reads title of bill)
33. Senate Bill 527 introduced by Senator Lemke.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)
2. Senate Bill 528 introduced by Senator...D'Arco and Philip.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. Senate Bill 529 introduced by Senators Graham and Becker.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. Senate Bill 530 introduced by Senators Maragos, Davidson,
7. Bower.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senate Bill 531 introduced by Senator Gitz.
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. 1st reading of the bills.
12. PRESIDENT:
13. Senator Nash, for what purpose do you arise?
14. SENATOR NASH:
15. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I
16. ask for leave to move to discharge the Committee on Executive
17. from further consideration of Senate Bill 430...433, 434, 435,
18. and ask that these bills be referred to the Committee on
19. Local Governments.
20. PRESIDENT:
21. Senator Walsh.
22. SENATOR WALSH:
23. Mr. President, Senator Nash has...has called it to our
24. attention, we have no objection. I was just wondering if
25. possibly in the future, if the gentleman requesting that
26. permission would indicate that he has checked with the
27. leadership on the other side, whether he be a Republican or
28. a Democrat, then there won't be any doubt in anybody's mind
29. that the clearance had been...had been given.
30. PRESIDENT:
31. Correct. Suggestion is well taken. Senator Nash.
32. SENATOR NASH:
33. Mr. President, I did check with Senator Donnewald and
34. Senator Wooten, the chairman of the committee and with the

1. Minority Spokesman of the committee.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Berning. Senator Berning.

4. SENATOR BERNING:

5. Mr. President, I...I certainly have no real objection, but

6. it appears that Senate Bill 432 is a pension bill and I'm

7. curious as to why that would go to Local Government also.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. I'm not sure 432 was involved in the motion. Senator

10. Nash.

11. SENATOR NASH:

12. It was Senate Bill 430, 433, 434 and 435, 432 is in

13. Pensions.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Any further discussion? All right. You've heard the

16. motion. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All

17. opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Introduction of

18. bills.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senate Bill 532 introduced by Senator Johns.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. Senate Bill 533 introduced by Senator Knuppel.

23. (Secretary reads title of bill)

24. Senate Bill 534 introduced by Senator Schaffer.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. Senate Bill 535 introduced by Senator Knuppel.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. Senate Bill 536 introduced by Senator Schaffer.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. Senate Bill 537 introduced by Senators Regner, Carroll,

31. Rhoads and Wooten.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. Senate Bill 538 introduced by Senators Hall, Rock, Donnewald

1. and others.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. Senate Bill 539 introduced by Senator Hall.
4. (Secretary reads title of bill)
5. House Bill 540 introduced by Senators Lemke, Nedza, D'Arco
6. and others.
7. (Secretary reads title of bill)
8. Senate Bill 541 introduced by Senator Philip.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. Senate Bill 542 introduced by Senators Regner, Grotberg
11. and Johns.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. Senate Bill 543 introduced by Senators Regner, Sommer,
14. Buzbee, Carroll and Schaffer.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. 1st reading of the bills.
17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
18. For what purpose does Senator Grotberg arise?
19. SENATOR GROTEBERG:
20. ...Mr. President, I rise to ask leave of the Body, after
21. consulting with both sides of the aisle and the committee
22. chairman involved as regards Senate Bill 289, currently
23. posted to be heard in Senate Executive on Monday, this coming
24. April 9. I would ask to have leave of the Body to remove
25. Exec from further consideration and re-refer it to Judiciary II.
26. And...to suspend the appropriate rule to have it posted and
27. heard in Judiciary II on Wednesday, April 11. It rightfully
28. belongs in Judiciary II.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
30. You heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is granted,
31. the bills will be so re-referred. Resolutions.
32. SECRETARY:
33. Senate Resolution 89 introduced by Senators D'Arco and

1. all Senators. It's congratulatory.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator D'Arco.

4. SENATOR D'ARCO:

5. Mr. President, I would ask leave of the Senate to consider

6. Senate Resolution 89 immediately without reference to committee.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Senate...Senator D'Arco moves to suspend the rules for

9. immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution

10. 89. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator D'Arco.

11. SENATOR D'ARCO:

12. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 89 congrat-

13. ulates St. Luke's Presbyterian on being such a vital and

14. necessary hospital in the Medical Center District and tells

15. them to continue doing the good work and they're building

16. a new cancer research hospital and everybody is proud of

17. their efforts in that direction and I would so move we

18. consider this resolution immediately.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. You've heard the motion. All those in favor indicate

21. by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Resolution No. 89, Senate

22. Resolution 89 is adopted. For what purpose does Senator

23. Ozinga arise?

24. SENATOR OZINGA:

25. Mr. President, as a matter of personal privilege with

26. regard to resolutions. I have in my hand a little note that

27. came with regard to one of the...previous resolutions that

28. we passed. It comes, it says, "Dear Senator Ozinga, On

29. behalf of my mother and myself, I'd like to thank you and

30. your colleagues for the lovely resolution you adopted in

31. my father's behalf. We will always cherish as a special

32. signals, the...of the good working relationship we had...

33. he had with the Illinois Senate, Barbara Isakoff Peskin.

1. SECRETARY:
2. Senate Resolution 90 offered by Senators Mitchler, Sang-
3. meister, Ozinga and others. It's congratulatory.
4. Senate Resolution 91 offered by Senator Mitchler. It's
5. congratulatory.
6. Senate Resolution 92 offered by Senator Shapiro and
7. all Senators. It's congratulatory.
8. Senate Resolution 93 offered by Senator Jerome Joyce.
9. It's commendatory.
10. Senate Resolution 94 offered by Senator Mitchler and
11. Vadalabene. It's congratulatory.
12. Senate Resolution 95 offered by Mitchler and Vadalabene.
13. It's congratulatory.
14. Senate Resolution 96 offered by Senators Mitchler and
15. Vadalabene. It's congratulatory.
16. Senate Resolution 97 offered by Senator Vadalabene and
17. Mitchler. It's congratulatory.
18. Senate Resolution 98 offered by Senator Kenneth Hall and
19. all Senators and it's congratulatory.
20. And Senate Resolution 99 offered by Senators Lemke, Savickas,
21. D'Arco, Joyce, McLendon, Daley and it's a death resolution.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
23. Resolutions Consent Calendar. For what purpose does Senator
24. Nimrod arise? Your microphone is on.
25. SENATOR NIMROD:
26. Yeah, Mr. President, I would like to seek leave to have
27. the record show that on House Bill 150 that Senator Schaffer
28. be shown as the principal sponsor.
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
30. You heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.
31. SENATOR NIMROD:
32. Yeah, Mr. President...
33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

1. Senator Nimrod.
2. SENATOR NIMROD:
3. ...one other item I might call to your attention that the
4. 4th District is certainly coming into its own and if you...for
5. those of you that might recall, the Niles West, eleven of those
6. girls, they are all from the 4th District. So that means we
7. not only have the boys from the 4th District with the double
8. A champs, but the girl champs down in Springfield, the last
9. weeks results. I just thought we'd acknowledge that.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
11. Senator Hall.
12. SENATOR HALL:
13. I just want to congratulate Senator. Our team ran second
14. to yours, Senator, so congratulations.
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
16. Senate Bills, 2nd reading. Senate Bill 53, Senator Knuppel.
17. Senate Bill 63, Senator Joyce. Senate Bill 82, Senator Bloom.
18. Read the bill.
19. SECRETARY:
20. Senate Bill 82.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health, Welfare
23. and Corrections offers one amendment.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
25. Senator Bloom.
26. SENATOR BLOOM:
27. I can explain it. Basically the committee felt that
28. this has to do with the requirements for being Director
29. of Public Health and the committee felt that the bill should retain
30. the word, administrative before experience, in the field of public
31. health and so I urge its adoption.
32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
33. Is there any further debate? Senator Bloom moves the

1. adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 82. All those
2. in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. Amendment
3. No. 1 to Senate Bill 82 is adopted. Are there any further
4. amendments?
5. SECRETARY:
6. No further committee amendments.
7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
8. Any amendments from the Floor?
9. SECRETARY:
10. No Floor Amendments.
11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
12. 3rd reading. If you are looking at the board, the electronic
13. board that indicates the Senate Bill number, the Senate Bill
14. number is not appearing on the West Board, it is appearing
15. on the East Board. Senate Bill 88, Senator Knuppel. Senate
16. Bill 114, Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 122, Senator Lemke.
17. Senate Bill 187, Senator Bloom. Senate Bill 203, Senator
18. Sommer. Senate Bill 247, Senator Daley. Senate Bill 257,
19. Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 265, Senator Coffey. Senate
20. Bill 272, Senator Bowers. Senate Bill 280, Senator Weaver.
21. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
22. SECRETARY:
23. Senate Bill 280.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)¹
25. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
27. Any amendments from the Floor?
28. SECRETARY:
29. No Floor Amendments.
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
31. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 300, Senator Lemke. Senate
32. Bill 334, Senator Egan. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
33. SECRETARY:

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1. Senate Bill 334.
2. (Secretary reads title of bill)
3. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
5. Any amendments from the Floor?
6. SECRETARY:
7. No Floor Amendments.
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
9. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 250, Senator Berning. Read the
10. bill, Mr. Secretary.
11. SECRETARY:
12. Senate Bill 250.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
16. Any amendments from the Floor?
17. SECRETARY:
18. No Floor Amendments.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
20. 3rd reading. Senate Bills, 3rd reading. Senate Bill 2,
21. Senator Ozinga.
22. SECRETARY:
23. Senate Bill 2.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. 3rd reading of the bill.
26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
27. Senator Ozinga.
28. SENATOR OZINGA:
29. Mr. President, members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2 is
30. a rerun of the last three Sessions. This bill, as you all
31. know, raises the liquor drinking age back to 21 years of
32. age across the board. Actually when this bill came up in
33. '73 lowering the drinking age, we practically automatically

1. lowered the illegal drinking age down as far as 13, 14 and
2. 15. Now, during the interim of the last six, seven years,
3. there have been numerous cities, villages, towns, that have
4. lowered the...that have raised the drinking age in accordance
5. with their privileges under the home rule powers. These
6. cities have raised it and they have tried other methods
7. of reacting to this lowered drinking age. Now, what I am
8. attempting to do with this bill is to positively create
9. a gap of what might be called a differentiation between
10. the people that are involved in the drinking age. Now, with
11. the age of nineteen, it is a known fact and we have surveyed
12. that approximately ten percent of the boys and girls that
13. are in high school are 19 years old, which immediately raises
14. a question and what we're trying to do with this gap is to
15. break the supply line from the older to the younger. We
16. find that there have been various offenses such as vandalism,
17. gang fights, street riots and things that have been created.
18. In a way, I suppose one could say, unconsciously by the
19. younger teens or the older teens because of the situation
20. that exists at the present time. Statistics with regard to
21. the drinking possibility are not at all reliable. Reason is
22. that the compassionate truant officer, policeman or otherwise,
23. and I can speak with authority on that, my father was a police-
24. man, and by having a little bit of compassion. I used to be
25. called with the guys and say, look, you come on with us because
26. if we did anything wrong, why my father would have compassion
27. on a lot of them. However, that being beside the fact, it is
28. known that in the St. Louis area, fifty percent of the seventh
29. to eleventh grades are now drinking. Seven percent of that
30. fifty percent as per a survey, are alcoholics. Now that's
31. astounding when you stop and analyze that, that is really
32. a statistic that is almost unbearable. We had the South
33. Suburban Coalition on behalf...of...of the alcoholic problems.

1. Now in that survey, the twelve to seventeen olders get
2. drunk at least once a week, and I emphasize that, get
3. drunk once a week. Why? They say that at least eighty-
4. eight percent of the students in high school are drinking
5. before they're fifteen years of age. Now here's the
6. statistics that really should perk up everybody's ears.
7. Thirty-eight percent of these, and I with privilege call
8. them youngsters, get their liquor from friends. Now, this
9. is almost unbelievable, but it is a fact. Thirty-nine percent
10. drink practically every weekend. Then we get a survey that
11. was made of four of the high schools in the southwest area
12. of the county, shall I say, Cook County, three thousand,
13. nine hundred and twenty-four students were surveyed. Three
14. thousand, six hundred and sixty-two answered that they were
15. taking, using liquor. Nineteen percent of the thirteen
16. percent admitted misuse of the liquor, in other words
17. after they had acquired it, now it was misused and other
18. acts of violence, et cetera, et cetera and there's a long
19. arm length list of them. Many long term effects are the
20. result of the constant use of liquor by these younger
21. people. Now, I took a survey in my own district and I know
22. that a lot of you guys did too or gals, whoever took it.
23. But there is a great number of you Legislators that have
24. taken a survey and with over five thousand or at least three
25. thousand recorded, would you believe, and this is a survey
26. that I took myself by way of a newsletter and a reply, where
27. the people themselves paid their own postage to reply. Two
28. thousand, eight hundred and eight of the replys were in
29. favor of raising the drinking age, one hundred and ninety-
30. three were against raising it. Now that is quite a statistic
31. when you stop and analyze it. Now, I've got to be fair with
32. you all, this bill was amended and it is now in what I would
33. term good form. There is the preemption of the home rule

1. power on the bill. Now, I am reliably informed that some of
2. the smaller communities have adopted home rule by way of
3. exemption and this by way of voting, shall I say, voting it
4. in themselves, this in and of itself is one of the reasons
5. that we must have this preemption clause in the bill. Other-
6. wise cities like Chicago, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and various
7. places around the State are going to get hurt if we are going
8. to allow home rule privilege of reducing the liquor drinking
9. age. Now I'll grant you that some of the towns, cities, villages
10. that do have college towns are being lobbied to quite some
11. extent. And would you believe up until yesterday, the
12. liquor industry had kept hands-off of the bill, but again
13. I am reliably informed that they have now put on a crusade,
14. a tremendous lobby, to defeat both of the bills. This bill,
15. I believe is identical to the bill that came over from the
16. House and therefore, Gentlemen, Ladies, I plead with you to
17. vote in favor of this bill.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Rock.

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
22. Senate. I rise in opposition to Senate Bill 2 as amended for
23. two reasons. I was the original sponsor of the bill which
24. allowed our nineteen and twenty year olds to enjoy a glass
25. of wine or a glass of beer. It seems to me as a matter of
26. public policy that we ought to be prepared to say that one
27. who is able to enter into a binding contract, one who is
28. able to sue and be sued, one who is able to enter into a
29. contract of matrimony and bear children and is recognized
30. as such by this State ought to, in fact, as a matter of
31. sheer logic be able to enjoy a glass of beer or a glass of
32. wine if one so chooses. It seems to me our public policy
33. should state that and we are now making a radical change it

1. seems. Secondly, the amendment which was added, does in
2. my judgment, in fact, preempt the home rule units of our
3. State and I'm not speaking specifically about the City of
4. Chicago because Chicago has, in fact, adopted this ordinance.
5. But there are places in this State where they have what's
6. called a B License, Champaign, Urbana has a B Licensure.
7. And in those instances those municipalities have chosen
8. to use their power and afford local proprietorships a
9. B License where they serve nothing but beer and wine to the
10. younger people of our State. And for us to sit down here
11. and say to those home rule units, you can't do that anymore,
12. we are usurping your power. It seems to me that's a mistake
13. and I rise against this legislation for those two reasons.
14. One is a matter of public policy, we are wrong. And two, we
15. should not, in this instance or in any other instance, start
16. preempting our home rule units and I would urge opposition
17. to Senate Bill 2.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Egan.

20. SENATOR EGAN:

21. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate,
22. particularly Senator Ozinga who has carried the standard so
23. long and so hard. But let me just say that the preemption,
24. Senator, after reflecting on this, somewhat disturbs me and
25. ...in the committee, you'll remember, I expressed my views
26. after expressing the...after telling you the facts in...in
27. total focus of this problem, I have a nineteen year old daughter
28. going on twenty, a seventeen year old daughter going on
29. eighteen, a sixteen year old daughter going on seventeen,
30. a son sixteen and one...one eleven and so I'm pretty familiar
31. with the problem...the whole problem. I do not object to a
32. nineteen year old going into a bar and drinking a glass of
33. beer, sometimes a glass of wine if they...desire, don't...I

1. do not object to that. Likewise I don't object to restricting
2. twenty-one year olds instead because of the practical difference
3. between just two years of...of being able to purchase liquor
4. over the counter...or over the bar, but I do object to a
5. nineteen year old buying liquor or beer at a package goods
6. store and then carrying that liquor outside where a fifteen
7. or sixteen year old can get possession of it and thereby
8. drink it. But in any event, the preemption aspect of the
9. bill, I think is...is...there is merit in it in uniform...in
10. making the law uniform. However, the application of this
11. law is in practical terms impossible to...to make uniform
12. because of one thing in particular and that is some college
13. towns. Now my daughter goes out at night where she goes
14. to college and she enjoys beer and wine in her community
15. to my total satisfaction, I don't see any objection to that.
16. If the local community wishes to allow that to happen, I
17. don't see any objection to that and really and basically
18. with my background and my knowledge of the problem, the
19. only thing that I see objectionable is a fifteen, a sixteen
20. or a seventeen year old getting possession of alcohol through
21. the purchase of a...by a nineteen year old or above at a
22. liquor store. And so consequently, I cannot support Senate
23. Bill 2 as amended, Senator.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Senator Hall.

26. SENATOR HALL:

27. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of
28. the Senate. Would the sponsor yield to a question?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. He indicates he will.

31. SENATOR HALL:

32. Senator, does your bill still contain the clause that
33. a person under twenty-one years of age cannot deliver alcoholic
34. beverage in pursuance of his job?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
2. Senator Ozinga.
3. SENATOR OZINGA:
4. Does...does it claim...say that again.
5. SENATOR HALL:
6. In your bill, is there still a clause in there that
7. prohibits a person under twenty-one years of age from
8. delivering, in other words, if he had a job somewhere
9. located...if he's under twenty-one...years of age, he
10. could not no longer hold that position?
11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
12. Senator Ozinga.
13. SENATOR OZINGA:
14. The bill is silent with regard to that and that was one
15. of the questions with regard to the liquor industry that
16. they would like to see in the bill. I told them that I
17. would accede to their request providing the bill was passed.
18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
19. Senator Hall.
20. SENATOR HALL:
21. Well, I rise in opposition to this bill and Senator Rock
22. has very ably pointed out some points here and stated some
23. points here that needs to be said, but Senator, for you to
24. say now that someone under twenty-one working on...or making
25. deliveries, that he could no longer and you said you going
26. to do this when it gets over there. Why are waiting until
27. this time, why don't you put the amendment on now? But
28. nevertheless, even if you put the amendment on, I'd still
29. be against the bill. That...you know, it's really wrong
30. for us to try to be...to sit here and tell people that they
31. can no longer participate, that they are no longer, because
32. they are not twenty-one, enter into all the different contracts
33. and things that has been already stated here. I think you're

1. wrong, I think this bill should be defeated and I'm going
2. to vote No.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Davidson. Senator Wooten.

5. SENATOR WOOTEN:

6. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this
7. bill with mixed feelings. I would call to the attention
8. of the Body that if you go in terms of logic you could
9. probably get a very good argument against the bill. But
10. I would like to remind my colleagues that there are several
11. inconsistent aspects of American law and the way it relates
12. to society. In Europe, for example, they do not have questions
13. like this in law, they do not have a legal drinking age.
14. They do not have a speed limit. They don't regulate a lot
15. of things. But that has been the practice in this country
16. and while it is somewhat illogical in the broad view, that
17. has been our procedure. I don't believe I was alone in
18. this Chamber in my reluctance to vote for Senator Rock's
19. bill back in, I think 1973. I think most of us felt it
20. was a mistake, but the logic of the situation led us into
21. it. We were in an unpopular war, we were drafting young
22. people and they had no say in their fate so we lowered the
23. voting age to eighteen when really the proper action should
24. have been to affect an immediate withdrawal from Vietnam
25. and leave the law as it was. And then as a corollary to that
26. we started lowering the age for a lot of things, including
27. the drinking age. We did not move all the way down to
28. eighteen and so we are illogical and inconsistent on that.
29. We did so for a very good reason, we were afraid that the
30. introduction of alcoholic beverages into high school would
31. be disruptive. As it turns out, it has been extremely
32. disruptive, even at the age of nineteen. I would address
33. your attention to the statistics on alcoholism, the median

1. age has dropped significantly over the last six years. In
2. moving the age back to twenty-one we are not, by that action,
3. solving the problem. But I think what we are doing is lifting
4. to a considerable extent, the peer pressure on youngsters in
5. high school to drink. American law tends to be rather elastic.
6. If you go sixty miles an hour, you generally aren't picked up.
7. We...we have a lot of these gives in the application of law.
8. And I think the most persuasive argument in moving the age
9. back up to twenty-one is to reduce the area of that give
10. into high school, there is no reason for peer pressure in
11. high school to drink. Also, I think, we ought to remind
12. ourselves the pressure for this is coming from local units
13. of government. They are raising the drinking age to twenty-
14. one. I am one who strongly believes that if it is to be
15. anything, it ought to be uniform across the entire State.
16. I supported the preemptive amendment and I will support the
17. bill, not without misgiving. I would remind you this does
18. not prevent youngsters from drinking in their home or in
19. private homes, there's nothing wrong with that, it does
20. not disrupt family practices. It says you cannot sell the
21. stuff to someone until they are twenty-one. We have lived
22. with that in this country for a good many years. I think
23. our experience was better under that provision than it has
24. been under the drinking age at nineteen.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Knuppel.

27. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

28. Well, just two or three quick comments. First of all, I
29. want to acknowledge my conflict of interest, I have a seventeen
30. year old son and he can be affected by the trickle down theory
31. we're attempting to cut off here, but nevertheless, having
32. declared my conflict of interest, I still intend to vote on
33. the bill. Now, I heard one of the debaters here say that

1. people who are old enough to marry and have children, well
2. that's a poor argument, hell, I got mares that can
3. have colts and I haven't heard any of them saying they want
4. to drink. And then I always ask these young people when
5. they come to me and say they want to drink, I ask them, just
6. how, just how that enriches their life. If there's one
7. single thing that it makes better, and a few of them will
8. tell me sex, and I look at them and I say, if it made sex
9. any better it'd kill you.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Senator Walsh.

12. SENATOR WALSH:

13. Mr. President, members of the Senate. Just briefly in...in
14. support of...of this measure, I'd like to observe that for
15. those who...who state that eighteen years old should be the
16. age at which people can drink, of course the present law is
17. nineteen and not eighteen. And also in the City of Chicago,
18. which...in which I reside, approximately one-third of our
19. population, the law is now back up to age twenty-one. So
20. we're not arguing...for what the law should be in Chicago,
21. we're arguing what the law should be for the entire State
22. of Illinois and really what we're doing here is just trying
23. to conform the State of Illinois to the City of Chicago.
24. Now, if we don't pass this legislation, the effect of this
25. is, of course, to drive all those people nineteen to twenty-
26. one who are so inclined and unfortunately many who are much
27. younger who are able to obtain the alcoholic beverages, even
28. though it is just beer and wine that they're supposed to
29. be obtaining, it drives them out into areas where they can
30. legally obtain it. And I happen to represent a suburban
31. part of the...of Cook County and what happens there is that
32. young people from the City of Chicago come out into these
33. non-home rule municipalities and obtain alcoholic beverages.

1. I might also point out that in my district, at least, there
2. are two home rule municipalities with as few as forty-five
3. hundred people. Now that being the case, those...those little
4. villages could become enclaves where young people would...would
5. seek refuge, if you will, and obtain alcoholic beverages. If
6. this law passes, it should be uniform throughout the State.
7. Chicago should not have one law and the rest of the State
8. another law. I urge support of Senate Bill 2.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Davidson.

11. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

12. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I rise in
13. support of this bill. As one who voted against the bill
14. in its original state, one who has had numerous, numerous
15. school officials and police officials speak to me about
16. the detriment, the problems they're having, particularly
17. in the schools, that man or girl who's nineteen who can
18. buy alcoholic beverages, carry it out, friendly with their
19. friends who are two or three years younger and the events they're
20. having. And I also have, either for the two who declared
21. their interest, I have a son who's eighteen and a daughter
22. who's nineteen and have been lobbied thoroughly in opposition
23. to this bill. And they and I heartily disagree. But the fact
24. that you're eighteen, nineteen or so, isn't going to give you
25. as much mature to handle something at age twenty-one. And
26. the old agrument about, if I'm old enough to vote and I'm
27. old enough to die and et cetera, I'm going to tell you, most
28. of us sitting in here, not most of us, but a lot of us sitting
29. in here were old enough to die, not old enough to vote, certainly
30. not old enough to buy liquor in World War II, that doesn't
31. hold an argument with me. And I think that the fact that
32. one third or more of the population of the State of Illinois
33. by an act of the Chicago Council has already excluded those
34. people from buying it, let's just pass it so the rest of us

have that same opportunity. I urge you to vote Aye.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Gitz.

3. SENATOR GITZ:

4. Mr. President, I rise in opposition to this bill.

5. Senate Bill 2 presumes a solution to a problem we cannot possibly
6. cure. As Senator Rock has so rightly pointed out, we give people
7. the right of contract, they are allowed to engage in matrimony.
8. They serve their country and I find it somewhat hypocritical
9. that we say that they can simply not handle a bottle of Michelob
10. or a glass of wine. It also has been pointed out this bill
11. presumes an exemption of home rule, which I think is wrong. But
12. more importantly is the question of practicality. Is there anyone
13. in this Body who really believes, genuinely believes that they
14. will solve the problem of teenage drinking simply by passing Senate
15. Bill 2? I think in practical effect it's wrong. My whole district
16. borders the State of Wisconsin and the State of Iowa. I can tell
17. you that the only practical effect of Senate Bill 2 will
18. be to put the minority and I emphasize the minority of people that
19. abuse this bill, on the roads to another state to indulge in their
20. practices. The practical effect will be that the people who have
21. not abused the privileges will lose it and lose it with an unfair
22. stigma that somehow everyone who is nineteen to twenty has only
23. one aspiration in life, to go out and get drunk. I personally resent
24. that kind of insinuation against the youth of our State. We give them
25. the privilege of vote, the right to vote, at the age of eighteen.
26. How can we simply say that a glass of wine or a...or a bottle of beer
27. is beyond them? In my district, this will prove completely impractical.
28. And I regret the fact that the first case that is brought to the
29. hospital and somebody who is caught on the roads will not be in the
30. witness of any of the members of this Body. It is wrong conceptionally,
31. it is wrong in practice, it is a bad piece of legislation.
32. And it simply underscores the lack of reality in some of our
33. deliberations in this Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

1. Senator Sangmeister.

2. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

3. I believe there has been enough debate on this issue. At this
4. time, Mr. President, I would move the previous question.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator, we have five more speakers that wish to speak,
7. Senator Grotberg, Johns, Mitchler, Nimrod and Berning. The previous
8. question has been moved. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye.
9. Senator...Senator Grotberg.

10. SENATOR GROTBORG:

11. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to explain a Present vote that will
12. be coming from my switch on this bill. I administer a liquor
13. license in my other position and rather than go to jail on a conflict
14. of interest charge should this thing ever be questioned in the courts,
15. I will vote Present. Thank you.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. Senator Johns.

18. SENATOR JOHNS:

19. Thank you, Mr. President. Today I signed on as a sole...chief
20. sponsor, not the sole sponsor, of House Bill 21. And I'll
21. merely reiterate what I'll say about that today. Supporting this
22. bill because I think that it will save lives, young lives, precious
23. lives. The lives of our greatest natural resource, that you've heard
24. me say before, the young people. Save the grief that goes with
25. the problems of alcohol combined with immaturity. Save us, in a way,
26. in a sense, from ourselves, from a society that gets more permissive,
27. if I may use the term, which becomes more permissive each day
28. and with that permissiveness, it just shows a deterioration in our
29. lives of the basic values that I feel that are needed to strengthen
30. our society rather than aid to their deterioration. And I will vote
31. Aye on this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator Mitchler.

SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. SENATOR MITCHLER:

2. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.

3. I rise in support of Senate Bill 2. And for these reasons, the first
4. reason is that I voted in opposition to lowering the legal drinking
5. age in Illinois back in, I believe it was, 1973. I saw some of the
6. problems that we would be getting into by lowering the drinking
7. age. I've had communications from superintendents of schools,
8. from principals, explaining to me about the problems that they are
9. having in the high schools because of increased alcohol use by
10. students. They correlate this directly with the fact that
11. the legal drinking age in Illinois has been reduced. Well, I could
12. go on and on and quote some statistics, statistics are only statistics
13. and you can take them for what they're worth. You say that you've
14. had more traffic fatalities attributed to drinking among the teen-
15. agers below the age of twenty-one. All of these points can be
16. argued. But I think the main purpose of this bill, Senate Bill 2
17. at this time, is the fact that as was pointed out, the City of
18. Chicago, approximately one-third of the population of the State of
19. Illinois, has adopted a age twenty-one legal drinking age.
20. The County of Cook has not adopted that in the unincorporated
21. areas. Although it's my understanding that some of the municipalities
22. in Cook County have followed the line of Chicago and adopted the
23. twenty-one age drinking. Now, the home rule communities in my
24. district, Joliet, Naperville, Aurora, if these home rule units
25. would adopt a age twenty-one legal drinking age, then in order to
26. obtain packaged goods at the stores, they would have to
27. go to North Aurora, Montgomery, maybe down into Shanahan and
28. over into some other areas, maybe into Warrenville where they could
29. purchase this. So, really, it would be defeating any local
30. home rule law. Now, for example, if the City of Batavia had
31. a twenty-one year old drinking law, City of Aurora had a twenty-
32. one year old drinking law, North Aurora did not, this would cause
33. a shift in the economics and the purchasing of packaged goods and
the patronizing of establishments. Now, I know that certain areas in the

1. State thrive on attracting the type of person that wants to go to
2. drinking establishments and having other activities that relate
3. thereto in many instances, but if you are going to have a legal drink-
4. ing age for the purpose of purchasing alcoholic beverages
5. it should be uniform, Statewide, not have it fragmented into the
6. different localities and that is the main reason at this particular
7. point in time, for passing Senate Bill 2. Now, it's...it's important,
8. I understand, the House has passed a very similar bill, that it's
9. on its way over here to the Senate. I'd ask for you to discount all
10. of these arguments that were argued previously in 1973, when
11. it was lowered from the age of twenty-one. I did not...I was not
12. convinced at that time by the arguments. I'm not convinced now
13. that it should be lower than twenty-one. And then I'm going to
14. conclude my remarks by saying this, we are a very liberal society,
15. perhaps now more liberal than we have ever been in the history
16. of the nation. It's a free society and I really believe that those
17. people that want to enjoy a glass of beer or a glass of wine that are
18. under age twenty-one will find a means of getting together and
19. socializing and having that privilege so long as they don't violate
20. the laws that are being violated by drunken drivingness, by having
21. opened liquor in the car and by flaunting it in public. Now, those
22. are the things. I recall when I was age twenty-one when I went into
23. the United States Navy and I look back at all of the beer and wine I
24. consumed before I went into the Navy. I'm not talking about what
25. I consumed when I went in the Navy. So, you just look at practicality
26. and let practicality rule without all the rules and regulations and
27. those are the remarks I want to conclude with as I ask for support
28. of Senate Bill 2. It's a needed bill to make a uniform law
29. in the State of Illinois. Thank you.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

31. There's been a request for permission to take some still
32. photographs. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Nimrod.

33. SENATOR NIMROD:

1. Yes, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
2. I rise in support of Senate Bill 2 and I would like to call to your
3. attention just a couple of facts that I think you should be aware
4. of. One is certainly all of the records and all of the data that is
5. available to us today, both that which represents traffic
6. fatalities, that which represents drunkenness, that which represents
7. the medical fields, all indicate that teenage drinking is certainly
8. a hindrance and should be prohibited. I think one thing that we
9. have brought out is that certainly by the drinking of the nineteen
10. and twenty year olds, we find that we have encouraged and allow
11. fifteen and sixteen year olds to be drinking today. Certainly
12. I believe that with the passage of this bill, we would certainly
13. have at least stopped that age group from being involved
14. in any kind of a serious drinking problem. Secondly, I would like
15. to say to you that the local governments that I am familiar with
16. and especially in our district, have...in fact, the village of
17. Skokie has passed a resolution asking the State to pass a State-
18. wide law preempting all local governments. I would say that adding
19. the City of Chicago and adding the suburban...overwhelming
20. number of suburban communities that have indicated the same desire
21. and adding those downstate communities that have asked
22. for this kind of a bill, that I think we were talking about those
23. communities which represent probably seventy-five or eighty
24. percent of the population of this State. I think for those of us
25. who are talking about passage of some problems only have...passage of
26. this bill would hinder and be unfair, I think it's our moral
27. responsibility to take a stand on these kinds of issues and I would
28. say that we've given this particular issue adequate time. It's had a
29. fair chance to see if it would work. There are some injustices
30. that will arise and I am not the first one to deny that, but I think
31. the overwhelming evidence and the moral thing to do in this
32. particular case, is certainly to restore the drinking age to
33. twenty-one.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Berning. Senator Nimrod, for what purpose do you arise?

3. SENATOR NIMROD:

4. Yeah...maybe...maybe I can ask this question now and then
5. ...rather later and it does pertain to the number of votes that
6. would be required on this particular bill. The reason I ask this is
7. because of information I've learned as to what the House has...has
8. done on this particular issue.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Yes, Senator Nimrod, this bill will require a three-fifths
11. vote for passage and that's pursuant to Section 6 of Article
12. VII of the Constitution.

13. SENATOR NIMROD:

14. All right. Mr. President, I only call your attention, in case
15. you haven't been aware of, that in Article VII, Section 6,
16. in subsection H, you call your attention to that that is...
17. probably this particular question fits into this issue differently
18. than others who have come to our attention. I'm just wondering whether
19. your ruling has considered the provisions of Section H which
20. provide that the...it will only take a simple majority
21. for those not arising out of taxes in this particular area and
22. it does refer to L and this has nothing to do with that Section, but
23. certainly Section H in this case would apply to this bill.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Senator, it's been the ruling of the Chair that a bill with this
26. kind of amendment would require a three-fifths vote and if you wish,
27. you can appeal the ruling and you may do so. Senator Berning.

28. SENATOR BERNING:

29. Thank you, Mr. President. I think perhaps everything that needs
30. to be said has been said and I just want to point out that
31. I, for one, am in a rather difficult position. Perhaps my sentiments
32. lean in one direction, but practicality in this case, dictates
33. otherwise. I am also from a county that is bordering the State line,
the State of Wisconsin. Before the enactment of this legislation, we

1. had a great many of our young people going to Wisconsin.
2. Today, with Chicago's imposition of its controls, I know that we are
3. getting the impact of people traveling to our county and if we
4. pass this Statewide, those same people will be just going
5. through our county and joining our own young people on the
6. trek to Wisconsin. That, I think, is undesirable. The point
7. has been made, Mr. President, that because we lowered the drinking
8. age, we have encouraged in consumption by younger people, I point
9. out that that is illegal now. If we raise the drinking age, we
10. are not going to stop the breaking of the law, I fear, and take for
11. instance the drug abuse. It's quoted to us that alcohol use in
12. the schools has been accelerating, but so, I present to you,
13. has the use of drugs. And that is already illegal. One point that
14. has only been touched on briefly, Mr. President, had to do with
15. highway accidents and I'd like to just refer to a letter which I
16. received from Mr. Vieg, Director of the Division of Traffic
17. Safety, from IDOT, referring to the drinking problem, it pervades
18. the ranks of drivers of all ages and I'm sure this is nothing new,
19. many of whom have worse records than the nineteen and twenty
20. year olds. In fact, purely as a matter of academic interest
21. to make a real dent in the fatality injury rates due to alcohol
22. abuse in Illinois, we would have to raise the legal age to
23. thirty-one. Mr. President, I think that's the point that ought to be
24. considered.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Sangmeister has moved the previous question.
27. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have
28. it. For what purpose does Senator Johns arise?

29. SENATOR JOHNS:

30. Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. State your point.

33. SENATOR JOHNS:

In the balcony to my right and to the south and the east.

1. is a group of the people that are endeared to me and one of the
2. reasons why I support this bill and with them are Dorothy Walker,
3. Jake Rendelman, John Barnfine and Pam Hendricks. These are the honor
4. students and the Honor Society of the Herrin Junior High School and
5. I would like for them to stand, please, and would the Gentlemen and
6. Ladies of the Senate recognize them, please.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. For what purpose does Senator Demuzio arise?

9. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

10. Well, I suspect I'm rising on a point of personal privilege, but
11. it's in relationship to this bill. I would like to make some
12. brief remarks and that is that...

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Well, you're out of order, Senator. We had the list and Senator
15. Sangmeister had moved the previous question.

16. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

17. ...your board, why, I can't help it.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Sangmeister, for what purpose do you arise?

20. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

21. Well, if there's that many...Mr. President, if there's that
22. many people that feel strongly that they want to talk on this subject,
23. having voted on the prevailing side, and I...now move that we
24. reconsider the motion by which the previous question was moved.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. You've heard the motion. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye.
27. Those opposed. Senator Demuzio.

28. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

29. Yes, very briefly, Mr. President, I spoke the other day...or
30. I think it was last Friday, when the amendment, the preemption
31. amendment went on this bill. As one who has been involved with the
32. preemption difficulties with the establishment of the EPA Act of
33. 1970 whereby it's preempted local county municipal zoning, and I'm

1. speaking directly into the area now of Wilsonville and the hazardous
2. waste problem. I cannot sit here and vote for anything that would
3. preempt any of the local governments from the authority in
4. attempt to usurp the powers that they should ordinarily have and there-
5. fore, I am going to be voting No on this bill.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Senator Ozinga, you may close the debate.

8. SENATOR OZINGA:

9. Well, Mr. President, members of the Senate. I would imagine
10. that you have probably heard all of the pros and cons. I just
11. want to reiterate just a few little things that were said.
12. Number one, with reference to preemption, I believe that this is
13. really the only way that we are ever going to get this question
14. resolved. It's got to be uniform throughout the entire State. We must
15. create that gap that I talked about before and for those of you that
16. have just recently come aboard with reference to the preemption
17. amendment, what I say this...that I think in your own hearts,
18. you are convinced that this is a good bill as it stands right now.
19. For the benefit of the young ones, for the benefit of the old ones,
20. I, too, probably would like to see the age raised not to nineteen,
21. but to sixty-two, so that a lot of the others of us would have a reason
22. to possibly lose some weight and better health and all this and that.
23. However, the fact was raised before by, I believe, Senator Hall, with
24. regard to the position of people handling liquor in restaurants,
25. et cetera, and et cetera. Now, I am reliably informed, that there are
26. opinions by both the Attorney General and the Alcohol Commission
27. that these people will not be affected by this bill or a similar bill.
28. Now, I believe that this bill is identical with the one that has just
29. come over from the...the House and I am fully aware that that bill is
30. ...or probably will be subject to criticism unless a sufficient roll
31. call. Now, I will respect your opinion with regard to the votes
32. necessary for the enactment of this bill. However, I think
33. that there are more than a three-fifths majority on this

1. Floor that in their own conscience will say this is a good
2. bill and we better get it passed as soon as possible. Now, for those
3. of you that have reiterated this story which is age long or ever
4. since we enacted the bill that reduced the age, it was said in
5. committee by...I've forgotten who, but it was a good statement and
6. I thought at that time I'm going to have to remember it.
7. And I'm just thinking about it...

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Senator, would you please...would you please conclude your
10. remarks. Your time has run out.

11. SENATOR OZINGA:

12. All right. In the situation like this, a person who is called
13. to war is called to quell or kill the enemy. Now, take a good...thought
14. of that. That's been used so often with reference to this drinking,
15. a person that drinks gets drunk and has an accident, he's killing
16. his own friends. And there's something to that. You don't realize
17. until you start analyzing and when this person of the committee
18. said that, it hit home. And I think it should hit home with a lot more
19. of you people because that is actually a fact. Now, with reference
20. to the bill, again, I say, I plead with all of you in the sense of
21. morality, good common sense, a favorable roll call with a minimum of
22. at least thirty-seven to forty votes. I believe you stated thirty-
23. six were necessary, is that right.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. That is correct, Senator. The question is shall Senate Bill 2
26. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed Nay. And the voting
27. is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
28. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the
29. Ayes are 25, the Nays are 19, those Voting Present 3. Senate Bill
30. 2 not having...failed to receive a constitutional three-fifths
31. majority is declared lost. Senator Ozinga.

32. SENATOR OZINGA:

33. Move to postpone consideration.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. You've heard the motion. Leave. Consideration...sponsor...
3. sponsor moves that further consideration be postponed. Further
4. consideration is postponed. Senator Buzbee.

5. SENATOR BUZBEE:

6. Mr. President, I just tried to express my opinion through a
7. vote and somebody had turned my key off on my switch.
8. Now, I don't know if it's the Sergeant-at-Arms or who it is,
9. but I don't want anybody touching my key on my desk and I won't
10. touch anybody else's key. And I don't want anybody turning my
11. switch off anymore for any reason, Mr. President. I just want to
12. express that very, very strongly.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator D'Arco.

15. SENATOR D'ARCO:

16. ...same thing happened to me, Mr. President.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senate Bill 7, Senator Merlo. For what purpose does Senator
19. Johns arise?

20. SENATOR JOHNS:

21. Well, my apologies to...Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, may
22. I have your attention just a minute. My apologies. A while ago,
23. I tried to introduce the Honor Society students from Herrin Junior
24. High School. The Doorman told me they were here, they were trying to
25. get in. Would you give them a rousing hand for the second time around.
26. Right up here to my left.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. No, I think they left again, Senator.

29. SENATOR JOHNS:

30. What did you say, Mr. President?

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. I think they left.

33. SENATOR JOHNS:

1. Well, they had Dorothy Walker and Jake Grendelman and
2. John Bernfine and Pam Hendricks with them. They're good people.
3. Thank you, Mr. President.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. For what purpose does Senator Rhoads arise?

6. SENATOR RHOADS:

7. Like Senator Buzbee and Senator D'Arco, I wish the record to
8. reflect that if my switch had worked, I would have voted Aye on
9. Senate Bill 2.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. The record will so state. Senator Merlo, Senate Bill 7.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Senate Bill...

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. For what purpose does Senator Mitchler arise?

16. SENATOR MITCHLER:

17. Thank you, Mr. President. Apologies to Senator Merlo. If I may
18. rise on a point of personal privilege. In the gallery immediately
19. behind me, are students from Knox College down in Galesburg and they
20. have been down, they're very interested in the bill that
21. was just considered and I would like to ask them to be...to rise and be
22. recognized by the Senate. They've been very orderly and I want to
23. compliment them on their way of approaching the different members of
24. the Legislature to state their position, whether it be pro or con on
25. this legislation. Would you please rise and be recognized.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. For what purpose does Senator Grotberg arise?

28. SENATOR GROTBORG:

29. Well, Mr. Chairman, with regards to Knox College, maybe it's
30. appropriate at this time to ask about the CBS newscast on Saturday
31. that Saudi Arabia had just purchased Knox College and can you confirm
32. or deny that? It turned out to be an April Fool's news release and I
33. bet a lot of people heard it, but it was a cutie. We hope they...

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
 2. For what purpose does Senator Knuppel arise?
 3. SENATOR KNUPPTEL:
 4. I...I appreciate that these are all fine citizens of our State,
 5. but if we're going to start now and introduce every group of
 6. students, every group of basketball...everything else that comes
 7. here, we're going to be here till January this year. And they know that
 8. this is a breach of rules and it's imposition of those people that
 9. want to get on with the business of the Senate.
 10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
 11. Your point is well taken, Senator Knuppel. For what purpose does
 12. Senator Ozinga arise?
 13. SENATOR OZINGA:
 14. Mr. President, with regard to this last roll call, we haven't
 15. proceeded to any other roll call or any other business as of this
 16. point. Now, would it not be proper with a substantial number of the
 17. Senators here, still here, still in their seats, the same amount that
 18. were here before we started, to take another roll call?
 19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
 20. Senator, we are on the Order of Senate Bill 7, Senator Merlo.
 21. SENATOR OZINGA:
 22. Nobody has talked on it yet, Senator.
 23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
 24. Well, we're on...
 25. SENATOR OZINGA:
 26. Nobody has even opened the door to it yet.
 27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
 28. The bill has been called...
 29. SENATOR OZINGA:
 30. We've had all this other monkey business in between and I think
 31. it would involve where these different things have happened,
 32. we've done it before.
 33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
- Senator, the bill was put on postponed consideration. You have the

1. right to ask leave to go back to that consideration. But at this
2. point, we are on Senate Bill 7, Senator Merlo has been waiting
3. patiently while the other Senators arose to state...to introduce
4. their guests and their other questions. So, at this point,
5. we are on Senate Bill 7. Senator Ozinga.

6. SENATOR OZINGA:

7. Question. How many votes were recorded as absent?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. There was no roll call, if my memory serves me correct, about
10. 8.

11. SENATOR OZINGA:

12. About 8. That might have been enough to pass the bill.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Well, I would suggest you contact them, make sure they're
15. present here the next time the bill comes up for consideration.
16. Senator Merlo, Senate Bill 7.

17. SECRETARY:

18. Senate...Senate Bill 7.

19. (Secretary reads title of bill)

20. 3rd reading of the bill.

21. SENATOR MERLO:

22. Thank you Mr. President. I would like at this time, Mr. President,
23. to ask leave of the Senate to consider Senate Bill 7 and 8. They
24. are related. They direct themselves to the same subject matter.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. You've heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

27. SENATOR MERLO:

28. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill
29. 7 and 8 are pro consumer bills that offer greater protection to
30. all policyholders that are covered by health care policies.
31. The bills are an outgrowth of consumer complaints regarding
32. endorsements and riders attached to policies by health care service
33. corporations and Blue Cross - Blue Shield and after a hearing of the
subcommittee of the Insurance and License Activities Committee this

1. last summer, the subcommittee found that the Department of Insurance
2. allows an insurance company to use a rider before it has actually
3. been given any real scrutiny. Currently, once an alteration
4. or rider is received by the department, it is put into immediate
5. use. An examination of the rider by the department is conducted
6. only after consumer complaints have been made to the department.
7. What this bill does in essence, it will do away with file and use
8. a technique presently being used. It will result in prior approvals
9. of all proposed changes and alterations in health care policies.
10. The bill passed the committee with a 10 - 0 vote. As amended, it is
11. supported by the Insurance Industry as well as the Department of
12. Insurance and I ask for favorable consideration...consumer.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator, we have heard Senate Bill 7 and 8 together, but we
15. will vote on them separately. Is there any further discussion?
16. If not, the question is shall Senate Bill 7 pass. Those in favor
17. indicate by voting Aye. Those opposed Nay. The voting is open.
18. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the
19. record. On that question the Ayes are 54, there are no Nays
20. and 1 Voting Present. Senate Bill 7 having received a constitutional
21. majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 8. The question is shall
22. Senate Bill 8 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote
23. Nay. The voting is open.

24. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

25. Senate Bill 8.

26. (Secretary reads title of bill)

27. 3rd reading of the bill.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
30. question the Ayes are 56, none voting Nay, none Voting Present.
31. Senate Bill 8 having received a constitutional majority is declared
32. passed. Senate Bill 10, Senator Sommer. Senate Bill 11, Senator
33. Sommer. Senate Bill 12, Senator Sommer. Senate Bill 23, Senator
Vadalabene. Senate Bill 34, Senator Keats. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

1. SECRETARY:

2. Senate Bill 34.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator Keats.

7. SENATOR KEATS:

8. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

9. I would appreciate your support for this measure that I am carrying
10. with the support of Secretary Dixon and the Secretary of State's
11. Office. What the bill does is take the form that presently
12. exists and is compiled by the Secretary of State's Office and makes
13. this form available to the public. The public can buy it at a
14. subscription rate. Right now, it is compiled, but you cannot buy
15. it as...or purchase it as an individual. With that, if anyone has
16. any questions, I would be glad to answer them.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Is there any further discussion? Senator Hall.

19. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

20. Will the sponsor yield to a question?

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. He indicates he will.

23. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

24. How much is this fee, Senator?

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Keats.

27. SENATOR KEATS:

28. In response to your question, Senator Hall, the fee is, at this
29. point, unlisted. It will be a hundred and fifty dollars this first
30. year because that's what it cost. The reason I did not list the fee
31. specifically, this is an amendment we put on, was because
32. then each year, next year, the cost this year is a hundred and fifty
33. dollars, next year it will be a hundred and seventy-five dollars and
we would have to pass a new law to raise the fee. Therefore, it is left

1. at the discretion of the Secretary of State. The fee will
2. initially be a hundred and fifty dollars which does cover the cost.

3. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

4. One other question.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator Hall.

7. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

8. I have one other question. What is the Secretary's position on
9. this? Is he for this?

10. SENATOR KEATS:

11. Well, Senator Hall, the Secretary's position is in support
12. of the legislation and I have worked closely with the Secretary
13. of State's Office on it.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator Berman.

16. SENATOR BERMAN:

17. Question...question of the sponsor. The Secretary of State
18. publishes now a book, it's a black covered book, it says a list
19. of all corporations. What's the relationship of that publication to
20. what this bill would do?

21. SENATOR KEATS:

22. The publication you're referring to is published annually and
23. lists all corporations in the State. This one would be published
24. monthly and would only cover the new corporations. At the end of the
25. year, this would not need to be compiled because it would then
26. become part of the major book, but the problem right now is for a year.
27. No new corporations are listed for the public record.

28. SENATOR BERMAN:

29. Then, what is the cost of that book now? Do you know?

30. SENATOR KEATS:

31. The cost of the book I do not know off the top of my head
32. but I do know, because I have friends who receive it, whatever
33. the cost to compile it, et cetera, is a reasonable cost.

It's not cheap, but whatever it costs to compile it is

1. what the Secretary charges.
2. SENATOR BERMAN:
3. Will that be changed at all? In other words, if a...if a person
4. wants only the annual list and doesn't want it updated, will that
5. practice that is carried on now continue to be carried on?
6. SENATOR KEATS:
7. There...there will be no changes in the existing book in
8. terms of how it is distributed and who it is available to.
9. SENATOR BERMAN:
10. Thank you.
11. PRESIDENT:
12. Any further discussion? Senator Keats may close the debate.
13. SENATOR KEATS:
14. I would request your support for this piece of legislation
15. supported by the Secretary of State and myself. Thank you.
16. PRESIDENT:
17. The question is shall Senate Bill 34 pass. Those in favor
18. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
19. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
20. On that question the Ayes are 53, the Nays are none, none Voting
21. Present. Senate Bill 34 having received a constitutional majority
22. is declared passed. 65, Senator Joyce. 67, Senator Martin.
23. On the Order of Senate Bills, 3rd reading, Senate Bill 67.
24. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
25. SECRETARY:
26. Senate Bill 67.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 3rd reading of the bill.
29. PRESIDENT:
30. Senator Martin.
31. SENATOR MARTIN:
32. I would ask leave to take it back to 2nd for purposes of
33. amendment.

1. PRESIDENT:
2. Senator Martin has requested that Senate Bill 67 be brought
3. to the Order of 2nd reading for purpose of an amendment. Is
4. leave granted? On the Order of Senate Bills, 2nd reading,
5. Senate Bill 67.
6. SECRETARY:
7. Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Martin.
8. PRESIDENT:
9. Senator Martin.
10. SENATOR MARTIN:
11. As per Senator Merlo's suggestion, this adds an immediate
12. effective date.
13. PRESIDENT:
14. Senator Martin has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to
15. Senate Bill 67. Is there any discussion? All those in favor signify
16. by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is
17. adopted. Any further amendments?
18. SECRETARY:
19. No further amendments.
20. PRESIDENT:
21. 3rd reading. Do you wish to get back to that today?
22. 70, Senator Grotberg. On the Order of Senate Bills, 3rd reading,
23. Senate Bill 70. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
24. SECRETARY:
25. Senate Bill 70.
26. (Secretary reads title of bill)
27. 3rd reading of the bill.
28. PRESIDENT:
29. Senator Grotberg.
30. SENATOR GROTBORG:
31. Yes, this is a simple amendment, Mr. President, members of the
32. General Assembly, to raise the limit on tax anticipation warrants
33. from seven percent and by agreement, at least in Local Government

1. Committee, we're trying to use eight percent on revenue bonds, et
2. cetera and tax anticipation warrants. This has been requested.
3. Some school districts are having some trouble with the money
4. market the way it is, marketing their anticipation warrants under
5. the seven percent. I would ask for favorable consideration of this
6. bill..

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Is there any further discussion? On that question...is shall
9. Sneate Bill 70 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
10. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

11. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the
12. Ayes are 50, none Voting Nay. Senate Bill 70 having received
13. a constitutional majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 67,
14. Senator Martin. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

15. SECRETARY:

16. Senate Bill...

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senate Bill 76, Senator Joyce. Senate Bill 93, Senator Hall.
19. Senator Hall. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

20. SECRETARY:

21. Senator Hall, you gave me an amendment. Didn't you want to
22. recall this bill?

23. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

24. Yes, I would like to have leave of the Body to recall this bill
25. back to 2nd reading for purpose of amendment.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator Hall seeks leave. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.
28. 2nd reading.

29. SECRETARY:

30. Amendment No. 3 offered by Senator Hall.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. Senator Hall.

33. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

1. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
2. This amendment was asked for by the Department of Conservation
3. and at the committee hearing we did not have the...the amendment
4. prepared, so I promised that I would bring this bill back to
5. 2nd reading and to place this amendment on the bill which I am
6. doing. Now, this will be amendment No. 3 and it amends Senate Bill
7. 93 on page 1 by deleting line 10 and insert in lieu thereof,
8. lots in subdivisions in residential and on page 1, by deleting
9. real estate and putting in the word subdivision and on line 6
10. real estate by putting subdivision. It simply changes it to the
11. word subdivision. There have been copies put on everyone's desks.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. Is there any further discussion? Senator Hall moves the
14. adoption of Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 93. All those in
15. favor say Aye. All those opposed. Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 93
16. is adopted. 3rd reading. Further amendments?

17. SECRETARY:

18. No further amendments.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. 3rd reading. Senate Bill 67, Senator Martin..

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senate Bill 67.

23. (Secretary reads title of bill)

24. 3rd reading of the bill.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Martin.

27. SENATOR MARTIN:

28. Yes, this provides the route by which a building commission
29. can be ended once it has fulfilled its obligations. It has been
30. amended to make sure it fulfills all contractual obligations. It
31. was a lack in the law. It came out of committee 9 - 0. I ask
32. your support.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Maragos.

1. SENATOR MARAGOS:
2. Senator Martin, would you yield for a question, please?
3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
4. She indicates she will.
5. SENATOR MARAGOS:
6. Can you give me an instance when this would be necessary?
7. Is there something in your area that has...commissions that need
8. this authority? Can't they do it on their own?
9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
10. Senator Martin.
11. SENATOR MARTIN:
12. Yes, it's needed in my area. No, there is nothing in the
13. Statutes that would provide for the dissolution of a commission.
14. SENATOR MARAGOS:
15. I'm going to vote for it, but I just was curious to find out,
16. you mean they can't do it by their own ordinance or their own measures?
17. SENATOR MARTIN:
18. That is the decision of the State's Attorney. That is correct.
19. SENATOR MARAGOS:
20. Thank you.
21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
22. Senator Schaffer.
23. SENATOR SCHAFFER:
24. Mr. President and members of the Senate. This bill is a blatant
25. attack on local government and I think you ought to consider the
26. implications of this and take a long, hard look at this. This is
27. an attack at a form of local government that has effectively served
28. the people of the State of Illinois and I'm amazed that the Senator
29. from Rockford would come before us with this type of bill.
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
31. Senator Shapiro.
32. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
33. Will the sponsor yield to a question?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
2. She indicates she will.
3. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
4. Senator Martin, who really wants this bill?
5. SENATOR MARTIN:
6. Senator Shapiro, I do.
7. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
8. Senator Martin, why is it that Winnebago County is always down
9. here with some type of special interest legislation? Can't they...
10. can't they make decisions up there on their own and keep the
11. General Assembly out of this?
12. SENATOR MARTIN:
13. Well, Senator Shapiro, I've left the county board so now they
14. have to depend on us down here.
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
16. Is there any further discussion? Senator Grotberg.
17. SENATOR GROTEBERG:
18. Question of the sponsor.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
20. She indicates she will yield.
21. SENATOR GROTEBERG:
22. I haven't made up my mind how I'm going to vote on this, but
23. if you're going to yield, Senator Martin, to a question, that is,
24. why did you amend this to require that all bonds and contractual
25. obligations should be paid before the dissolution? A usual...
26. a usual Rockford bill would leave that out.
27. SENATOR MARTIN:
28. I did want to amend it so that the State would pick up all the
29. payment for Winnebago...
30. SENATOR GROTEBERG:
31. That's more like it...thank you.
32. SENATOR MARTIN:
33. ...but felt I shouldn't.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Bruce.

3. SENATOR BRUCE:

4. I just wonder, Mr. President, if it wouldn't be appropriate
5. at this time, under our rules, Rule 15 which we are not operating
6. under on these bills that come back from 2nd reading, amended and
7. are acted on that day, under Rule 15 a bill so amended would have
8. to lay over one day because that's the rule requirement. I wonder
9. if we should not begin sometime this Session asking leave of the
10. Body to suspend Rule 15 when we amend a bill and bring it back
11. immediately. Didn't intend to pick on Senator Martin,
12. but it just happens to come up at this time.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Your point is well taken, Senator Bruce. Senator Martin, you
15. may close the debate.

16. SENATOR MARTIN:

17. Having listened to Senator Schaffer, I hope you will vote
18. appropriately, yes.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. The question is shall Senate Bill 67 pass. Those in favor
21. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open.
22. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
23. Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 51, the Nays are 1,
24. 1 Voting Present. Senate Bill 67 having received a constitutional
25. majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 97, Senator Sangmeister.
26. Senate Bill 101, Senator Schaffer. Senate Bill 115, Senator
27. Lemke. Senate Bill 129, Senator Lemke. Senate Bill 142, Senator
28. Vadalabene. Senate Bill 159, Senator Mitchler.
29. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Senate Bill 159.

32. (Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 3rd reading of the bill.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Mitchler.

3. SENATOR MITCHLER:

4. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Senate
5. Bill 159 amends the Act creating the Illinois Commission on
6. Delinquency Prevention. And what the bill does, it restores the
7. Governor's authority to appoint all fifteen members. The Act had
8. been changed by Public Act 79-1489 which permitted each legislative
9. leader to appoint one member of the...and the Governor to appoint
10. eleven members. This bill also changes the name of the commission.
11. Now, the reason that this is necessary, the Supreme Court of Illinois
12. held in King versus Lindberg, that appointments by officers of the
13. General Assembly are subject to the same dangers as appointments
14. by the General Assembly as a whole. And therefore, fall within the
15. prohibition contained within Section 9-A of Article V of the 1970
16. Illinois Constitution which says the General Assembly shall have
17. no power to elect or appoint officers of the...of the Executive
18. Branch. Now, this change in appointing power necessary to
19. eliminate any potential problems dealing with the constitutionality
20. of the Act creating the Illinois Commission on Delinquency Prevention and
21. the validity of any of their actions. I might say that presently two
22. members of the Senate serve on the commission and they're the
23. sponsor and cosponsor of Senate Bill 159, Senator D'Arco and
24. myself. I would be glad to answer any questions if you have...
25. relating to the bill. It's more of a housekeeping piece of
26. legislation. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. Senator Maragos.

29. SENATOR MARAGOS:

30. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I arise in favor of this
31. bill because it is needed language as was explained by the chief...
32. by the sponsor, Senator Mitchler. As the original sponsor of the bill
33. which created this commission, it is necessary to speak in behalf

1. of this bill because of the fact if we do not, there will be
2. more excuses to try again to erode the powers of this bill...
3. of this commission. It should be pointed out very emphatically
4. that this commission has been doing an outstanding job but by
5. its former director, Mr. Sorentino and now by its present
6. director, Miss Mitchell. And I would like to state to you that
7. we, as Senators, retain the right to pass on the judgment and
8. the appointments of the Governor, therefore, the Legislature
9. still has its input under the constitutional guidelines
10. which are...which have been in effect for many years in these
11. appointments. I'd like to state that our two members, Senator D'Arco
12. and Senator Mitchler have been doing an excellent job on this
13. commission and even though I was the original author of the bill that
14. created it, I never took any position on that particular
15. commission, but I feel that as a godchild of mine, I want to watch
16. it very closely and I think we should enhance this position by
17. supporting this legislation.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Is there any further discussion? Senator Mitchler, you may
20. close debate.

21. SENATOR MITCHLER:

22. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I would like to ask the
23. Secretary, with leave of the Senate, to have Senator Maragos shown
24. as a cosponsor of the bill and ask for a favorable roll call.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. The question is shall Senate Bill 159 pass. Those in favor
27. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open.
28. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
29. On that question the Ayes are 54, none Voting No, none Voting Present.
30. Senate Bill 159 having received a constitutional majority is declared
31. passed. Senate Bill 170, Senator Martin. Read the bill, Mr.
32. Secretary.

33. SECRETARY:

1. Senate Bill 170.

2. (Secretary reads title of bill)

3. 3rd reading of the bill.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Senator Martin.

6. SENATOR MARTIN:

7. This merely makes statutorily acceptable what is already

8. common practice in one hundred one out of a hundred and two counties

9. in the State. It allows a differentiated rate scale for private

10. patients in public care nursing homes. It came out of committee

11. 11 - 0. I ask your support.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. Is there any further debate? Senator Berning.

14. SENATOR BERNING:

15. This appears to be a very laudable bill but the question that

16. arises has to do with what my understanding is of present

17. Statutory requirement that the rates as established by the

18. authority, whether it's the county or the State, are to be

19. paid by the taxing district. Where do we get the right of patients

20. to participate anymore? I thought that had been preempted

21. by Federal controls. I know that this has been a serious

22. question with nursing homes in my county where we aren't able to

23. supplement.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Senator Martin.

26. SENATOR MARTIN:

27. Senator, I think you have a little misunderstanding. This is about

28. county nursing homes, not about private nursing homes.

29. SENATOR BERNING:

30. Well, do not the reimbursement rates which the county

31. or the State pays...the township or the State depending on

32. whose patient it is and I am sure we have State patients in county

33. nursing homes. Those patients, to the best of my understanding,

1. are paid for by a...by the taxing district, the county or the State,
2. at a standard fixed rate and the patient is prevented, or the family
3. is prevented from paying any portion of it.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. I apologize. My explanation obviously was not clear. Those
6. patients who are public aid, whether it be from the township or the
7. State, this bill does not affect them at all. That rate stays the
8. same. That's set. But what has happened in a number of nursing
9. homes around the State, again, the public, the county nursing home,
10. when they have had space, they accept private care patients who are
11. in no way supported by the township or the State. But, according to the
12. Statute, they must charge them the same rate which doesn't come
13. anywhere near real costs. Now, for those patients who are
14. on some public aid area, at the end of the year, the county
15. underwrites any additional expense. But what is happening,
16. at least in one county, is that the county is also underwriting
17. the care for private patients who can't afford to pay. This wasn't the
18. intent of the Act. This is a request from county nursing homes
19. supported also by private nursing homes. It is a bill, that as I say,
20. merely standardizes what is already done in one hundred and one out of a
21. hundred and two counties.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Senator Maragos.

24. SENATOR MARAGOS:

25. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise
26. in favor of this particular legislation and I would like to point
27. out to Senator Berning, he and I are cosponsors of a bill that's coming
28. up which has been approved by the County Problems Commission to do even
29. more than this particular bill, but this is a step in the right
30. direction because the...what in effect we are doing now, is
31. the fact...subsidizing private nursing care where they can be...
32. afford to be paid by...by the individuals and the families and as was
33. explained by Senator Martin, this bill would give the authority to

1. charge more for these private patients and not to be subsidized by
2. the counties and that...I think it's a good bill, a step in the
3. right direction and there will be some other legislation coming down
4. the road shortly to further enhance the rights of county homes in
5. this area, so I support this particular piece of legislation.
6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
7. Senator Hall.
8. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
9. Will the sponsor yield to a question?
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
11. She indicates she will.
12. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
13. Senator, you said this applies to one hundred and one counties?
14. Is that correct?
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
16. Senator Martin.
17. SENATOR MARTIN:
18. It applies to all counties. It is common practice...they are already
19. doing in most counties, what this bill will statutorily allow them
20. to do. There are a few counties, at least one, that have found
21. themselves in the interesting position of obeying a letter of the
22. law and finding themselves financially strapped as a result of that.
23. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
24. Would that county be Winnebago? Is that your county?
25. SENATOR MARTIN:
26. Often, Senator, often.
27. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
28. Okay. I just wanted to be sure. I was wondering what happened
29. to my county.
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
31. Senator Moore.
32. SENATOR MOORE:
33. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate. I believe this

1. . particular bill, although it will have an effect Statewide, applies
2. only to Winnebago County. I think many of the members downstate
3. are familiar with the plight of the county nursing homes that we have
4. had in the State of Illinois in the past. They have come out on the
5. short end of the stick over many, many years and I believe that this
6. is a step in the right direction to try to finally get some reasonable
7. sense in the reimbursment for our county nursing homes downstate
8. and I would urge support of this bill.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Is there any further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

11. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

12. Question of the sponsor. I just heard Senator Moore say that
13. this only applies to Winnebago. I am under the impression it applies
14. Statewide to all county nursing homes. Is that correct?

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

16. She indicates yes.

17. SENATOR MARTIN:

18. Yes, it does.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Is there any further discussion? Senator Martin may close the
21. debate.

22. SENATOR MARTIN:

23. I probably will have some bad bills but this isn't one of them.
24. I ask for your support.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. The question is shall Senate Bill 170 pass. Those in favor vote
27. Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who
28. wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question
29. the Ayes are 54, none voting No, none Voting Present.

30. Senate Bill 170 having received a constitutional majority is declared
31. passed. For what purpose does Senator Nedza arise?

32. SENATOR NEDZA:

33. Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. State your point.

3. SENATOR NEDZA:

4. In the gallery as guests this evening, we have the eighth
5. grade students from the Von Humboldt Elementary School in the City
6. of Chicago and I would ask leave that we accord them their
7. just due.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senate Bill 177, Senator Regner. Read the bill, Mr.
3. Secretary.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Bill 177.

6. (Secretary reads title of bill)

7. 3rd reading of the bill.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Senator Regner.

10. SENATOR REGNER:

11. Mr. President and members of the Senate. This bill
12. allows community college districts to keep the traffic
13. fines that are levied on their property or also allows them
14. to enter into agreements with various local authorities.
15. Currently the fines that are levied by the security forces
16. on the community college campuses go to various local
17. governments, but since the community colleges do have the
18. expense of maintaining the security forces, I feel that it's
19. only right that they do collect the fines levied and this
20. would be the same way that it's done on State university
21. campuses right now and ask for a favorable roll call.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Is there any further discussion? On that, the question
24. is, shall Senate Bill 177 pass. Those in favor vote Aye.
25. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted
26. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On
27. that question, the Ayes are 52, the Nays are 3, none Voting
28. Present. Senate Bill 177 having received a constitutional
29. majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 189, Senator
30. Grotberg. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk...Mr. Secretary.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate Bill 189.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 3rd reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Is there any discussion? Senator Grotberg.

4. SENATOR GROTBERG:

5. Yes, Mr. President and members of the General...of the

6. Senate. This bill brings into conformity the downstate

7. counties along...with the current practice in Cook County

8. of charging a fifty dollar jury fee for civil actions and

9. it was brought to my attention by a number of counties. I've

10. been memorialized to introduce the bill for over a year. It

11. is before us. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. Senator Knuppel.

14. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

15. Okay. May I ask a question of the sponsor?

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. He indicates he will yield.

18. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

19. This fee of fifty dollars in a civil case, will this apply

20. to small claims?

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Senator Grotberg.

23. SENATOR GROTBERG:

24. Only to...only if there's a jury, Senator. There's no

25. jury in small claims that I know of.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator Knuppel.

28. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

29. And who pays for the fifty dollars? Whoever requests it

30. or the person that wins or loses the case?

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. Senator Grotberg.

33. SENATOR GROTBERG:

1. The person requesting it and if...if he wins the burden...
2. the costs fall on the other party.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Knuppel.

5. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

6. You know when I started practicing law they had this
7. provision in the law for justices of the peace and I feel
8. that it's a mistake to go back to where you have to pay
9. for a jury trial. I think that is one of the rights you
10. ought to have as a citizen. Some people who are poor might
11. want to have a jury decide this. I...I've found some
12. prejudiced judges you know and that was maybe the reason
13. they had to have juries with JP's. I remember one time I
14. tried a case and the State's Attorney always argued first
15. and he got up and argued and I got up to argue on the other
16. side and the justice of the peace said, "Mr. Knuppel"
17. and I said, "yes". He said, "I might advise you" he said
18. "any...any argument on behalf of the defendant may tend to
19. confuse the court." He had his mind made up, but I just
20. don't think this is good law to assess people, particularly
21. people with small claims who would like to have a jury hear
22. them. I think that this is anti-consumer, if you want to
23. call it anti-consumer legislation. It forces people to have
24. judges hear the...the matters and unfortunately judges have
25. their prejudices the same as everybody else. I think we
26. should...should have the right to ask for a jury and have...
27. and have that right paid for by the country and out of our
28. ordinary taxes rather than the other way around.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Geo-Karis.

31. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

32. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

1. He indicates he will.

2. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

3. Can you tell me, is there a fee now for...for juries in

4. small claims court?

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator Grotberg.

7. SENATOR GROTBORG:

8. No.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Geo-Karis.

11. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

12. Is your bill designed to take care of the small claims

13. courts and put them all with the rest of them? Is that it?

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator Grotberg.

16. SENATOR GROTBORG:

17. No. This is only for jury trials. It's a fee specifically,

18. for civil juries, not bench trials.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Senator Geo-Karis.

21. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

22. In other words, there is already a fee now, is there not

23. for cases that are above the small claims courts, isn't that

24. so? |

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Grotberg.

27. SENATOR GROTBORG:

28. Downstate. No, Senator. There...may I read someone

29. who's smarter than I am. He's carefully drafted a paragraph

30. that...

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. Senator Grotberg.

33. SENATOR GROTBORG:

1. The...the difference between civil and criminal jury
2. demands are probably something that all of you lawyers know
3. about...from us laymen. In civil cases a party will not
4. receive a jury trial unless he demands it. Correct? How-
5. ever in a criminal case a defendant automatically receives
6. a jury trial unless it waives it with the positive action
7. and when that demand is made a fifty dollar fee would now
8. be imposed. It is not currently imposed downstate. It is
9. in Cook County.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Senator Geo-Karis.

12. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

13. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
14. When you consider that a small claims court...people go
15. there because they really can't afford lawyers for that
16. much...for...and other major expenses. I think the fifty
17. dollar fee when they have a bill for...they are suing for
18. two or three hundred dollars, I think the fifty dollar fee
19. is a bit exorbitant in this time and age and I think we're...
20. defeating the purpose of making it easier for people to take
21. care of small claims on their own without resorting to
22. hiring lawyers and going to other expense and I'm afraid
23. I have to speak against the bill.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Further discussion? Senator Hall.

26. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

27. Would the sponsor yield to a question?

28. PRESIDENT:

29. The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Hall.

30. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:

31. Senator, did I hear you correctly when you said that this
32. is not being paid in downstate because I know some places they
33. are being paid. Did you say that?

1. PRESIDENT:
2. Senator Grotberg.
3. SENATOR GROTBORG:
4. Not by Statute, it's not.
5. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
6. Well, Senator, who pays for it right now?
7. PRESIDENT:
8. Senator Grotberg.
9. SENATOR GROTBORG:
10. The...the county pays all of the costs of...of juries.
11. Summons, hearings, you know, they furnish the room and the
12. space and receive no income from...other than court costs
13. on the convicted party at the end of the session. This is
14. an advance...fifty dollar fee for all of those processes
15. that are thrown into work when he demands a jury. It will
16. sort out some rather nonsensical requests, too.
17. PRESIDENT:
18. Senator Hall.
19. SENATOR KENNETH HALL:
20. Well, I'm opposed to this and I'll tell you why. Because
21. I'm a taxpayer in the county I live and so are a number of
22. other people who live there and there are many people who
23. at one time were able to do this and because of something
24. that has befuddled them or...or hardships or something, you're
25. denying people who really need sometimes to have a court
26. who could not pay the fifty dollars. As a matter of fact,
27. Senator Grotberg, I remember the first time I visited
28. Washington and I looked at the Supreme Court Buildings that
29. said "Equal justice under the law." Now if you're going to
30. bring something in here that will deny a poor person who can
31. not afford this and they feel they need a jury trial, I think
32. this is a bad bill and ought to be defeated.
33. PRESIDENT:

1. Further discussion? Senator Lemke.
2. SENATOR LEMKE:
3. Is there a provision in the bill for indigents?
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Senator Grotberg.
6. SENATOR GROTBORG:
7. There's no specific provision for indigents. No.
8. PRESIDENT:
9. Senator Lemke.
10. SENATOR LEMKE:
11. I think that's what...Senator Hall was talking
12. about. I think if you have an indigent who can't afford the
13. fifty dollars I think in certain...I know under certain other
14. bills under...on the...on the Workmen's Comp Act there's a
15. provision for indigents if he can't afford the appeal, the
16. transcript, the...the State pays for it. There's a certain
17. fund for that and I think that's what should be set up here.
18. This way you're precluding people that are poor and unable
19. to...to pay the fifty dollars and they're out of luck and
20. they're forced to take a trial without jury and I...I think
21. this whole bill would be unconstitutional because it...it
22. ...you're denying people a trial by jury, which is their
23. right under the U.S. Constitution.
24. PRESIDENT:
25. Further discussion? Senator Schaffer.
26. SENATOR SCHAFFER:
27. One question, Senator Grotberg.
28. PRESIDENT:
29. He indicates he will yield. Senator Schaffer.
30. SENATOR SCHAFFER:
31. If you pay your fifty bucks and you're found innocent
32. do you get the fifty bucks back?
33. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Grotberg.

2. SENATOR GROTBORG:

3. Come on, lawyers. I don't think so. The costs are
4. assessed on the other party, if...if you're innocent. The
5. costs are assessed on the other party so yes you would...
6. as part of the costs you would. There are millions of
7. people in Northern Illinois called Cook County that are
8. doing this now and...and I understand if it's unconstitutional
9. maybe it's unconstitutional in Cook and we should change this
10. to strip it out of the whole State, but until that point in
11. time, I'm offering it to downstate counties to help solve
12. some of...I don't mean to close, Mr. President, the...

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Further discussion? Senator Berman. There are about
15. five who have indicated they seek recognition. Senator Berman.

16. SENATOR BERMAN:

17. I would point out, Mr. President and Senator Schaffer,
18. this applies only to civil cases. It has nothing to do with
19. criminal matters where you're entitled to a trial by jury
20. by the Constitution. I do think, however, Senator Grotberg,
21. that Senator Lemke's point is an important one. If there is
22. a case of...indigency there should be a provision to allow a
23. person in a civil trial to have the same benefits as a person
24. that has money and I would suggest that you, perhaps, hold this
25. bill and examine that alternative before we move it.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. The sponsor indicates he wishes this taken out of the
28. record. Take it out of the record. 210, Senator Moore. 216,
29. ...Senator Moore. On the Order of Senate Bills, 3rd reading,
30. Senate Bill 210. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate Bill 210.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 3rd reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Moore.

4. SENATOR MOORE:

5. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.

6. Senate Bill 210 creates a right of way easement and two
7. drainage easements on property of School District 140, the
8. Grissom School in Tinley Park. The title to the property
9. is held by the CDB because of a loan under the Old School
10. Building Commission and I know of no opposition to the
11. bill and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is,
14. shall Senate Bill 210 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye.
15. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all
16. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
17. On that question, the Ayes are 55, the Nays are none. None
18. Voting Present. Senate Bill 210 having received the
19. constitutional majority is declared passed. 216, Senator
20. Bowers. On the Order of Senate Bills, 3rd reading, Senate
21. Bill 216. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Senate Bill 216.

24. (Secretary reads title of bill)

25. 3rd reading of the bill.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Bowers.

28. SENATOR BOWERS:

29. Thank you, Mr. President. All this bill does, that is
30. Senate Bill 216, is to provide or give the power to the
31. Chairman of the County Board to call special meetings of
32. the board. I was surprised when it was called to my attention
33. that they didn't already have the power. All of the local

1. municipalities, the mayor has that power. I might add, that
2. the particular section that we're amending only applies to
3. those counties where the chairman is elected at large and
4. are under township organization. That, in fact, is only
5. three counties and they are DuPage, Cook and...and St. Clair.
6. I know of no opposition to the bill. I would appreciate a
7. favorable roll call.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Is there any dicussion? If not, the question is, shall
10. Senate Bill 216 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those
11. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted
12. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On
13. that question, the Ayes are 50, the Nays are None. None Voting
14. Present. Senate Bill 216 having received the constitutional
15. majority is declared passed. Senator Geo-Karis, for what
16. purpose do you arise?

17. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

18. Well I was up and running on my way up to vote and
19. counted a little bit too fast and...and I wondered if I could be
20. recorded as Aye on that.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. The Journal will reflect your intent. The Chair might
23. suggest you stay in your seat...House Bills, 1st reading.
24. Senator Lemke, for what purpose do you arise?

25. SENATOR LEMKE:

26. A purpose of announcement. The Elections Committee
27. has been reset for April the 10th at, I believe, at three
28. o'clock. No, Tuesday.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Donnewald.

31. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

32. I would request that the record show that Senator
33. Vadalabene is absent because of illness.

1. PRESIDENT:
2. The record will so reflect. With leave of the Body we'll
3. move to House Bills, 1st reading and then we will have introduction
4. of bills and essentially, we are...have concluded for the day.
5. Be back at noon tomorrow. House Bills, 1st reading.
6. SECRETARY:
7. House Bill 69.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senator D'Arco is the Senate sponsor of the bill. 1st reading
10. of the bill.
11. House Bill 70.
12. Senator D'Arco is the Senate sponsor.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 1st reading of the bill.
15. PRESIDENT:
16. Senator Berman, for what purpose do you arise? Pardon me,
17. Mr. Secretary.
18. SENATOR BERMAN:
19. For purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.
20. PRESIDENT:
21. Yes.
22. SENATOR BERMAN:
23. May I...
24. PRESIDENT:
25. Sure.
26. SENATOR BERMAN:
27. The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education will
28. convene at two forty-five in Room 400.
29. PRESIDENT:
30. Senator Carroll. Senator Carroll.
31. SENATOR CARROLL:
32. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
33. Senate. The Appropriations I Committee is scheduled to meet at

1. two o'clock. I guess the hour of two o'clock is arrived so
2. we will leave immediately after adjournment in Room 212.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator Davidson.

5. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

6. A matter of announcement, Mr. President. Most of the
7. members of the Senate should have received the invitation
8. from the local Governor's Prayer Breakfast Committee last
9. week. I urge all of you who want to attend, please get
10. your reservation in. The tickets are six dollars and a half.
11. It's Thursday, May the 3rd at seven forty-five a.m. We are
12. holding seats at tables down front so we can place you where
13. you'll be seen and can participate. Please get your
14. reservation and monies to me. The speaker is former
15. Congressman Paul Purcell from Texas.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. All right. Mr. Secretary, let's proceed. House Bills,
18. 1st reading.

19. SECRETARY:

20. House Bill 71.

21. The Senate sponsor is Senator Bowers.

22. (Secretary reads title of bill)

23. 1st reading of the bill.

24. House Bill 74.

25. Senator Bowers is the Senate sponsor.

26. (Secretary reads title of bill)

27. 1st reading of the bill.

28. House Bill 76.

29. Senator Bowers is the Senate sponsor.

30. (Secretary reads title of bill)

31. 1st reading of the bill.

32. House Bill 91.

33. Senator Bowers is the Senate sponsor.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)
2. 1st reading of the bill.
3. House Bill 96.
4. Senator Gitz is the Senate sponsor.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. House Bill 108.
8. Senator Knuppel is the Senate sponsor.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. House Bill 128.
12. Senator Mitchler is the Senate sponsor.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 1st reading of the bill.
15. House Bill 142.
16. Senator Martin is the Senate sponsor.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. 1st reading of the bill.
19. House Bill 150.
20. Senator Schaffer is the Senate sponsor.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. 1st reading of the bill.
23. House Bill 357.
24. Senator Knuppel is the Senate sponsor.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. 1st reading of the bill.
27. House Bill 441.
28. Senator Knuppel-Lemke is the Senate sponsors.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. 1st reading of the bill.
31. PRESIDENT:
32. Introduction of bills.
33. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

1. Senate Bill 544 by Senators Nedza, Rock, Savickas and
2. others.

3. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 545 by Senator Philip.

5. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

6. 546 by Senators Rhoads and Carroll.

7. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

8. 547 by Senators Egan, Donnewald and others.

9. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

10. 548 by Senators Gitz, Demuzio, J.J. Joyce and Wooten.

11. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

12. 549 by Senators Carroll, Rock, Savickas.

13. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Pardon me, Mr. Secretary. Senator Joyce, for what
16. purpose do you arise?

17. SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

18. Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of...waiving the
19. Six Day Rule for the Local Government Committee. We did not
20. get the...the bills posted until today and the meeting will
21. be Monday, April 9th.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. You've heard the request. Is leave granted? Leave is
24. granted. So ordered. Continue, Mr. Secretary. House Bills,
25. 1st...I mean Senate Bills, 1st reading.

26. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

27. Senate Bill 550 by Senate Bowers.

28. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

29. 551 by Senators Bowers and...Walsh.

30. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

31. 552 by Senators Berman, Maragos, Hall and Davidson.

32. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)

33. 553 by the same sponsors.

1. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
2. 554 by the same sponsors.
3. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 555 by Senators Berman, Rock and Savickas.
5. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 556 by Senators Nash, Savickas, Rock, Daley, D'Arco,
7. Nedza and Maragos.
8. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 557 by Senators Rhoads, McMillan, Maragos, Lemke and
10. Knuppel.
11. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
12. 558 by Senators Grotberg and Rhoads.
13. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 559 by Senators Carroll, Geo-Karis, Vadalabene, Rock
15. and others.
16. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
17. 560 by Senators Lemke-Nedza, Rhoads and others.
18. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
19. 561 by Senators Berning and Geo-Karis.
20. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 562 by Senators Maragos, Lemke, Rhoads, McMillan and
22. others.
23. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
24. 563 by Senators Maragos, Rhoads, Knuppel, Lemke and
25. McMillan.
26. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
27. 564 by Senators Egan, Bowers and Sangmeister.
28. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
29. 565 by Senators Netsch, Rock, Sommer, Washington and
30. Daley.
31. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
32. 566 by Senators Bloom, Schaffer, Bruce, Davidson and
33. Wooten.

1. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
2. 567 by Senators Maitland, Davidson and Hall.
3. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
4. 568 by Senators Bloom, Carroll, Weaver, Rock and
5. DeAngelis.
6. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
7. 569 by Senator Berman.
8. (Acting Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 1st reading of the bills.
10. PRESIDENT:
11. Resolutions. Senator Schaffer, for what purpose do you
12. arise?
13. SENATOR SCHAFFER:
14. Mr. President, I ask leave of the Senate to be added as
15. a cosponsor to SJR 6 and SB 339. I've spoken to both sponsors
16. and they concur.
17. PRESIDENT:
18. You've heard the request. Is leave granted? Leave is
19. granted. So ordered. Resolutions.
20. SECRETARY:
21. Senate Resolution 100 offered by Senator Gitz. It's
22. congratulatory.
23. PRESIDENT:
24. Consent Calendar.
25. SECRETARY:
26. Senate Resolution 101 offered by Senators Joyce-Sang-
27. meister, Schaffer, Rock, Kenneth Hall and others and Senate
28. Joint Resolution 31 offered by Senators Washington, Newhouse,
29. Netsch and others.
30. PRESIDENT:
31. Executive. Any further business to come before the
32. Senate. If not, Senator Bruce moves that the Senate stand
33. adjourned until the hour of noon on Friday, April 6th. The
34. Senate stands adjourned.