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PRESIDENT ROCK:

The hour of twelve-thirty having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the Members be at their desks, and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Our prayer this afternoon by the Reverend Isaac Singleton, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Joliet, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND ISAAC SINGLETON:

(Prayer by the Reverend Isaac Singleton)

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal, Madam Secretary. Senator Dunn.

SENATOR T. DUNN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the reading and approval of the Journals of Wednesday, May 22nd; Thursday, May 23rd; Friday, May 24th; Wednesday, May 29th; Thursday, May 30th; Tuesday, June 4th; and Wednesday, June 5th, in the year 1991, be postponed, pending the arrival of the printed Journals.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Dunn. Any discussion? If not, all in favor, indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and it is so ordered. Message from the House.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 57.

It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar. If I can have your attention. The Chair

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will yield to Senator Smith for some introductions of special guests.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, President Rock. I merely want to present two more ministers who are visiting our city here in Springfield for a meeting this week. I have the Reverend Earl A. Redwell, who pastors at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois. And his Senator is Senator Alexander. And then we have -- and then we have the Reverend W. Jenkins, Jr., Pastor at First Union Baptist Church in East Chicago Heights, Illinois. We're happy to have you in our midst today, and we hope you enjoy yourselves while here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senators Demuzio and D'Arco, Co-chairmen of the Senate Committee on Assignment of Bills, reports the assignment of the following bills to committees: Agriculture and Conservation - House Bill 742; Appropriations II - House Bill 888; Elections and Reapportionment - House Bill 352; Executive Appointments - House Bill 614; Executive - House Bills 2003 and 2362; Judiciary I - House Bills 938 and 1288; Public Health, Welfare and Corrections - House Bills 137 and 274; and Revenue - House Bill 1422.

Senator Marovitz, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive, reports House Bills numbered 124, 218, 317, 700, 751, 943, 945, 1091, 1092, 1176, 1251, 1512, 1945, 2085, 2335 and 2633 Do Pass. And House Bills numbered 1615, 1623, 1644, 1996, 2309 and 2418 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Luft, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Revenue, reports House Bills numbered 162, 298, 303, 406, 439, 516, 673, 931, 1025, 1026, 1085, 1105, 1109, 1123, 1134, 1166, 1256, 1376, 1429, 1838, 2072, 2138 and 2579 Do Pass.

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Senator Brookins, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills numbered 121, 718, 1183, 1956, 1960, 1995 and 2381 Do Pass. And House Bills numbered 5 and 2067 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Thomas Dunn, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary I, reports House Bills -- House Bill numbered 2456 is referred to the Committee on Judiciary II.

Senator Rea, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor, reports House Bills numbered 143, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 325, 802, 1776, 1811, 2074 and 2526 Do Pass. And House Bills numbered 1533, 2017 and 2100 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 488 offered by Senator Topinka.

Senate Resolution 489 offered by Senator Lechowicz.

Senate Resolution 490 offered by Senator Hall.

Senate Resolution 491 offered by Senator Carroll.

Senate Resolution 492 offered by Senator Leverenz.

Senate Resolution 493 offered by Senator Severns.

Senate Resolution 494 offered by Senator Daley.

Senate Resolution 495 offered by Senator Leverenz.

Senate Resolution 496 offered by Senator Leverenz.

And Senate Joint Resolution 67 offered by Senator Jacobs.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

And Senate Resolution 497 offered by Senators Watson and Dudycz.

It is substantive.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

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...(machine cutoff)...Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President -- Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

State your point, please.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm delighted to have with us today representatives from the American International Hospital, who were successful in receiving their Certificate of Need today from Zion, Illinois. I would like you to help me greet our guests. Mayor Billy McCullough of Zion; Harold Hill, Vice President in charge of finance for the American International Hospital; Arthur Salk, the -- the Architect; Steve Weinstein, the President of American International Hospital; Richard Stephenson, Chairman of the Board of the American International Hospital; Dr. Michael Williams from -- who's the Senior Medical Director of the hospital. In addition, we have two other people here, the retired Park District Director from Zion, Charles Paxton, and his successor, Albert Hill. And I would like you all to welcome all the folks who are here today.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Will our guests please stand and be recognized. Welcome to Springfield. Senate Resolution 497, which was just read in, will be assigned to the committee -- Executive Committee. If I can have your attention, Ladies and -- WICS and WSIU-TV have requested permission to shoot some videotape. And the Journal-Register has requested permission to make some photographs -- shoot some still photographs during today's Session. Without objection, leave is granted. If I can turn your attention, Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we'll move to Page 15 on the Calendar. Page 15 on the Calendar. On the Order of House Bills 1st Reading -- and

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again, I would ask the Members if they've been requested by a House Member to assume a sponsorship, please let the Secretary know. House Bills 1st Reading, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 262 offered by Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 318 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 354 offered by Senator Dudycz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 536 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 583 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 755 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 756 offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1038 offered by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1106 offered by Senator Schaffer.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1545 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1971 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1972 offered by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2222 offered by Senator Marovitz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2228 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2239 offered by Senator Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. We have a couple of Motions in Writing that have been filed, one of which at least will be of -- of interest to you, I'm sure. And then there's been a request to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading to handle the supplemental appropriation request. And then we will be adjourning for committee. Senator Demuzio, you have a motion? Read the motion, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to discharge the Committee on Executive Appointments and -- and Veterans --

PRESIDENT ROCK:

If I can ask you, please, to keep the noise down.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to discharge the Committee on Executive Appointments and Veterans Affairs from further consideration of House Bill 2 and House Bill 847, and that the bills be re-referred to the Committee on Executive.

Filed by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. It's my understanding -- that Executive Appointments and Veterans Affairs is not going to have another meeting, and Senator Kelly has requested that perhaps these two bills be moved to the Committee on Executive. So therefore, it is House Bill 2 and 847, I think, Madam Secretary, and if -- if that's the case, I would move to discharge and re-refer those to committee.

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PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to re-refer those two bills to the Committee on Executive. Without objection, leave is granted. It's so ordered. Senator Keats, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR KEATS:

Mr. President, I wasn't sure if you -- it'd been brought to your attention, but there's a cake on the Floor, and today is the seventy-fifth birthday of one of our Members from your side of the aisle. Senator Brookins is happily celebrating his seventy-fifth birthday today, and there's a piece of cake for all of us.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Happy birthday, Senator Brookins. Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Let me just correct that. I'm actually Jack Benny's age.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

That's old enough. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise on the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Yes, sir.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

This morning, at Lanphier Park -- this morning, at Lanphier Park the Edwardsville Tiger Baseball Team defeated Rockford-Loves Park. They are rated number one in the nation by USA Today. They have won their sixty-third straight game and -- and they're on the way to winning the State tournament again. The Edwardsville Tiger Baseball has sixty-three straight wins.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

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SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to extend my congratulations to Senator Vadalabene, and to his baseball team. That's outstanding. I would like to rise on a point of -- I want to change a committee hearing and we want to postpone our Executive Appointment and Veterans Affairs Committee from tomorrow, and it would be rescheduled for the 20th of June.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. If you will note that, please, on the Senate schedule, the Committee on Executive Appointments for tomorrow has been postponed until the 20th of June. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. There is another bill - House Bill 1408 - that was not included on that re-referral motion of a few moments ago. House Bill 1408 I would move to re-refer from Public Health to Insurance. It's my understanding that both Public Health and the Insurance Chairman have agreed to -- to this. So it's House Bill 1408.

PRESIDENT ROCK:

All right. The Gentleman has moved to re-refer House Bill 1408 to the Committee on Insurance. Without objection, leave is granted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Marovitz, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MAROVITZ:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. In order to complete Senator D'Arco's legislative program, I'd like to change the sponsorship of House Bill 244, and have it listed as D'Arco hyphen Marovitz. I am the principal sponsor now, and I would like to switch it to Senator D'Arco, with Senator Marovitz as a hyphenated.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. You've heard the request of Senator Marovitz. Leave is granted? Leave is granted. So ordered. Senator Watson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. Just a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

State your point.

SENATOR WATSON:

Mr. President, as we've talked about the last couple of weeks, we do have our Senate/House softball game next Tuesday. This evening we will have a practice at five-thirty at the field that's just located west of the Stratton Office Building - I believe it's Springfield High School track. We'll have a practice there at five-thirty this evening. We welcome all to attend. And I'd like nothing better than to beat the House this year. Something that hasn't been done, I don't believe, and it's -- we've got the material to do it. So let's turn out for practice tonight, and I hope you can make it. And it's five-thirty. Softball practice this evening at the field just west of the Stratton Office Building on Governor Street. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, we still have business to conduct. I don't want anybody to think that we are -- Motions in Writing. With leave of the Body, we'll go to that Order of Business. Leave is granted. Motions in Writing.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Motion in Writing - I move to waive the six-day posting notice so that House Bill 56 may be heard in the Committee on Judiciary II on Thursday, June 6th, 1991.

Filed by Senator Jeremiah Joyce.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Joyce. Jeremiah Joyce. It's waiving the -- waiving the posting notice.

SENATOR J.E. JOYCE:

Oh. This'll waive the -- this is a -- this was not the matter that I had my light on wishing to speak on, Mr. President, but we are asking leave to waive the posting notice on three bills so that they be -- may be heard this afternoon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. You've heard the motion as posed by Senator Joyce. Those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion carries. Senator Joyce.

SENATOR J.E. JOYCE:

I -- I'd have leave to -- and that's been waived. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Yes.

SENATOR J.E. JOYCE:

Okay. The reason I really wanted to ask to -- to be recognized was I wanted to ask a question. If I understood right -- that Keats bought that cake that we're going to celebrate Brookins' birthday with? Is there somebody who can answer that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

No. Keats didn't buy the cake for me, but I'm offering it for my friends in the Senate on both sides of the aisle, especially Senator Marovitz, since he closed down committee on me yesterday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Motions in Writing.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to waive the six-day posting notice so that House Bill

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57 may be heard in the Committee on Judiciary II on Thursday, June 6th, 1991.

Filed by Senator Marovitz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Marovitz moves to -- all right. Senator Marovitz has moved to waive the six-day posting notice with respect to House Bill 57, so it'd be heard in Judiciary II on Thursday, June the 6th. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion carries. So ordered. Motions in Writing.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I have a like -- like Motion in Writing on House Bill 65, for the -- to waive the posting on Judiciary II for Thursday, June 6th.

Filed by Senator Marovitz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Marovitz has moved to waive the six-day posting notice so that House Bill 65 may be heard in Committee on Judiciary II on Thursday, June the 6th. Those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion is adopted. All right. Pardon me. Ladies and Gentlemen, we -- I -- I cannot even hear the Secretary. Madam Secretary, Motions in Writing.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move that the Committee on Elections and Reapportionment be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bills 52, 53, 54, 395, 396 and 397; that the bills be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading; and that all applicable rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing the bills to be considered until June 14, 1991.

Filed by President Rock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Rock. Excuse me, Senator Rock. Could we -- can we break up the conferences, please? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. A subject that I know is of a great deal of interest to our Membership. We had previously extended the date for consideration with respect to the six Senate bills that represent the Democratic and Republican approach to redistricting and reapportionment. It has become obvious that tomorrow being the deadline, we simply mechanically are not yet ready to offer an amendment. I would suggest therefore - and have moved - that the committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bills 52, 53, 54, 395, 396 and 397 - those are the six bills that are sponsored, the first three by myself and the latter three by Senator Philip - and that those bills be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading, and that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing the bills to be considered until a week from Friday. And the plan that Senator Philip and I have discussed is that we would attempt, after caucusing, to amend the bills on Wednesday, with the hope that they would be brought to a vote of the Body on Thursday of next week. So I would move that the Committee be discharged and that the bills be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading, and that we further extend the deadline one more week.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Discussion? Senator Alexander.

SENATOR ALEXANDER:

Mr. -- Mr. President, I rise in support of this motion, so that we can adequately have a proper map to present to this Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Jones, on this motion.

SENATOR JONES:

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I got a motion of my own.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rock has moved that the Committee on Elections and Reapportionment be discharged from further consideration of Senate Bills 52, 53, 54, 395, 396, 397; that the bills be placed on the Order of 2nd Reading; and that all applicable rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing the bills to be considered until June -- June 14th of 1991. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion's carried, and it's so ordered. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. I move the six-day -- I move to waive the six-day posting rule so that House Bill 1983 will be able to be heard in the June 11th -- Tuesday, June 11th meeting at 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. You've heard the motion as posed by Senator Jones. Those in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion is adopted. Motions in Writing.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

I move to discharge House Bill 2032 from the Public Health Committee, and -- and that it be reassigned to the Executive Committee.

Filed by Senator John D'Arco.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator D'Arco has moved that the Committee on Public Health -- that House Bill 2-0-3-2 be reassigned to the Committee on Executive. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Motion carries. All right. With leave -- leave of the Body, we will go to Page 5 on your Calendar. Page 5 on your Calendar. With leave, we'll go to House Bills 3rd Reading. Bottom of Page 5. House Bills 3rd

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Reading. With leave, House Bill 3-7-5, Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

...(machine cutoff)...Bill 3-7-5.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the next in our ongoing series of supplemental appropriations for the operation of State Government. Most of this is federal funds for grants that have come into the State. Some of it is Capital Development money as well. It is a total of about a hundred and five million dollars, of which about sixteen and a half million is in General Revenue Funds. I would ask for a favorable roll call, and answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Is there discussion? Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you. Question of the sponsor on Section 9, the Nuclear Safety provision that says 7.8 million dollars additional appropriation for the processing of the low-level radioactive waste facility. What is that money for, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

It's my understanding that is the continuing payment for the contractors on the siting commission to continue their efforts for the facility development. It...(machine cutoff)...it is a request of the Governor, and it's my understanding it's -- it's the contractors' funds to continue the operations and the studies that are going into the site development.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Do you have any idea, Senator Carroll, how much money we have spent on this -- this site development to this point?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Best of my recall, Senator Watson, it is exceeding twenty-five million dollars at this point. And the Governor requested we add this to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you. One other question. Section 15c, under Conservation, I see five million dollars for grants for shoreline development and other water-related improvements. Would you please explain that provision?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Yes. I asked the Governor's Office the same question because of the obtuse way in which they presented it. It's my understanding it's for a Peoria marina of five million dollars. The Governor's Office so advised me. It was a Governor's Office request.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

What in this supplemental appropriation is there for Medicaid providers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

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Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Nothing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

So we're going to put five million dollars into a marina, and we've got people that aren't receiving Medicaid services throughout this State that are being left out. I -- I just -- I have a problem, quite honestly, with that. What about, Senator, on the, I believe, Central Management Services paying their -- the Workers' Compensation benefits that are due; paying the awards to those people who have been given an award by the Attorney General's Office? I understand that some of those people are left out of this -- this amendment also. Is there -- can you respond to that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Excuse me. Can we have some order please? Senator Jones. All right. Senator Carroll, did you -- did you hear the question? Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Whether I heard it or not, I think I could answer it. Yes. These are the priorities set by the Second Floor, by the Office of the Governor. In the area of Workman's Comp through CMS, they are suggesting that we pay the bills through March, and nothing that has come in since March. So it would only cover up through March. And not -- to answer your prior question -- their priorities were not to pay the medical vendors, you know, hospitals, nursing homes or doctors, but to pay these bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

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Is -- I just have problem with this kind of approach. I mean, we've got people out there that are hurting, and now we're going to give five million dollars for a marina in Peoria? I just -- I just think that maybe we ought to take a better look at this and vote No, and send it back to where it came and maybe come up with something that's a little bit more equitable to the people as a whole of this State, instead of just particular one area and region. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Carroll, I've had some constituents in my district, in Avon Township, who have gotten judgments from the Court of Claims. I haven't had a chance to go through all this, but is the Court of -- are the Court of Claims judgments involved in here? Are the judgments to be paid from the Court of Claims involved here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Most of the Court of Claims judgments are in Senate Bill 409, which is already in the House -- would be in a different piece of legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I rise just to question: why are we doing this? We all know that we have a budget crisis going on. We all know that we have nearly a billion

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dollars, or probably more, of bills that will be generated from FY'91 going into FY'92 unpaid. In my district - and I expect in the remaining fifty-eight districts - we have pharmaceuticals, hospitals and nursing homes that have bills that have gone unpaid for over a hundred days. In this supplemental we have nearly seventeen million dollars worth of General Revenue Funds that the Governor has requested to make payments to agencies. For lawsuit settlements, for lump sum payments for marinas, for studies, for real estate transfer purchases. I'm not saying that -- that these requests are without merit, but when you put them side by side to the pharmaceuticals that have gone unpaid for over a hundred days, I think we have to wonder what we're doing here. I don't think there's a single request that matches up to the crisis in the Medicaid area that -- that this State is suffering from today. And I think to just casually put forward -- for the Governor to casually put forward a supplemental appropriation request that includes seventeen million dollars worth of General Revenue Funds, when we're wondering how we're going to pay the bills for services that have already been provided, I think is the wrong message to send to the providers of this State. I don't think there's anything worth doing in this supplemental today that has a higher merit than the bills that are already outstanding. I would urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Thank you. Will the Senator yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

Senator Carroll, did I understand you to say that this was requested by the Governor of the State of Illinois?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Yes, I know it might surprise you to consider me the spokesman for the Governor, but these are the supplemental requests that have come from the Office of the Governor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Brookins.

SENATOR BROOKINS:

To the bill, Mr. President: I hold in my hand a note to call the Chicago Tribune to answer why there is going to be six months cut in Public Aid. Every time I return to Chicago I see people eating out of the garbage cans. I see people homeless and sleeping on the benches and et cetera. And I know that we have not funded -- are proposing to cut funding for mental health, the mental institutions, and et cetera. And here we're giving these funds for marinas, for other things. What -- what is my answer? Will you give me an answer? So that when I call this newspaper I can answer it intelligently? That's what I'm looking for. I think that Senator Severns said it correctly. Why are we voting for these things? Who wants them? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Fawell.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I've been looking at a number of these things and -- and very frankly, some of these things are -- are necessary. We've got some -- first of all, we've got some federal funds that if we don't match, I imagine are going to go by the wayside. We've got things like Jacksonville Developmental grants. We've got migrant day care for 107.5 million. We've got a hundred and fifty thousand to Chicago Family Resource AIDS Respite Center. We've got fifty million dollars

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going to -- I presume that's DCFS, basically, isn't it? Children's Service Funds? We've got two hundred and thirty million dollars for dependent care programs and expansion of school-age day programs. If we don't hurry up and get a supplemental passed, very frankly, July 1st is going to be upon us, and a lot of other people are going to be going out with not only services, but they're also going to go without their paychecks. Seems to me that we ought to seriously think that maybe somebody has sat down with both sides of the aisle and tried to come up with things that have to be done, and done now. None of us are going to like everything in here. I don't like the fact that the Donnelley Building is in here, but apparently Chicago seems to feel that's necessary. And I think we ought to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. I -- further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I'm sorry to speak up for a second time, but one more question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I've had nursing homes and hospitals in my area that haven't been paid for at least seven months. One nursing home, which is across the street from me - we owe them a million and a half dollars. Are we doing anything in this supplemental appropriation to take care of these bills?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Geo-Karis.

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SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, Mr. President, Ladies and -- Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I can understand some of these priorities, but I'm a little nonplussed, so to speak, since we haven't done anything about -- about paying those bills that we do owe. And we cannot put our people in nursing homes and the hospitals out in the streets. So perhaps maybe we should send this back for reconstruction <sic>.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? If not, Senator Carroll may close.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. These are the requests of the Office of the Governor for a supplemental appropriation. A significant number of it is federal dollars. However, in answer to a question that was asked to me off-mike, those funds that we had jeopardy of losing, to the best of our knowledge, we had already taken care of in other supplemental appropriations. These are funds that would become available, and it is a hundred and five million dollars, of which about sixteen and a half million is General Revenue. I would ask for a roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Question is, shall House Bill 3-7-5 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, 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? Last call. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 27, the Nays are 23, 4 voting Present. Senate <sic> Bill 3-7-5, having failed to receive the required constitutional majority, is declared lost. Senator Carroll requests Postponed Consideration. Postponed Consideration is granted. With leave of the Body --

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sorry. Senator Rock, for what purpose do you arise? Can we break up the conference in front of Senator Rock, please?

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a happier note, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce a Gentleman, an elected official, who is visiting here with us today. He's an old friend of mine. Dick Phelan, the President of the County Board of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County. Dick, welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 498 offered by Senator Ralph Dunn.

Senate Resolution 499 offered by Senator Karpiel.

Senate Resolution 500 offered by Senator Karpiel.

Senate Resolution 501 offered by Senator Karpiel.

And Senate Resolution 502 offered by Senator Holmberg.

They're all congratulatory and death resolutions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Consent Calendar. Senator Daley, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DALEY:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I would ask leave to suspend the rules for immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 494. It is a congratulatory resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Daley has requested to -- all right -- to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint -- I'm sorry, Senate Resolution 494, which is a congratulatory resolution. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Rules are suspended. Senator Daley now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 494. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes

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have it. Senate Resolution 494 is adopted. Senator Holmberg, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HOLMBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. On the same motion. I would like leave to remove Senate Resolution 463, which is congratulatory, from the Consent Calendar, and have it considered for immediate consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Holmberg has moved to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 463, which is a congratulatory resolution. All in favor, indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Rules are suspended. Senator Holmberg now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 4-6-3. All in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Senate Resolution 463 is adopted. All right. With leave of the Body, we'll go to the Order of House Bills 1st Reading. Madam Secretary.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 1220 offered by Senator Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1597 offered by Senator Rigney.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 2581 offered by Senators Marovitz and Rea.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Committee on Assignment. Is that it? Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to remind the members of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee, we will meet in Room 212 immediately upon adjournment. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further announcements? Senator Severns.

SENATOR SEVERNS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The State Government Organization and Administration Committee will meet immediately following adjournment in A1 of Stratton. I expect the meeting to be brief, ten to fifteen minutes max, because we have a pretty good-sized Agreed Bill List worked out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further business? Senator -- Senator Rock moves that the Senate stand adjourned till tomorrow at the hour of eleven o'clock. All right. Senate stands adjourned till tomorrow at the hour of eleven o'clock.

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