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SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As amended by the Conference Committee, Senate Bill 1363 now adds...now merely maintains a House amendment for the move of the Scholarship Commission to Chicago and Springfield, some money for the City of Aurora and a Department of Registration malpractice reporting system. And I would ask for a favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there discussion? The question is on the adoption of the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1363. Senator Berning.

SENATOR BERNING:

Question of the sponsor. This is the first indication that I've had that a Scholarship Commission is being eliminated in Deerfield. Do you have any rational explanation for it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

I gave up giving rational explanations for the House a long time ago. This was done by the House in House Amendment No. 1, I would guess, thirty to sixty days ago, Senator Berning, and we are concurring with that action. This is not new to this piece of legislation, it came over that way. The things that were added were for the Aurora and for the malpractice reporting system.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Berning.

SENATOR BERNING:

I don't care when the House adopted an amendment, I simply am interested in what the reasoning is. Why are we taking the commission which has been established for years in very adequate quarters to Chicago, which is certainly no

advantage? There's no parking there...there's parking in Deerfield, anyone who wants to get to the Scholarship Commission is able to do so without having to fight heavy traffic and find no place to park. I'd...I'd like to know what the justification, the reasoning is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

They were having trouble getting there on mass transportation, Senator Berning, and getting tired of using the mail to do it. It's my understanding, however, that the commission had, in fact, intended to have a Springfield and a Chicago office for the ease of servicing the people of this State, and that this is a recommendation they're to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Berning.

SENATOR BERNING:

Well, that's a pretty lame excuse and I suppose, however, on the other hand that this may be the explanation for why the chairman has suddenly resigned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we have so very few State facilities in Lake County, it's absolutely appalling considering it's the third largest county in the State. It would seem to me that they could allow that the Scholarship Commission office remain in Deerfield. It's now in my district, it was in Senator Berning's district, and I don't think it's quite cricket just to push everything to Chicago and Springfield. My goodness, we're human too in Lake County. I'm going to have to oppose the bill on the basis that I don't think there should be such a move.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Gitz.

SENATOR GITZ:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Gitz.

SENATOR GITZ:

Very briefly, and I don't mean to take up a lot of time but I see in Section 1A the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the City of Aurora for the completion of the Oak Hurst drainage project. I assume by completion, that it is underway now and I would appreciate some explanation of where this is coming from, why it's out of GRF since we are so concerned about its balance, and how much has been expended to date.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

I really don't have answers to that, Senator Gitz, whatsoever. I can merely make the same assumptions you are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Gitz.

SENATOR GITZ:

I assume from looking at the Conference report, which is signed by everyone, that this came from somewhere, and I would like to know why we are doing this and why we are taking it out of GRF.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Etheredge.

SENATOR ETHEREDGE:

I can answer some of the questions in regard to the project itself, however, I cannot answer...respond to the question as to why it has been identified as being funded by General Revenue Funds rather than Capital Bond Development. But at any rate, as far as the project itself is concerned,

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it is...we have been plagued for years with a problem on the middle east side of Aurora of periodic flooding, and what the city has...has done in order to alleviate the problem is to dredge out or dig out a water retention pond and enlarge the sewers in the area so that the...during the flood time the water is led through the enlarged sewers to the...this retention basin and then the water is...overflows into Wabancy Creek and then to the Fox River. The project has been underway for some time and it...the eight hundred thousand dollars which this appropriation would provide would...would make it possible to...to complete the excavation and complete the installation of the sewers and complete the project.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Carroll may close.

SENATOR CARROLL:

I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1363. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? (Machine cutoff)...voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 43, the Nays are 11, 1 Voting Present. The Senate does concur with the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1363, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator Weaver, are you ready on...I get a different signal, Senator Weaver. Senator Maitland, do you...(machine cutoff)...Senator Maitland arise?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. To ask leave of the Body to have Senator Weaver shown as the sponsor of Senate Bill 1398.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there leave? Leave is granted. For what purpose does Senator Vadalabene arise?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, while there's a little lull, I have about twenty-two Fourth of July...speeches left and they're going...they're really going fast.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Weaver, a motion on 1398. Senator Weaver is recognized. On your third Supplemental Calendar is Senate Bill 1398, Senator Weaver is now the principal sponsor. Senator Weaver is recognized.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move that we accept the second Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1398. The Conference Committee recommends that the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Also recommends that the...the House recede from House Amendment 3. It adds five hundred thousand to the...from the Ag Premium Fund for Chicagofest. It adds two hundred thousand to the Department of Community Affairs for the administration of the Totten Act. And it adds thirty-eight million in Road Fund...from the Road Fund for a bridge over the Illinois River.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Discussion? Senator Totten.

SENATOR TOTTON:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Again, we are faced with the appropriation for five hundred thousand dollars for the City of Chicago for Chicagofest. This is the same measure I think we've defeated twice already this year, once earlier today. There still has been no accounting, there still has been questions raised about the way the city operates the Chicagofest. However, let me point out that there are a lot of little shops that are created around the Chicagofest, a lot of Ma and Pa people who trade their wares, a lot of little small businesses, private enterprises making profits.

It would appear to me that what we have in the Chicagofest is a version of the enterprise zone, and the relation of these amendments in this Conference Committee report is very appropriate, and all those things I've said about the Chicagofest, I'd ask to be stricken from the record and that we, for the good of the downstaters, this is your bill, small enterprise, farmers, Ma and Pa businesses, things that will make this economy grow again, and I join Senator Weaver in asking for the adoption of this Conference Committee report.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'm extremely proud to have been the former sponsor of this...of this omnibus bill. I take this...this bill every year, General Assembly, as...as a farmer and someone vitally interested in agriculture. I think it's a very important bill and I'm always delighted to have it, but every year it seems to get worse, and worse, and worse, and as I said last night, I think it makes a mockery of this system what we do with this bill. I was one who last evening did not really speak too much against Chicagofest. As I have told a number of my Chicago colleagues, I think there is some justification for this, and I haven't fought it all that much, and I'll even buy it. But I think, as Senator Buzbee and I both discussed this afternoon at the Conference Committee, to year after year for people to come in here with their little private pork barrels and attempt to screw up this bill, I think is terrible. I'm confident that the Governor is going to veto this, but I can tell you one thing, Senator Buzbee, next year you and me, baby, are going to work on this thing together and this is the last year and the last time we're...we're going to be confronted with this kind of a situation, I guarantee it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Jerome Joyce.

SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

Senator Maitland, I don't blame you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator...Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you...thank you, Mr. President. This is a unique situation even for the Illinois General Assembly. When we were working on this bill last night we...we had some major problems with it and...and so in trying to work out those problems today, it grew by another forty million dollars, a merely add-on, something that was presented at...at the...usually we say the eleventh hour, this was presented about the twelve-thirty hour, a project that the Governor apparently requested to be added in. It happens to be an extremely controversial project, I am told, although I don't know anything about it, but it has something to do with tearing up...building a bridge and tearing up eagle's nesting grounds. So, all of those of you who are interested in...in...I'm just pointing out to the membership that there is an additional project in here for forty million dollars, and I don't know anything about it except that it's tearing up...eagle's nesting grounds. But other than that, some of the other controversial issues, as Senator Maitland just pointed out, included some projects, pork barrel type projects, and I understand that members try to get pork barrel projects into bills, but we did establish a policy here about three years ago of saying that no longer are we going to take Ag Premium Fund and go in and build buildings for county fairs. There is, in fact, a provision for that type of...of building being built through the Ag Premium Fund, but the way this is being done is not following that provision. I think it was about three years ago, as I

recall, we even turned down such a project as this for the then Republican leader of the Illinois Senate, Senator Shapiro, because we had established the policy and we said we're going to stick with it. There is another controversial provision in here, one which I have consistently supported and that is Chicagofest. The reason I have consistently supported Chicagofest, it is true that most of the money that goes into the Ag Premium Fund is raised in the surrounding environs of the City of Chicago through the race tracks. I consider Chicagofest to be the Cook County Fair. Now, all of the controversy as to whether Chicagofest earns money or doesn't earn money, to me, is something that really doesn't enter into it because there are, in fact, some downstate fairs, I am told, I don't know how they do it, but there are some downstate fairs that also earn money but we don't deny them access to the Ag Premium Fund. So, I have had no problem voting for Chicagofest and will continue to do so, except because of all of this other controversy, all of these other items that have been put in here, I think I'm voting No on the right Conference Committee report. At one time this afternoon there were three separate Conference Committee Report No. 2's floating around. So, for...I refused to sign any of them. It's my intention to vote No on this bill and I guess everybody is on their own. If you'll put Chicagofest separate somewhere else, I'll vote for it, but I'm not going to vote for it in this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Kent.

SENATOR KENT:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would like to apologize to Senator Maitland for part of this...one of these pork barrels, as you're saying, that's in this bill, but it is something that is very important and very vital to my area of the State. It does involve

nesting grounds for the eagles, but it is vital to western Illinois and that is the...Central Illinois Expressway, and I certainly hope that you can support this Conference Committee report. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think that probably the sponsorship of this should be Totten-Kent. So, I would make a motion that sponsorship be changed to Totten-Kent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Becker.

SENATOR BECKER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say to Senator Buzbee, before you press your button, Senator, please remember that our great Mayor of Chicago, Mayor Bryne, is trying to help all of us in Cook County bring the people into Chicago. The half a million dollars that you're going to vote for would be in appreciation for the million dollars that we gave you a couple of years ago for that Hambletonian race track. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

(Machine cutoff)...voted who wish? Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, yes, I just want to confess that the Valley City Bridge and the thirty-eight million is in my district. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Bloom.

SENATOR BLOOM:

Question of the new sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Weaver is still the sponsor.

SENATOR BLOOM:

Senator...Senator Totten. Senator Totten, I thought that enterprise zones wouldn't cost us anything, I thought it was a private enterprise initiative.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Totten.

SENATOR TOTTEN:

Well, we asked the department, Senator Bloom, what they thought it might cost to administer. We think the net fiscal impact is going to be plus. I...the department wouldn't answer, so I defer to Senator Carroll who does have a letter indicating what they would think it would cost.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

As you'll recall, instead of a typical Doctor Bob letter we asked for a Doctor Totten letter, and Senator Totten has sent me a letter that says to his best estimate the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to implement the provision of this bill will need approximately two hundred thousand dollars for their FY '83 budget request.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Senator Bloom.

SENATOR BLOOM:

Well, then Senator Collins really did have the only true enterprise zone bill in the Session and 1299 was indeed a seven-hump dromedary and we call it a palomino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the second Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1398. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 39, the Nays are 16, none Voting Present. The Senate

does adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1398, and the bill...the second Conference Committee report on Senate 1398, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. On your printed Calendar, on Page 5, is Senate Bill 1180. Senator Berman is recognized for a motion.

SENATOR BERMAN:

I move to accept the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180. This is the bill that we started to explain a short time ago. This is the bill that will authorize the Chicago Board of Education to levy, if necessary, a pension contribution liability tax. It is the amount necessary to fund if they require it and if they see fit, the amount of the pension contribution that would cover the employees' contribution for the employees, all of the employees of the Chicago Board of Education. There is a cap of forty-eight cents on this levy. It will be effective for Fiscal Year '83, and I solicit your Aye vote. Ask...be glad to respond to any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Discussion? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180, and I don't think the question is so much who is in favor of a tax increase, because in the last analysis, I don't think there is anybody who's in favor of a tax increase. The question, however, is posed to us tonight in the Illinois General Assembly is, who has the responsibility, and who for that has the fortitude, I suggest, to do what is necessary for the five hundred thousand school children in the City of Chicago, because that school district is the only one in the State of Illinois that has the burden as a condition precedent to opening in September that their

budget be balanced. No other district has that condition precedent. We are asking for your help so that we may, in fact, make a legitimate effort to balance the budget and, in fact, have the school open in September for those five hundred thousand school children. I urge a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Further discussion? Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I have great concern for those five hundred thousand students in the Chicago system, Senator Rock. I know there are serious problems there. I stand as one of several in this Body who feels rather strongly about tax increases without referendum, and yet, I told you just one year ago this time that recognizing that very serious problem in the Chicago school system, I would vote the next time I had the opportunity for a tax increase for the education fund for the Chicago school system. But this legislation, this Conference Committee report goes a bit farther, I think. It seems to me it sets a dangerous precedence and it's one that we should not set tonight or at any time. We are, in fact, earmarking funds for, quite frankly, a settlement that will cause the employees' pension to be paid for...mandated, paid for by this tax increase, and I don't think that's fair. I think that's wrong. I think the Chicago school system does need at least fifty cents, it's been very difficult in these trying times. But to earmark those funds for the union settlement, I think is wrong, and for those of us downstate, make no mistake about it, we pass this legislation tonight and next year that group that lurks in the halls out here from time to time will be coming to all of us in the waning hours next year asking us to mandate that for downstate Illinois. I urge that you defeat Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 1180.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Berning.

SENATOR BERNING:

Thank you, Mr. President. And, Mr. President, I want to, in a sense, apologize to the members of the Senate because of my assignment as spokesman on this side on the pension issues, it's been my unrewarding charge to have been somewhat the hatchet man I suppose. I haven't enjoyed it, I haven't been successful, but at the same time then, I felt that I had that duty to discharge. But now in this instance, while this particular bill is an education bill, I would like to call the attention of the membership to what could be some very pertinent points to consider about what you may be ready to do. First, I'd like to ask the sponsor, what is the circumstance for an employee who joins the system and perhaps works for a year, or a year and a half, or perhaps even two from the way the...provisions of this bill seem to indicate that time spread before monies from this proposed tax find their way into the pension system? Now, to go back to that individual who has gone to work for a year or so, has not made any contribution himself or herself because the employer is supposed to do it, and the employer has not made it either, because under the provisions of this Conference Committee report, no payments must...no payments need to be made...let me read, "Board of education shall not be required to pay amounts into the fund except as collected from the extension of the actual tax bills." That could be anywhere from a year to two years, so this employee could be working, thinking he or she is protected by the pension system, but then decides to resign and would like to withdraw what he or she felt were contributions made for him or her. What is the status of that employee?

PRESIDENT:

Beq your pardon. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Under the terms of this bill, this is permissive authority to the board to make employee contributions to the respective pension systems of the municipal employees and teachers/administrators pension funds. If the board determines not to make such contributions, it is the members responsibility to make those contributions, or those contributions may be paid from the Education Fund as it was last year, as is...and either one of those are the sources from which it would be paid.

PRESIDENT:

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SENATOR BERNING:

Well, Senator, I know those options are in there for the payment, but with the passage...of this legislation, the school board is asking for permission to levy this tax, yes, without a referendum, the purpose being to cover the so-called pickup which the board has agreed to do so as to relieve the employee of a contribution from his or her salary and thereby minimize the income tax. Obviously, that's an attraction for the employee. Obviously, also, the money is difficult for the employer to raise, that we all knew when we did this a year or so ago. Many of us fought this as being absolutely ridiculous. Now, we are approaching the point when the tax must be levied so that the school districts can pay this pickup dollars, but they are relieved of the necessity of paying it monthly, within fifteen days, as a matter of fact, when the employee contributes it for up the board is...is relieved of the obligation until the tax money comes in, and I maintain that leaves the employee without any contribution, a new employee. If he or she wants to resign and withdraw what they rightfully expected to be their own dollars contributed on their behalf, I see no way that money is available.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

I rise in support of Senate Bill 1180. I had the opportunity two years ago to do a pretty detailed look into the Chicago Board of Education. It is a very unusual school system. It just doesn't teach kids, it feeds them, it counsels them, it parents them, it babysits them, it protects them, it does a lot of other things that we who live in different areas can't start to appreciate. In addition to that, they do not have the privilege of having the strong roll models that are necessary for a school system, because within that very same school system, which is the second largest in the United States, also sits the fifth largest school district which is the private school system. I'm not hung up on this bill as a pension bill, because whereas a rose by any other name would smell as sweet, a lemon by any other name tastes just as sour. This is not a pension bill, this is a tax increase to operate the Chicago schools, and without it, they won't operate, and even with it, there's a serious question whether they can.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to support Conference Committee report to Senate Bill 1180. We all know the serious problem the City of Chicago schools have with financing. The worst thing that could happen would have...when September rolls around not able to open up those schools and have those kids have an opportunity to get a good education. This is a modest increase of some fifty-seven million dollars. Hopefully, with some concessions from the City of Chicago Teachers Union, the schools will be able to open up and have a bal-

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anced budget, and I would hope that we would see thirty-six green votes up there.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Berman may close.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I merely wanted to correct one comment from Senator Maitland. This is not mandated, this is permissive. What we are doing here...I gave an example in the opening remarks earlier tonight about a fifty thousand dollar...a homeowner with a house that has a fair market value of fifty thousand dollars, the cost of this tax increase, if it is imposed, is the equivalent of the one movie admission a month. It costs the...it will cost the people of Chicago less, approximately one-half the cost of the daily newspaper per day for this increase. We cannot have a viable City of Chicago without a viable school system. This is an important step towards that viable school system. I solicit your Aye vote.

PRESIDENT:

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 28, the Nays are 30, none Voting Present. The Conference Committee report is not adopted and the Secretary shall so inform the House. On the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, Conference Committee report with respect to House Bill 2461. Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the Report No. 1 on House Bill 2461 which is the reorganization of the Department of Personnel-Administrative Services. It's the new department

of Central Management Service. I think Senator Rock has signed off on it, I have. If there's any disagreement, I'm not aware of it. I'll be happy to answer any questions and I would suggest that would we...would adopt this report.

PRESIDENT:

Any discussion? Senator Gitz.

SENATOR GITZ:

Well, there is disagreement, Mr. President and members of the Senate. And considering the lateness of the hour it may not matter, but many people went through a great deal of trouble to hear these bills when they came over in deference to the Governor, in deference to the House. The Executive Reorganization Committee put several amendments in this bill, and one of those amendments was to trim the director's salary. The director's salary under this legislation, and this is the prime reason for House Bill 2461, to make sure that the reorganization is complete, is going to climb from forty-five thousand dollars to fifty-two thousand dollars. Normally, nobody would be too upset about this situation, but I find it kind of ironic that we are raising a director's salary in a new agency that is supposed to be designed to save money by sixteen percent, when we are considering legislation to allow the Governor to furlough State employees, and earlier were asking State employees to take a four and a half percent increase, and I think it sets entirely the wrong tone that we have one set of rules for State employees..., we have another set of rules for cabinet directors for the judiciary and ad infinitum. Now, earlier today...and by the way, there was no Conference Committee gathering, there were a series of discussions, there were several pieces of paper floating around, and it was indicated by the Governor's representative that they could live with it, and it was also indicated that after we saw what this department was about, we'd be quite willing to address upwards all the cabinet salaries at once,

and that was originally considered acceptable and now is not. And this Conference report was never even really circulated. It was filed without even being asked to sign it, and I am very disappointed that what was okay originally is not okay now. And I repeat, I think it sets entirely the wrong example to overrule a Senate Committee, to approve this in the Senate Body, to set one set of rules for the State employees and now we set entirely a different example for a new agency with sixteen percent, and it seems to me that, although Emerson said, "Consistency is the hobgoblin of small minds," that there is good and sufficient reason for this Conference report should have never been filed in the first place.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Nimrod.

SENATOR NIMROD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This item certainly was discussed in the committee and it was disputed. In fact, we had a vote and it was a divided vote, so there was extensive discussion. There was an attempt to...to reach a compromise, and the chairman of the committee who...Senator Gitz, just did not want to agree. It was certainly well known that at that time we intended to make the change on the Floor and reach a compromise. I think there are very valid reasons for bringing about this particular recommended increase. We know what the positions are of the...salaries are of the various cabinet officials, this one is not unreasonable, and I would certainly urge your support of this particular issue.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? If not, Senator Philip may close.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a combination of two large departments of

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State Government, two important departments. This would bring the total department to thirteen hundred employees. I certainly don't think that fifty-two thousand dollars a year is out of line, and I would ask your favorable consideration.

PRESIDENT:

The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on House Bill 2461. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are 2, none Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee report on House Bill 2461, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll move to the Order of Motions. Mr. Secretary, motions in writing.

SECRETARY:

Motion in writing. I move to reconsider the vote by which the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180 was not adopted. Signed, Senator Collins.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Having voted on the prevailing side, I now wish to consider the vote...reconsider the vote by which Conference Committee No. 1 to Senate Bill 1180 failed.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion. Any discussion? The motion is to reconsider the vote by which the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180 lost. Those in favor will vote Aye...those in favor of the motion to reconsider will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are

36, the Nays are 18, none Voting Present. The vote is reconsidered. On the main question, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

This is the authorization for the pension contribution liability tax for the Chicago Board of Education. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDENT:

Any discussion? The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 36, the Nays are 19, none Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1180, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1401, Mr. Secretary. Senate Calendar Supplemental No. 2, Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1401, Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the first Conference Committee report on the capital bond authorization. It's an increase of a hundred and forty-five million two hundred and twenty-nine thousand one hundred dollars. I'd move adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1401. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 41, the Nays are 6, 3 Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Commit-

tee report on Senate Bill 1401, and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary. Senator Philip...pardon me, Mr. Secretary. Senator Philip, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. First of all, I'd like to thank Senator Rock and the other side of the aisle and particularly my own members for the cooperation and the great job we've done during this Session. Also, Governor Thompson and Jane have invited us all over to the Mansion, and the secretaries and staff for a little party afterwards and a little comradery. Thank you.

PRESIDENT:

Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 109.

(Secretary reads SJR 109)

PRESIDENT:

Alright, let...let's hold the noise down, we're not quite finished. Senator Bruce.

SENATOR BRUCE:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. This is the adjournment resolution which will require...

PRESIDENT:

Alright,...will the Well be cleared, please. Please.

SENATOR BRUCE:

...this is the adjournment resolution which will have us adjourned today and come back on the 5th of November at twelve o'clock noon. We are also distributing to the membership the Calendar proposed for the fall which will have us come in on the 5th, skip the week of the 8th through the 12th, back on the 17th, 18th and 19th, we'll be out for the Thanksgiving holidays which is the next week and be back for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of December. So, we'll be in, basic-

ally, on the 5th, the 17th, 18th and 19th, and on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of December, and we are distributing those now, you may want to pick those up before you leave the Chamber. I would move for the suspension of the rules and the immediate consideration and adoption of the adjournment resolution.

PRESIDENT:

Alright. Senator Bruce has moved for the suspension of the rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Joint Resolution 109. All in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Bruce now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 109. Senator Lenke, on this motion.

SENATOR LEMKE:

No, I...I just want to...I...not on this motion, but I noticed on this call that I...I am registered as not voting. If I was here, I would have voted No on that 1180.

PRESIDENT:

The electronic wizard will so reflect. Senator Bruce now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 109. All in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have any objections been filed to the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 647 and 648 were added to the Consent Calendar.

PRESIDENT:

Alright. Senator Vadalabene moves the adoption of Senate Resolutions 618, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 626, 627, 628, 629, 631, 632, 33, 36, 637, 639, 640, 641, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, Senate Joint Resolution 106, 107, House Joint Resolution 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 110, 111 and 112. No objections having been filed, Senator Vadalabene moves the adoption of the aforementioned resolutions. Any discussion?

If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolutions are adopted. Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, I just have a few more of these Fourth of July speeches.

PRESIDENT:

Will somebody pickup these speeches so we can shut him down. On the Order of Secretary's Desk Resolutions, so that we can walk out of here, I hope, with a clean Calendar. 97, Senator Joyce. Resolution 97. 445, Senator Gitz. Senator Gitz.

SENATOR GITZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the performance audit resolution for the Illinois Commerce Commission. It is supported by the Auditor General, it requires no further expenditure of funds, he has the capacity within his own budget to proceed forthwith. It is the first performance audit that anybody is aware of that has been offered of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

PRESIDENT:

Alright. Senator Gitz has moved the adoption...I hear you, I'm just stating the question so that we're all on the same wavelength. Senator Gitz has moved the adoption of Senate Resolution 445. Discussion? Senator Bloom.

SENATOR BLOOM:

Yeah, we don't need this. There's a better drawn resolution over in the House. I've talked with the Auditor General too, and this thing is not necessary.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. There is another way of pro-

ceeding with this, and I had suggested it to Senator Gitz once before, apparently he wants to pursue this, so I'm going to oppose it.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Bowers.

SENATOR BOWERS:

A parliamentary inquiry. There is some confusion over here. Does this involve expenditure of money? How many votes, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT:

It...it appears to be directory to the Auditor General, I would assume there would be some man hours and thus require the expenditure of funds. Yes, you are correct.

SENATOR BOWERS:

And how many votes?

PRESIDENT:

Thirty votes. Why thirty-six? Somebody explain that one to me. The question is the adoption of Senate Resolution 445. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 27, the Nays are 26. The resolution fails. Senate Resolution 662, Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is a simple resolution memorializing Congress that it examine and consider the benefits of a Federal law similar to the Illinois concept of our law of guilty but mentally ill. I ask for its favorable consideration.

PRESIDENT:

The question is the adoption of Senate Resolution 622. Any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted.

We have finally worn out the electronic marvel. Any further business to come before the Senate? Any announcements? If not, Senator Bruce moves that pursuant to the adjournment resolution that the Senate stand adjourned until Friday, November 5, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon. Thank you all, very much. The Senate stands adjourned.