

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3RD SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 31, 1979

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The 3rd Special Session will come to order. Reading of
3. the Journal.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Wednesday, October the 17th, 1979, Thursday, October the
6. 18th, 1979.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Nega.

9. SENATOR NEGA:

10. Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by
11. the Secretary, be approved unless some Senator has additions
12. or corrections to offer.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. You've heard the motion. All in favor signify by saying
15. Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. So Ordered. Messages
16. from the House.

17. SECRETARY:

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

19. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
20. the House of Representatives has passed a bill with the following
21. title in the passage of which I am instructed to ask concurrence
22. of the Senate, to-wit:

23. House Bill 2796.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Any further business to come before the 3rd Special Session?
26. Yes, for what purpose does Senator Sangmeister arise?

27. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

28. Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to...I don't
29. know if this is the appropriate time or not, but the Governor's
30. call for the Special Session was one calling for our consideration
31. not of a particular topic as much as a particular bill, and I'm
32. not raising any objection or asking for any ruling, but I think
33. the General Assembly is being...their prerogative is being taken

1. away from them when the Governor of the State of Illinois
2. can call a Special Session and say you will consider a
3. particular bill, and even tell you it's going to be a
4. House Bill. I think the Constitution, and I'm not going
5. to read it, but it's very clear that he can call it for
6. a specific purpose, but I doubt very much whether the
7. Governor of this State has the authority, and we got ourselves
8. into a big jam with the transportation package, with the House
9. of Representatives having the whole thing over there, it came
10. back over here and all we could do is concur or not concur,
11. and I really don't think that that was the intent of the
12. ...of the Constitution at all, that the Governor should be
13. able to do that, and if we continue to allow Governors to do
14. that we're going to set a precedent here, that a Governor
15. could just call a Special Session and say you're going to
16. take a look at that bill, and that bill only, and I just don't
17. think that's right, and I think we ought to be careful of what
18. we're doing. I say that only as a comment, I'm not making any
19. motion or asking for any ruling.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Any further business to come before the 3rd Special Session.
22. If not, Senator Bruce moves that the 3rd Special Session stand
23. adjourned until Thursday, November 1st, at the hour of noon.
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