

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

NOVEMBER 9, 1979

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. The hour of eleven having arrived, the Senate will come to  
3. order. Prayer by the Reverend Rudolph Shoultz, Union Baptist  
4. Church, Springfield, and will our guests in the Galleries please  
5. rise.

6. REVEREND SHOULTZ:

7. (Prayer given by Reverend Shoultz)

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. Reading of the Journal. Senator Washington.

10. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

11. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I move that reading  
12. and approval of the Journals of Tuesday, October 30, Wednesday,  
13. October 31, Thursday, November 1, Tuesday, November 6, Wednesday,  
14. November 7 and Thursday, November 8 in the year 1979 be postponed  
15. pending arrival of the printed Journals.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. You have heard the motion. Is there discussion? All in favor  
18. say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion carries.  
19. The Senate will stand in recess for approximately twenty minutes.  
20. The Republican Leadership of both the House and the Senate are  
21. meeting presently and trying to effectuate a compromise. As soon  
22. as that is done, we will come into Session so you might stay very  
23. close. They tell us in about another twenty minutes, that meeting  
24. will conclude. The Senate will stand in recess subject to the  
25. call of the Chair.

26. (Recess)

27. (After Recess)

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Senator Rock.

30. SENATOR ROCK:

31. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
32. I'd ask leave of the Body at this time to go to the Order of  
33.

1. Secretary's Desk Resolutions while we are awaiting the membership  
2. regrouping on the Senate Floor. This is a resolution of some  
3. particular interest to the Speaker and he has asked that we try  
4. to act on it today. I know of no opposition to it. What it does,  
5. it sets up a special joint legislative committee to study the  
6. rate making processes that are now in vogue with the Department  
7. of Public Aid, the Department of Public Health and the Governor's  
8. Purchase Care Review Board with respect to long term nursing home  
9. rates. Apparently, there is some disparity among the rates being  
10. paid across the State and in various geographic locations. The  
11. Speaker has caused the nursinghome industry and people from the  
12. administration to meet together and discuss this and it was felt  
13. as a result of that meeting that a joint legislative committee ought  
14. to be set up and this resolution does that. It calls for the  
15. committee to report back to the Assembly by May 1st of next year.  
16. I know of no opposition and I would...it does...it may require  
17. the expenditure of some State funds. It calls for being paid  
18. out of the Joint Committee Fund that's available to the Speaker  
19. and the President and I would, therefore, solicit your support  
20. and urge a favorable roll call.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. You have heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is  
23. granted. On the Order of Business of Secretary's Desk Resolutions,  
24. House Joint Resolution 68. Senator...Senator Rock moves for the  
25. adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 68. All those in favor  
26. will vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. The  
27. purpose of the vote is that this resolution expends money and we  
28. must have a record roll call. Senator Carroll.

29. SENATOR CARROLL:

30. Because of potential conflict of interest, I am voting  
31. Present.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. It will be so noted. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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- 1. who wish? Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 36.
- 2. The Nays are none and 2 Voting Present. House Joint Resolution
- 3. 68, having received a constitutional majority, is declared passed.
- 4. Senator Netsch.

5. SENATOR NETSCH:

6. Thank you. While we are on microphone and here, I wonder if  
7. I might ask that Senator Collins' absence be noted. I talked to her  
8. this morning from Chicago. Her blood pressure has gone up consider-  
9. ably and she was strongly advised not to attempt to make the trip  
10. back down for this one day Session and I would like the record to  
11. show that.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. The record will so indicate. If we could just stand at ease  
14. for a few minutes while the rest of the members enter the Chambers.  
15. While we are at ease, we can recognize Representative George Ryan,  
16. one of our great leaders from the House of Representatives. John  
17. Vitek, another great leader. Senator Rock.

18. SENATOR ROCK:

19. Thank you. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
20. Senate, we have, as everyone I'm sure is well aware, two matters  
21. pending before the Senate, in addition to the Adjournment Resolu-  
22. tion which, if adopted, will call for us to return on January 9th,  
23. but the first matter is Senate Bill 1436. You will recall, I'm  
24. sure, yesterday that we did, in fact, concur in seven amendments  
25. that the House saw fit to add on, one of which, obviously, is one  
26. of great interest to those of us from Cook County and that is the  
27. fifteen million dollars in favor of Cook County Hospital. There  
28. were three amendments, House Amendment No. 8, House Amendment No. 9  
29. and House Amendment No. 11 which provided additional General Revenue  
30. funding for Lincoln, Manteno, Shapiro, Anna, and Bowen Mental  
31. Health Centers and we had yesterday moved to nonconcur in the  
32. adoption of those amendments. I am moving, at this time, Mr.  
33. President, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate voted to

1. nonconcur and ask that that vote be reconsidered so that then  
2. I may place a motion to concur which will be properly addressed  
3. at that time. What I would like to do is just get the matter  
4. before the Body so that we can adequately debate it.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. You have heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is  
7. granted. Now, Senator Rock moves to reconsider the...to reconsider  
8. the vote by which Amendments 8, 9 and 11 were nonconcurrent in.  
9. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The  
10. Ayes have it. The motion carries. Senator Rock. Senator Rock.

11. SENATOR ROCK:

12. Thank you, Mr. President. There was some confusion on the  
13. procedure. All we did was move to reconsider the vote so we  
14. can get the matter...the matter is now properly before us again.  
15. Senate Bill 1436 was amended in the House with ten House Amendments.  
16. I am now moving that the Senate concur with House Amendment No. 8,  
17. House Amendment No. 9 and House Amendment No. 11. This, obviously,  
18. will be...is an attempt at final action and 36 affirmative votes are  
19. required. House Amendment No. 8 would add five hundred and ninety  
20. seven thousand dollars from General...from the General Revenue  
21. Fund to the Lincoln Developmentally Disabled Center. House Amendment  
22. No. 9 would add eight hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars to  
23. the Manteno Mental Health Center and five hundred and sixty-one  
24. thousand dollars to the Shapiro Mental Health Center. House Amendment  
25. No. 11 would add two hundred and thirty-four thousand from General  
26. Revenue to the Anna Mental Health Center, an additional...and  
27. additionally, one hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars to the  
28. Bowen Mental Health Center. Those three amendments have been the  
29. subject of much discussion, much controversy, but I would now move  
30. you, in order to get final action and get us out of here that the  
31. Senate Do Concur with House Amendments 8, 9 and 11 to Senate Bill  
32. 1436.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

1. Is there further discussion? Senator Carroll.

2. SENATOR CARROLL:

3. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
4. Senate. I rise in opposition to Senator Rock's motion. The  
5. action that will get us out of here is for the House to recede  
6. from these ridiculous amendments. We have been held up for  
7. blackmail by the House and by a particular member of the House  
8. long enough. Each and every Session of this General Assembly  
9. there is a request from a certain area of the State for employees  
10. to work, whether it's DOT supplemental or the Session before,  
11. another supplemental or a general budget where it's put into a  
12. Conference Committee Report or some other action. I think that if  
13. this General Assembly is to go out of here with any type of record  
14. at all, especially in my opinion, after having not had the money  
15. for Sales Tax relief, for meaningful tax action, but to spend  
16. two and a quarter million dollars to create a patronage army for  
17. a department that says it really doesn't need it and didn't ask for  
18. it in the first place, if you are even going to think about doing  
19. it, then let's be fair. I have an amendment for Conference  
20. Committee that will give two and a quarter million to every legis-  
21. lative district, let each Senator and House member cut up that  
22. money, hire State employees...we'll find departments to fit them  
23. into later...it doesn't matter, as long as you get the two and  
24. a quarter million to put on people on the payroll. Some Senators,  
25. I understand, have even liked that idea. Another supplemental  
26. we have to add to this appropriation is a deals tracking system for  
27. the Legislative Information System so you can go on your computer  
28. and figure out who is where on what deal and I understand Senator  
29. Regner is looking for money to program the deals tracking system...  
30. this is ridiculous. We've taken responsible action. We've provided  
31. the money for County Hospital. All that has to happen now is for  
32. the House to recede from this patronage boondoggle and each Chamber  
33. can go in its way. I would urge defeat of this motion.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. The other half of the team, Senator Buzbee.

3. SENATOR BUZBEE:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. I particularly liked Senator  
5. Carroll's reference to tracking of the deals through a computerized  
6. system. It seems to me that...however, it's been pretty simple  
7. the last few years. The deal has been that the Minority Leader in  
8. the House has forced and foisted upon us...on each occasion, his  
9. particular method of hiring patronage employees. I happen to be  
10. one who believes in a limited system of patronage and when there  
11. is a Republican administration in the State government, I think  
12. that they ought to be able to hire Republicans in certain jobs and  
13. when there is a Democratic administration, you ought to be able  
14. to hire Democrats in certain jobs, but this is the height of  
15. irresponsibility. I have great respect for the Minority Leader of  
16. the House of Representatives, but that respect continues to wane  
17. at the end of each Session as he continues to force upon us his  
18. brand of patronage and for us to...in the Senate, we have been  
19. very responsible, I believe, including both sides of the aisle  
20. and generally under administrations of both parties, we have tended  
21. to be responsible. We have not gone along with this sort of  
22. boondoggle. It's too bad that each...at the end of each Session we  
23. are put in the...in the position, whether it be for rate increases  
24. through the Department of Public Aid for certain providers such  
25. as pharmacists or whether it be additional employees in the Depart-  
26. ment of Transportation or whether it be additional employees now  
27. in the State institution that resides in Representative Ryan's  
28. district. I am not ready to concede to this kind of blackmail any-  
29. more, I believe, from talking with my colleagues on both sides of  
30. the aisle, that there are enough of us in this Chamber who are not  
31. willing to go along with this kind of blackmail anymore. I listened  
32. with some amusement last night as the House was debating after we  
33. had adjourned and said that we were always holding up the process.

1. I tend to view it that they are holding up the process and there  
2. is a very simple way that we can...we can resolve this. As  
3. Senator Carroll suggested, if George Ryan would just simply back  
4. off of his three boondoggle amendments, we can get this thing all  
5. wrapped up and go home immediately.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Senator D'Arco.

8. SENATOR D'ARCO:

9. Thank you, Mr. President. I just talked to Roger Nowart of the  
10. Cook County Governing Commission Staff and he indicated to me that  
11. the crisis at Cook County has reached its highest proportions and  
12. that the people that work there, the blue collar people that work  
13. there, the dieticians, the in-take workers, the laundry workers,  
14. the janitors...they are quitting today and that they are trying  
15. to get their pensions so that they could get some money to buy some  
16. bread to put some food on the table and he indicated that wasn't  
17. a myth, it was a fact. So, I'm going to vote for this blackmail  
18. because I think the Cook County situation is so bad that we've got  
19. to try to get them some money and the money is available and ready  
20. to be processed and they can be paid today and believe it or not,  
21. Ladies and Gentlemen, the people that this affects the most are the  
22. ones that we should be concerned about.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Geo-Karis.

25. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

26. I'm sorry we were late. We were up here earlier, Mr. President,  
27. and waiting. I'd like to speak in favor of the concurrence because  
28. I happen to have constituents who have members of their family in  
29. Manteno and in Lincoln, in the Shapiro Developmental Center and I  
30. think it's only fair. I voted for appropriations for Cook County  
31. Hospital. I want to vote for appropriations for Manteno and for the  
32. Shapiro Developmental Center and for Lincoln. It's not fair just  
33. to give to one side and then forget about the other and all this  
political business, I think, should be cast aside because if

1. you think it's easy to get people to work in a mental institution,  
2. then you are very, very, very mistaken. We need personnel. We  
3. need to pay them and we need to maintain them and I don't think  
4. that Representative Ryan's amendment is out of order at all and  
5. I think we should show our side of humanitarianism for all sides  
6. of the State and incidentally, I'm sure the Shapiro Developmental  
7. Center was not named after Minority...my Minority Leader. It was  
8. named after Governor Shapiro, if I recall correctly, who was a  
9. Democrat. So, I'm being very bipartisan and I'm urging concurrence  
10. on these amendments...this bill as amended.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

12. Senator Newhouse.

13. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. Like some of the others in this  
15. Chamber, I went home last night to my family and I came back down  
16. here this morning and came back down here because of an absolute  
17. profile in deceit. I don't blame Leader Ryan for trying to get  
18. what he can get. These deals were cut early in the game in the  
19. Jane Byrne/Jim Thompson cut-up. We know that. If he had a chance  
20. to put his stuff in right now, I don't blame him for doing it,  
21. although I can't vote for it. I'm not going to vote for the demise  
22. of Jerry Joyce. That doesn't make any kind of sense. Because we thought  
23. there would be problems with this fifteen million dollars, you here  
24. in the Senate, helped put on an amendment here in the Senate on  
25. 2805. 2805 went over to the House and all those great leaders who  
26. are purporting to be saving the Cook County Hospital killed that  
27. fifteen million dollar amendment to put us in this embarrassing  
28. position. Jim Taylor, et al, are trying to get cleaned up on a  
29. lousy record that they have written for the City of Chicago and  
30. on the lousy record they have written particularly for the minority  
31. community and I'm not going to go along with it. That's why we  
32. are here. It's outrageous. This Body is being blackjacked, plain  
33. and simple. It's been whiplashed for months and months and months.

1. It's sleazy and we ought not to participate in it.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator Shapiro.

4. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

5. Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
6. I am in support of the motion made by Senator Rock and for many  
7. reasons. This particular bill that is before us, Senate Bill  
8. 1436, has the money in it for Cook County Hospital and I think  
9. we have an obligation to provide that money, particularly since  
10. the substantive bill transferring control of the Cook County  
11. Hospital to the county board has already passed both Houses and...  
12. is on its way to the Governor's Office. In addition, there are  
13. the amendments to provide additional funds, operating funds, for  
14. certain mental institutions throughout the State and in my  
15. conversations and Leadership conversations with the Minority Leader  
16. of the House, there is a real need for the money to continue the  
17. operation in an orderly manner at Manteno, Shapiro, Lincoln,  
18. Bowen and Anna. These institutions do not have the proper ratio  
19. of first line employees to patients that is really necessary to  
20. operate them in an efficient manner and I think to use those amend-  
21. ments as a reason for voting against the bill is just not a good  
22. thing. We have reached an accommodation and by we, I mean the  
23. Leadership on the Republican side, with the Minority Leader of the  
24. House and the Governor whereby those line items will be reduced to  
25. approximately thirty...forty percent of what they were as originally  
26. introduced. Particularly, in view of the fact that only a half  
27. year remains in this Fiscal Year. Because of that...because of  
28. the fact that this is the best way to get the money to Cook County  
29. Hospital and last, but not least, we have...since we have been down  
30. here far too long, I would urge everyone to vote for Senate Bill  
31. 1436 and concur in the three House Amendments that Senator Rock  
32. has made the motion on.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator Wooten.

1. SENATOR WOOTEN:

2. Thank you, Mr. President. Just two or three items. The  
3. fifteen million dollars is already locked up. I mean, we've...we  
4. concurred in that. That's...what we are talking about now is...  
5. is George Ryan's patronage bit. I don't know that we ought to  
6. go along with that. I'm particularly interested in that you need  
7. this at Bowen. The Governor was going to close Bowen. He was  
8. going to close three places. He closed mine...decide, last minute  
9. maybe Bowen shouldn't be closed. The deal was cut there and now we  
10. need more money. We need more money for mental health and gee,  
11. we just...we just saved so much money in my area. Why don't you  
12. use that? What do you need all this extra money for? Why do  
13. we need the extra patronage jobs in mental health? I think it's...  
14. the fact that you've got a very sharp card player here that's  
15. going to make one last pitch at the end, counting on our fatigue  
16. and desire to go home, is I think...it speaks of two things. You  
17. know we shouldn't allow ourselves to fall for that kind of blackmail  
18. and second, in the future, let's make our deals a bit more cleanly.  
19. If you recall in the past, we'd keep the two bills in tandem  
20. and not move one until the other moved and send them out together  
21. so we couldn't have this kind of game-playing at the end. We laid  
22. ourself open for this by not making the deal a little more orderly.  
23. The idea that we...we saved an awful...a lot of money in my area  
24. in mental health, why do we need this extra money? It's ridiculous.  
25. Send it back to the House. The fifteen million is taken care of  
26. in this. I don't want to depend on Governor Thompson's Amendatory  
27. Veto. Too many things are going bump in the night around here.  
28. Let's just keep it clean.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Washington. Senator Bruce.

31. SENATOR BRUCE:

32. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise  
33. in opposition to concurring with the House Amendment. Four guys

1. have taken a great deal of heat over the last Session by being  
2. somewhat rigid in their understanding of how many new jobs...King  
3. Carroll, Von Buzbee, Sommer and Regner, whose names are used  
4. again and again in tirades on this Floor because they had a rule  
5. that they would not fill vacancies and not increase headcount and  
6. they were joined by many members of the Appropriations Committee  
7. sometime to my anger and the anger of others, but we suffered  
8. through that for six months. I would...I would venture to say that  
9. the jobs involved here are more jobs than we approved in six months  
10. and we are supposed to do that in like one day. I'm willing to  
11. stand with the foursome that has developed and say that let's  
12. take a look at the jobs. I'm...I made, perhaps, intemperate remarks  
13. last night, but I'm still thinking that we ought to take a look  
14. very closely at where these jobs are going to go and why they are  
15. needed. I am told the Department of Mental Health didn't testify  
16. in any committee that they needed these jobs. This bill right now,  
17. Ladies and Gentlemen, carries a price tag of twenty-seven million  
18. dollars. When we are supposed to be down here doing vetoes, the  
19. total cost of this Legislative Session, this bill and others, is  
20. going to run over a hundred million dollars in new appropriations.  
21. It just seems to me that we ought to draw the line very narrowly  
22. toward the taxpayers instead of in favor of patronage workers.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Johns.

25. SENATOR JOHNS:

26. Mr. President, people of Southern Illinois had foisted upon  
27. them just a couple of nights ago, Wednesday night, probably the  
28. biggest game in...in politics. Representative Winchester, who's...  
29. wants this, as well, had a fund raiser. The Governor and five  
30. Directors from his Cabinet flew down there to promote Winchester  
31. and at that time, he made the great and outstanding announcement  
32. that Bowen Center wouldn't be closed. What he didn't know is that  
33. the people of that area knew he wasn't going to close it for the

1. for the simple reason, we have changed the operation there. We have  
2. changed the operation to where we're actually taking in a half million  
3. more dollars in Federal money because we just increased the  
4. efficiency of the operation by permitting the public school districts  
5. to hire the teachers and teach the children there on a contractual  
6. basis and thereby, we picked up a half a million dollars more in  
7. funding from the Federal government. It's not a losing proposition  
8. and it wasn't going to close, but in order to swell the attendance,  
9. to create the kingdom of Winchester why he came down there in  
10. grand and glorious style and made this announcement and all the  
11. people of that region knew what was going to happen and I never  
12. said anything until now because I didn't want to just cast a  
13. little gloom over an announcement by the Governor that we are  
14. going to have Bowen Center, but now I've got to say something. We  
15. are making money there. This is a big hypocritical move to add  
16. jobs down there when we can't give the people of this State tax  
17. relief. Now, there is something wrong. We want tax relief. We  
18. don't want jobs and that's what's been said thousands of times on  
19. this Floor of the Senate and I just want to point that out. We  
20. knew what was going to take place. I could have told the newspapers  
21. a long time ago, but I didn't, but now I had to say it and I'm  
22. glad I said it. Thank you, Mr. President.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Regner.

25. SENATOR REGNER:

26. Mr. President and members of the Senate, some of the things  
27. that have been said today, I heartily concur in, as having the gun  
28. to the head in the Senate, Session after Session. However, we have  
29. two problems we are facing here today. One is Cook County Hospital  
30. which I gave my word on several weeks ago that with the passage of  
31. a certain bill, I would support the appropriation that's needed.  
32. It has to go today. The other problem is some amendments that  
33. were tacked on in the House that we objected to...I objected to

1. them yesterday strenuously in the manner that they were presented,  
2. the manner similar amendments have been presented in the past.  
3. However, there is a problem at these mental health institutions that  
4. has to be solved. This morning Senator Sommer and myself, some  
5. of the Leadership and the Governor met for several hours in several  
6. meetings and we have agreed to certain things and I'd like to  
7. tell everybody what those agreements are. The Governor has agreed  
8. to certain line item reductions. I'm going to tell you how many  
9. dollars each one of these institutions is going to get and why  
10. they are going to get them. Lincoln is going to be reduced to  
11. three hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Lincoln currently is  
12. running at a budget deficit of almost nine hundred thousand dollars  
13. for FY'80 and these funds should help alleviate any problems that  
14. they will be facing in the institution. In the report that the  
15. Department of Mental Health made to this General Assembly, which  
16. is mandated by a Senate Joint Resolution that was passed, the  
17. Department stated that Lincoln actually needs two hundred and  
18. thirty-four additional employees in order to raise the staff-  
19. patient ratio to 1.6...to the 1.6 level which the Federal  
20. government is asking for. These funds will help that department  
21. meet the-goals at Lincoln. At Manteno, that item will be line  
22. item reduced to four hundred and ninety-five thousand. Manteno  
23. currently is running a budget deficit of about five hundred thousand  
24. for Fiscal Year '80. Additionally, sixty patients have just recently  
25. been admitted to that facility and these funds should help alleviate  
26. that particular problem facing the institution and assist in more  
27. maximizing the Federal reimbursements. That was contained in that  
28. report that was made to this General Assembly. By providing the  
29. necessary funds to the Department of Mental Health, we not only  
30. provide those State funds, but we get additional Federal funds that we  
31. don't get otherwise. So, for small amounts of dollars, we have  
32. large amounts of dollar returns. At Shapiro, that will be reduced  
33. to three hundred thousand dollars and they have the same...same

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1. situation that they...these funds will be used also for per-  
2. sonnel to increase the staff per patient...patient ratio from  
3. 1.4, which it is now, to a level which is acceptable to the  
4. Federal government. Federal reimbursement should increase because  
5. of this and these positions should pay for themselves in the  
6. long run. Things that were said about Anna and Bowen, have to  
7. agree with to a certain amount. The Anna line item will be reduced to  
8. zero because they are already at the 1.6 patient-staff ratio.  
9. Bowen is six employees short and the appropriation for them will  
10. reduce to forty thousand dollars which will bring them up to the  
11. staff-patient ratio of 1.6, which is required. Members of the  
12. Senate, I urgently ask you to support these three amendments with  
13. the agreements that have been made by the sponsors of the amendments  
14. in the House. House Staff has been involved, our own Staff here  
15. has been involved in meetings with the Governor this morning and  
16. our Leadership on this side. So, I ask for a very favorable roll  
17. call on these three amendments and that we do concur...put the  
18. bill on the Governor's Desk so he can sign it and provide the  
19. fifteen million dollars to Cook County Hospital right now and to  
20. increase these funds to the Department of Mental Health so that  
21. we can maximize these Federal reimbursements that we are entitled  
22. to in this State when the Department operates it better.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Senator Davidson.

24. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

25. Move the previous question.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator, we have two people that sought recognition, Senator  
28. Nash, for the first time and Senator Buzbee, for the second time.  
29. Do they still want to speak? And Senator Joyce. Senator Joyce.

30. SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

31. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
32. I am extremely embarrassed that my legislative district, year after  
33. year, time after time, has caused the inconvenience of the General

1. Assembly, and indeed the taxpayers of the State of Illinois,  
2. problems. It...I just really don't know what to say. I don't  
3. want you to have to not vote against the Cook County Hospital.  
4. We all know that that needs the funds and Kankakee and Manteno  
5. do need help. There's no question about that, but the way it's  
6. done time after time and year after year is repulsive to me as  
7. it is to you and to see things change and you know, we hear about  
8. this deal and that deal and I surely don't like to bring politics  
9. into this when we are dealing with mental patients and patients  
10. in Cook County Hospital, but my good friend, Senator Rock, I  
11. would like you to go to Kankakee when election time comes around  
12. and when it comes time to pick a Democratic candidate for county  
13. treasurer and county clerk and coroner and those people and tell  
14. them to run. It's tough getting candidates to run in that county  
15. and I guess you can probably understand why. So, vote your  
16. conscience, Ladies and Gentlemen.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senator Buzbee.

19. SENATOR BUZBEE:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. Just...a very short response to  
21. Senator Regner's agreement that he says has been worked out. I  
22. would like to remind him that in Appropriations Committee this week,  
23. the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental  
24. Disabilities testified that he did not request these jobs, that  
25. even though there were some problems there that he was going to  
26. be addressing them in next year's budget. There was some possibility  
27. that he might have to come in for some supplemental to be able to  
28. finish out this year, but if he did, he was going to do that in  
29. the...in the Spring Session, that he had not requested these jobs  
30. and that he was able to operate his institution. He was going to  
31. avoid it, if at all possible, even a supplemental request in the  
32. Spring and if these jobs are so badly needed to capture these  
33. Federal dollars to come in compliance, as your agreement indicates,

1. then I don't understand why the Director of the Department of  
2. Mental Health did not come in and request them. I have one last  
3. parting shot and that is there has been some discussion that if  
4. Secretary Dixon should be elected to the United States Senate  
5. and that office is vacant and as the rumor has it that Representative  
6. Ryan is appointed to be the Secretary of State to fill out the  
7. remaining two years, I'm wondering what's going to happen to the  
8. Secretary of State's budget when...when that comes in...if we are  
9. going to see some more workers coming on in that Department.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Rock may close  
12. debate.

13. SENATOR ROCK:

14. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
15. I don't think anybody needs to be reminded that it's approaching  
16. 2:00 o'clock on a Friday afternoon, but I think you might want to  
17. be reminded that it is indeed, tragically so, the eleventh hour for  
18. Cook County Hospital. Those employees have to be paid...that  
19. hospital has to remain open. Now, it's been an awfully long week  
20. and there are members who are upset about tax relief or the lack  
21. thereof, in their opinion. There are members who are upset about  
22. what happened by virtue of administrative action in their own  
23. districts, specifically East Moline. There are some who are piqued  
24. at the actions of the House or one or more of its leaders or members.  
25. Now, there is some legitimate concern, I think, about the enlarging  
26. of a patronage army and all these things are now boiled together  
27. in this one vote. I would suggest to you that the logistics are  
28. such that if, indeed, we do not concur and the Message goes back  
29. to the House, I don't think there's a Corporal's Guard in the House.  
30. So, we are going to stay here...we just simply cannot leave and leave  
31. Cook County Hospital and its problems unattended and for someone  
32. to vote against this on the basis of some pique that I'm sure can  
33. be remedied at a future date...we're going to start over again in

1. March. There will be a new budget and all kinds of new games  
2. will be played, I'm sure, or attempted to be played and I would  
3. suggest that you hold and vent your spleen at that point. This  
4. is 2:00 o'clock on a Friday afternoon. We need final action.  
5. Cook County Hospital desperately needs this money and I beg your  
6. support. I move to concur with House Amendments 8, 9 and 11 to  
7. Senate Bill 1436.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. The question is shall the Senate concur in House Amendments  
10. 8, 9 and 11 to Senate Bill 1436. Those in favor vote Aye. Those  
11. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?  
12. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the  
13. record. On that question the Ayes are 33. The Nays are 7. 1  
14. Voting Present. The Senate does not concur in House Amendments  
15. 8, 9 and 11 to Senate Bill 1436 and the Secretary shall so inform  
16. the House.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. The Senate will come to order. Resolutions.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senate Resolution No. 76 offered by Senator Savickas.

21. (Secretary reads Senate Resolution No. 76)

22. PRESIDENT:

23. That's the only thing everybody has agreed on all week.  
24. Senator Carroll moves to suspend the rules for the...all right.  
25. Senator Carroll has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate  
26. consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 76. All  
27. in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it.  
28. The rules are suspended. Senator Carroll now moves the adoption  
29. of Senate Joint Resolution 76. All in favor signify by saying  
30. Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.  
31. Messages from the House.

32. SECRETARY:

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

1. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the  
2. House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the  
3. adoption of their amendments to a bill with the following title:  
4. House Bill 2805 and concurred with Senate Amendment 1,  
5. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.  
6. Further directed to inform you they nonconcur with Senate Amendment  
7. No. 7.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Carroll.

10. SENATOR CARROLL:

11. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
12. Senate. The House, in its wisdom, did not concur in the fifteen  
13. million dollars for County Hospital so we will recede from that  
14. amendment. Before everyone gets nervous, this was the duplicate...  
15. so I would move, therefore, that we nonconcur...that we do recede  
16. from Senate Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 2805. That would be  
17. final passage.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is shall the  
20. Senate recede from Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 2805. Those in  
21. favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is  
22. open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have  
23. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the Ayes  
24. are 42. The Nays are 1. None Voting Present. The Senate does  
25. recede from Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 2805 and the bill, having  
26. received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed  
27. and having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the  
28. members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.  
29. Any further business to come before the Senate? If not, Senator  
30. Vadalabene moves, then, that the Senate stand adjourned pursuant  
31. to the Adjournment Resolution until January 9, at the hour of 12:00  
32. o'clock noon. The Senate stands adjourned.

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