

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JULY 2, 1979

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Resolutions. Senator Bruce.

3. SENATOR BRUCE:

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

5. The resolution concerning our adjournment was adopted in

6. a prior day, and I'd move to reconsider the vote by which

7. Senate Joint Resolution...or was it House Joint Resolution?

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senate Joint Resolution.

10. SENATOR BRUCE:

11. Senate Joint Resolution 67 was adopted, so that it

12. might be reconsidered, and amended.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Bruce moves to reconsider the vote by which

15. Senate Joint Resolution 67 was adopted. All in favor signify

16. by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The vote

17. is reconsidered. Senator Bruce now moves to Table Senate

18. Joint Resolution 67. All in favor signify by saying Aye.

19. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is Tabled.

20. Senate Joint Resolution 68. Mr. Secretary.

21. SECRETARY:

22. Senate Joint Resolution 68. Resolved by the Senate of

23. the 81st General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House

24. of Representatives concurring herein, that when the two Houses

25. adjourn on Monday, July the 2nd, 1979, they stand adjourned

26. until Wednesday, October the 3rd, 1979, at twelve o'clock

27. noon.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Bruce.

30. SENATOR BRUCE:

31. Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the suspension of the

32. rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate

33. Joint Resolution 68.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. You've heard the motion. All in favor signify by
3. saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it, the rules
4. are suspended. Senator Bruce now moves the adoption
5. of Senate Joint Resolution 68. All in favor signify by
6. saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The
7. Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Supplemental
8. Calendar No. 8. Conference Committee Reports, with
9. respect to Senate...Conference Committee Report, with
10. respect to Senate Bill 588. Senator Regner.

11. SENATOR REGNER:

12. Mr....Mr. President, and members. The Second Conference
13. Committee Report puts the Department of Law Enforcement budget
14. in the same shape that it was when it went out of the Senate
15. except that it adds in a six and a half percent pay raise
16. for the State Troopers. The total cost is two million, seven
17. hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Is there any discussion? The question is, shall the
20. Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill
21. 588. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
22. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all
23. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.
24. On that question the Ayes are 41, the Nays are 2. None
25. Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee
26. Report on Senate Bill 588, and the bill having received the
27. required constitutional majority is declared passed, and having
28. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members
29. elected is effective upon its becoming a law. Supplemental
30. Calendar No. 8. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports,
31. is the report with respect to Senate Bill 1272. Senator Carroll.

32. SENATOR CARROLL:

33. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
Senate. This is the court-of-claims awards, only awards, only awards,

1. only bill, and there is nothing in there but those approved
2. by the court and signed off within the last Fiscal Year, and
3. I would move adoption of Conference Committee Report No. 2.
4. Meddly isn't in there, nothing else is in there, except the
5. awards, as approved.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall
8. the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate
9. Bill 1272. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed
10. will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
11. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the
12. record. On that question, the Ayes are 42, the Nays are none.
13. None Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference
14. Committee Report on Senate Bill 1272, and the bill having
15. received the required constitutional majority is declared
16. passed, and having received the affirmative vote of three-
17. fifths of the members elected is effective immediately upon
18. its becoming a law. Supplemental Calendar, Senate Calendar
19. No. 7. On the Order of Conference Committee Reports, is
20. the Conference Committee Report with respect to Senate Bill
21. 157. Senator Carroll.

22. SENATOR CARROLL:

23. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of
24. the Senate. This bill started off as a twenty-five thousand
25. dollar appropriation to the Judicial Advisory Council, but
26. to nineteen thousand. It is now five hundred and forty-five
27. million, nine hundred and seven thousand, one hundred and
28. ninety-two dollars, and I am told somewhere, eight cents. You
29. have been distributed a copy of that which is in. Let me explain
30. to you, for ease of working, this was the working copy we were using
31. in committee. The lines through items are not in the bill,
32. they were not acceptable to the majority of the Conference
33. Committee. The rest are in there, they are the functioning
commissions of the General Assembly, and those types of projects

1. There are no basic chickens added thereto, almost uniformly
2. not entirely uniformly. The largest item, of course, is the
3. actual appropriation for the replacement of the Property Tax.
4. The Property Tax Bill we sent to the Governor did not contain
5. a mechanism for funding to Local Government, this actually
6. just takes the money and puts it into that for funding. The
7. other large items that you might notice is the, what's marked
8. Public Aid Excess money is actually that special trust fund,
9. taking it from there and putting it into General Revenue. The
10. Retirement amount of some four and a half million is that law
11. we passed a year ago and we have been funding it at that level
12. of that extra part of the increment that's paid on retirements.
13. The rest I think you can see are the commissions. I would answer
14. any questions, and ask for a favorable roll call.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Well, I think we'll afford the members a chance at least
17. to look through the sheet. Senator Buzbee.

18. SENATOR BUZBEE:

19. Mr. President. I rise in support of the Conference Committee
20. Report on Senate Bill 157, as accurately reflected by Senator
21. Carroll. Any kind of a bill that deals with all of the various
22. problems and desires of the one hundred and seventy-seven members
23. of the House, and fifty-nine members of the Senate is not going
24. to be perfect. However, as Senator Carroll has pointed out,
25. of the five hundred and forty-five million dollars in this, five
26. hundred and nineteen million dollars is, in fact, an
27. appropriation from a new fund which will be called the
28. Personal Property Tax Fund, which will be the payout portion
29. of the State's collection of the Personal..of the Corporate
30. Personal Property Tax Replacement to local governments. Six
31. hundred and...six million three hundred, and eighty-three
32. thousand dollars is simply a transfer of Public Aid from the
33. Special Purpose Trust Fund, over to the General Revenue Fund.
34. Four million, five hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars, is

1. to fund that difference between...wherein the retirees get
2. two percent cost of living, which we increased to three
3. percent last year, without any concomitant increase in employee
4. contributions. The various other items are commissions, and
5. so forth, with a few chicken barrel projects, very few as
6. a matter of fact, I think this is a very good compromise.
7. If I were to be allowed to vote on each item separately I would
8. be voting No on several of these items, however, I'm not...we
9. don't have that kind of time, and I submit to you that this
10. is an item that we ought to all support and get it on the
11. Governor's Desk.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

14. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

15. Well, I was looking at Energy Resources, on page 2, it
16. had a line through it, it had a hundred and eighty-eight thousand
17. and then over to the other side there's a hundred and sixty-
18. seven thousand. What does that indicate?

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Senator Carroll.

21. SENATOR CARROLL:

22. Thank you, when the bill had left the Senate for Energy
23. Resources, it was at the lower one fifty-eight, three thirty
24. two. They last year had been appropriated one sixty-seven,
25. three hundred. When we were in the sub-committee, they said
26. that they had requested nothing more, and they would hope
27. that they would receive nothing less, no one recalled the
28. reason for lower them, so they received the one sixty-seven
29. three hundred. The figure on the right is the corrected figure
30. on those that were in contingent, yes, I'm sorry.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Is there any further discussion? If not, the question is
33. shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on
Senate Bill 157. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed

1. will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
2. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all
3. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes
4. are 40, the Nays are 2. None Voting Present. The Senate does
5. concur...does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate
6. Bill 157, and the bill having received the required constitutional
7. majority is declared passed, and having received the affirmative
8. vote of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately
9. upon its becoming a law. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen,
10. for your information, the only bill remaining is that with
11. ...Senate Bill 891, with respect to the Conference Committee
12. Report on the Department of Transportation. The House has
13. just recessed for fifteen minutes. I would suggest if it's
14. in order that we just sit tight. I'm told the Conference Committee
15. finally is on its way. Senator Geo-Karis for what purpose do
16. you rise?

17. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

18. A point of personal privilege. I think, Mr. President,
19. and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I, as a freshman, would
20. like to thank the...Senator Regner, Senator Sommer, Senator
21. McMillan who worked so very, very hard on Revenue and Appropriations
22. and Senator Carroll, Senator Buzbee, and Senator Egan, also
23. who worked very, very hard in Appropriations because I think
24. they very thankless task, and I very much impressed and I
25. might say also I would like to conclude Senator Bloom, for
26. all the work and dedication he's put in, and all the rest of
27. us too, but particularly those the tasks they had, I don't know
28. if I would really relish them, but I think they've done a very
29. fine job, and I for one am very grateful, and I think the people
30. of Illinois are too.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Hall.

33. SENATOR HALL:

1. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen
2. of the Senate. It is with great pleasure that I announce
3. at long last, I get the five thousand dollars for Brooklyn
4. Park.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Vadalabene.

7. SENATOR VADALABENE:

8. Yes, I just want to make one comment because I think
9. I'm falling deeply in love with Geo-Karis, and I...I think
10. that the Houses loss has been a Senates gain, because I
11. really think there's a tiger in Adeline Geo-Karis's tank,
12. and I'm going to find out.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Carroll.

15. SENATOR CARROLL:

16. Just in responce to Senator Hall's comments. I had been
17. occupied at the time and not at my mike. It was a unanimous
18. decision of the conferees that it was cheaper for the State
19. in the long run to let Representative Younge have the five
20. thousand appropriation, rather than the cost year in and
21. year out of printing the legislation and moving the paper
22. through the process.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Message from the House.

25. SECRETARY:

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

27. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
28. that the House of Representatives has refused to adopt the First
29. Conference Committee on House Bill ²⁰³⁴~~234~~, and request a Second
30. Conference Committee to consider the difference between the
31. two Houses, on Amendment No. 1. I am further to direct...to
32. inform the Senate that the Speaker has appointed the members
33. on the part of the House.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The question is, shall the Senate accede to the request
3. of the House, that a Conference Committee be appointed. All
4. in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have
5. it. The motion carries, and the Senate does accede to the
6. request of the House to appoint a Conference Committee.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. For what purpose does Senator Shapiro arise?

9. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

10. Mr. President, while there's a lull I'd like to speak
11. on a point of personal privilege.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. State your point, Senator.

14. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

15. The Governor has invited everyone over to the Mansion
16. upon adjournment for coffee and doughnuts

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Fine.. For what purpose does Senator Buzbee arise?

19. SENATOR BUZBEE:

20. Mr. President, at the possible...possibly sounding a
21. little bit maudlin which we do not intend to do, the
22. Appropriation Committees, on both sides of the aisle in the
23. Senate, made some very tough decisions this year, and we appreciate
24. the support that the Senate has given us. We have taken some
25. abuse the last few days, in particular from members of the
26. House, but we do appreciate the support that you have given
27. us, because we did make some very tough decisions, and a very,
28. very strong attempt to stay within the limits of the budget
29. as presented by the Governor, and we've made a lot of people
30. mad, including ourselves from time to time, but we just wanted
31. to say thank you for the support the Senate has given, the actions
32. that we've taken.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

Conference Committee Reports. The Conference Committee

1. Report on House Bill 2034 has been distributed to your desks.

2. Senator Rock is recognized.

3. SENATOR ROCK:

4. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of
5. the Senate. As I did a little earlier this evening, or
6. yesterday, I would ask leave of the Body to be shown as the
7. chief principal sponsor of House Bill 2034. It's this bill
8. that was introduced by the Speaker of the House, and he is
9. somewhat concerned about its demise or fate, and I would
10. ask leave of the Body to be shown as the sponsor to present the
11. Conference Committee Report.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Second Conference
14. Committee Report on House Bill 2034, Senator Rock is recognized.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of
17. the Senate. House Bill 2034, as introduced, was an amendment
18. to the Legislator's Compensation Act, which provided that
19. a member traveling by public transportation or by State air-
20. craft shall be paid his actual cost. Apparently the House
21. has a different billing system than does the Senate for the
22. purpose of State aircraft. When the bill came over we...we
23. in the Senate, I in the Senate, amended it to reflect and
24. call for additional three thousand dollar office allowance.
25. That office allowance was rejected by the House on the first
26. go around, it was placed in the First Conference Committee,
27. was rejected a second time. So the Second Conference Committee
28. calls for the Senate to recede from Senate Amendment No. 1
29. and leave the bill in the form in which the Speaker introduced
30. it, which says simply that a member traveling by public trans-
31. portation or by State aircraft shall be paid his actual cost.
32. I know of no objection. It is frankly a bookkeeping entry for
33. the House of Representatives, and I would urge the adoption
34. of the Conference Committee...Second Conference Committee

1. Report on House Bill 2034.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. Is there discussion? Senator Coffey.

4. SENATOR COFFEY:

5. I have a question of the sponsor.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. He indicates he will yield. Senator Coffey.

8. SENATOR COFFEY:

9. Do you say there is no additional cost to this program?

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

11. Senator Rock.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Well, Senator Coffey you have me at somewhat of a
14. disadvantage. I did, in fact, as we all did, received a memo
15. from the Department of Transportation, with respect to a new
16. billing procedure, that commenced as of today, and I frankly
17. am not familiar with that. All this says, is that a member
18. who does travel by State aircraft, much like we do in the
19. Senate, the amount of travel allowance that one receives
20. is virtually awash. In other words, if you travel by
21. State aircraft you do not, in fact, receive any travel allowance.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

24. SENATOR BUZBEE:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. At 4:30 in the morning I'm
26. extremely hesitant to rise to oppose my leader. He has just
27. described this as a...an attempt to help the House in their
28. bookkeeping efforts. I would only point out to you that
29. the House is the one that decided that we should not have
30. an increase in our office allowance. I feel no compulsion
31. whatsoever to help the House. So, I'm going to vote No.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. Further discussion? The question is, shall the...Senator
Rock.

1. SENATOR ROCK:

2. Well I think in the spirit of brotherly love we should
3. not engage in vindictiveness or retaliatory practice. We are
4. about to adjourn and I think as a gesture of loving and good
5. will we should pass the Speaker's bill. I urge adoption
6. of this report.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Senator Demuzio, he was... Senator Rock was closing.

9. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

10. Well, I have a question.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Well...well I think it's late enough and we're in a relaxed
13. enough mood, Senator Demuzio ask your question.

14. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

15. Well, I...I have a question, in the second sheet of this
16. pass-out, I noticed in public transportation...

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. No...no, Senator wrong bill. We're on the Conference
19. Committee Report on...on the changing the billing of
20. State aircraft.

21. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

22. Sam are you still here with me, Okay I...

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24. Senator Wooten.

25. SENATOR WOOTEN:

26. A loving and fraternal question of my leader. Does this...
27. the way this is written out, does it mean that if I ask the
28. State plane to fly me back to Rock Island, that it doesn't
29. cost me anything?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

31. Senator Rock.

32. SENATOR ROCK:

33. My understanding is, if in fact, the State aircraft is full
as the House always travels with a full capacity that each individual

1. member's share, will be billed against their...their regular
2. travel allowance. We are allowed one round trip a week. If...
3. if I as an individual, or you as an individual take unto ourselves
4. a State aircraft, we are liable for the full cost as I understand
5. it. Again there's a new July 1 billing, and I'm just frankly
6. haven't read the regulation. I don't know what it is.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Further discussion? Further discussion? The question is,
9. shall the Senate adopt the Second Conference Committee Report
10. to House Bill 2034. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
11. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
12. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all
13. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes
14. are 30, the Nays are 11. None Voting Present. The Senate
15. does not adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to House
16. Bill 2034.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Geo-Karis.

19. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

20. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
21. I was talking with some of the House members earlier, and they
22. tell me that in the House when...after midnight of July 1...
23. June 30th rather, where there was a vote of 89 votes, and under
24. a 107, the Conference Committee Report was adopted, but the
25. effective date was not until July 1, 1980, but that is what
26. is being done in the House, and I understand here if the
27. Conference...if there's only 30 votes the Conference Committee
28. Report is considered not adopted. I was just wondering if
29. there was a big difference in our rules in that point.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. We're right.

32. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

33. You are.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senate Calendar, Supplemental No. 7. On the Order of
3. Conference Committee Reports, is the Conference Committee
4. with respect to Senate Bill 891. Senator Coffey.

5. SENATOR COFFEY:

6. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. Senate Bill 891,
7. makes the appropriations for the ordinary and contingency
8. expense for the Department of Transportation, and the Department
9. of Law Enforcement. Presently as the Conference Committee
10. came out, the Department of Transportation, there's two billion
11. four hundred million for that program. Department of Law
12. Enforcement is eighty-three million. That is a move behind
13. program. There's a 2.7 million dollars for pay raise for
14. troopers that's been added to it, and for the people that's
15. concerned, I'll be glad to answer any question. The people
16. downstate that wonders if there's going to be a local bridge
17. program for the townships, there's no money in it for that
18. project either. I'm rising to put this up before the people
19. here tonight, because I feel an obligation that...that we've
20. held this bill probably long enough, there's going to be a lot
21. of peoples jobs held at stake if we hold it any longer. I'm
22. not pleased with the program, and they've...at least the
23. Department of Transportation has tried to do the best they
24. can with a budget that they haven't been allowed to have the sufficient
25. funds to run a program like we would like to see, but we all
26. know what happened on that, there's not any more dollars to do
27. anything differently. This thing has been in Conference Committee,
28. been worked over, I'll be glad to answer any questions you
29. might have pertaining to these...this proposal.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Any discussion? Senator Rhoads.

32. SENATOR RHOADS:

33. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.
I think some positive steps have been made today toward reversing

1. the trend of...and diverting monies from the Road Fund
2. which began in 1967, and we're getting back to the
3. area of using Road Fund monies for Road Fund purposes,
4. and I think there's a lot more that can be done, but
5. I think that we have...are making some positive steps
6. in that regard. I do have a concern that here we're
7. attaching the Department of Law Enforcement appropriation
8. to this bill in addition to already having adopted
9. Conference Report No. 2 in...in both Houses, and I think
10. that's unfortunate. I think it short circuits the legislative
11. process, but I do intend to vote Aye on this report in the
12. hope that the Governor will appreciate the concerns of
13. those of us in the suburban areas who would like to help
14. the downstate road system, and who would like to see more
15. funds from the Road Fund go back into road related purposes,
16. and also I would just like to make this suggestion. I have
17. no intention at this time to question the presence of any
18. members on the Floor, I would only ask the membership please
19. to...to vote their own lights so that we can have an accurate
20. roll call. Thank you.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Further discussion? Senator Carroll.

23. SENATOR CARROLL:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
25. Senate. I rise in support of this Conference Committee Report,
26. though not fully satisfied with it either. I think a couple
27. of significant things, however, have happened. Let me just briefly
28. comment on one question that Senator Demuzio had asked prior
29. on the page 2 of this summary sheet, the difference in public
30. transportation is because the bill, as introduced, was sprunged
31. forward, the amount shown by Conference Committee action is
32. the actual budget book figure which is the fall-back program.
33. The first was only three month funding, assuming that the Governor
or some alternate road program was adopted by the General Assembly which

1. is not the fact, therefore the recommendation from the
2. Department was that you provide the twelve month funding
3. that's the difference in that figure. All in all however,
4. I think the significant activity that we, the General
5. Assembly, are taking by adopting this kind of Conference
6. Committee Report is to be able to leave this Session of
7. the General Assembly with a budget as formulated by the
8. General Assembly that is well within the State's means to
9. spend. We have for once basically taken out the press
10. release packages that have been offered by members
11. fully aware that they would, in fact, be vetoed and never
12. be of significant impact of the people of their districts.
13. In doing so we may have been chastised by many members
14. in this Chamber, but more often in the other, because
15. this Chamber hung pretty firm on coming in with a
16. legitimate spending program for State Government, and
17. to come in on a twelve billion dollar program, well
18. within the limits of the Governor's proposed budget additionally
19. having some two hundred and sixty million more in available
20. revenue, we have at least for once provided the people of
21. the State of Illinois responsible legislation creating a
22. responsible budget will within the means of the people to
23. spend, and still provide tax relief. I would answer any
24. questions and urge that the Conference Committee Report be
25. adopted, and thank the members of the Senate for having
26. all had the wisdom to take these courses of action.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

29. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

30. Well, I'm told that this...or we're told that this is
31. because we haven't had the courage to put the necessary...raise
32. the necessary revenue to do the job the way it should be
33. done. Now, for myself, when I return home over the Ho
Chi Minh Trail, this evening, I tell you that I have not

1. found the feeling among the people that they will not
2. pay what's necessary to get what they need. I...I think
3. there's a fear, a tremor in the Body against voting
4. for a Gas Tax increase. My personal opinion is, is that
5. no matter what it is, we should go to an ad valorem
6. Gas Tax on...on gas for roads, because the...the volume
7. of use is going to decline. If we're in trouble now
8. with respect to the necessary funds to restore our
9. highways in downstate Illinois we're going to be in one
10. hell of a lot worse shape a year from now when people are
11. using about eighty percent of the gasoline they're using
12. now because it's the only method it seems that can be
13. proposed with respect to the OPEC countries is to use less
14. gasoline. They just raise the price and get the same amount
15. for less. Now, I personally introduced a bill to make
16. the Gas Tax one-eighth on an ad valorem basis, I don't
17. hear anybody bitch, in fact, they line up at the gas
18. stations to get hit with the additional cost of gasoline.
19. They would still line up to get hit if we had the money
20. in there to pay for the road program that they bitch
21. about not having. I...I've sat here for six months and
22. I wouldn't flinch at passing a reasonable Gas Tax increase
23. or tying the price of gasoline to...to an ad valorem tax.
24. I personally can't support this, if it means we stay here
25. till December, I'll be glad to stay, and fellows it's just
26. time, you know, you either got the guts...you got them
27. or you haven't got them, if you're a bunch of eunuchs, then
28. go on home.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Further discussion? Senator Regner.

31. SENATOR REGNER:

32. Question of the sponsor.

33. PRESIDENT:

He indicates he'll yield.

1. SENATOR REGNER:

2. Senator Coffey, did you say there was two million dollars
3. in this for State trooper's pay raise?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Coffey.

6. SENATOR COFFEY:

7. Senator, there's 2....2.7 million.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Regner.

10. SENATOR REGNER:

11. Okay that was my question, I was wondering if you were
12. just doing troopers or including all sworn personnel, but
13. a little bit contrary to something Senator Carroll said,
14. there is a press release package in this bill, and it's
15. eighty-three million dollars of double funding for the
16. Department of Law Enforcement, and we just adopted a Conference
17. Committee Report on the Department, and I can full well see
18. either this bill being line-itemed out of it or Senate Bill
19. 588 being vetoed, one or the other. I assume 588 will be
20. vetoed, but it is a press release of eighty-three million
21. dollars that's saving the taxpayer because we're double
22. budgeting this particular department, within this bill.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

25. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

26. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
27. No doubt that this budget arrived with very, very careful
28. evaluation, however, I come from one of the six collar counties
29. that has been penalized because we are the collar counties,
30. with a five percent Gas Tax, and the RTA is an absolute...
31. to my county people, and therefore I will be Voting Present,
32. because you do have an allocation of about a hundred and forty-
33. three million dollars for the RTA, and perhaps it's deserved,
but I don't think my people would understand if I gave it an Aye

1. vote. So I will have to vote Present.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Further discussion? Senator Bruce.

4. SENATOR BRUCE:

5. Wonder if the sponsor would yield to a question?

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Indicates he will yield. Senator Bruce.

8. SENATOR BRUCE:

9. Senator Coffey, I don't know how many years ago, but you and
10. I opposed one another on the adoption of the cross-town funding
11. and you testified or at least, stated in this Floor that one of
12. the reasons we, as downstaters, ought to be enthusiastic about
13. the adoption of that program was because we were going to have a
14. downstate local bridge program and I noticed that as sponsor of
15. the bill, there is no money for that program which has been
16. underfunded ever since the promise was made that we would get
17. not only the additional bonding money, but there would be a fifteen
18. million dollar annual appropriation for local bridge. Now we are
19. down to zero. What...what happened to the deal?

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Coffey.

22. SENATOR COFFEY:

23. Well, Senator Bruce, you're exactly right. I...I think from...
24. for the last three months I have been working not only toward a
25. township bridge funding and at the top level of the Department of
26. Transportation so we can get the full commitment of the fifteen
27. million dollars. Outside of that I have tried to work for some
28. state...for some local dollars for downstate also for some of their
29. road problems. I...I'm not satisfied with this thing. I'm not
30. satisfied that the fifteen million is out. That's one of the
31. reasons that many of the things that's happened here tonight on this
32. thing I haven't had anything to do with either. I was faced with
33. two things. The deal on this whole program, I particularly wasn't

1. in on. I was faced with either getting rid of this bill, holding
2. the complete budget up and stopping a lot of employment in the
3. State of Illinois and that's one of the reasons that I've been
4. faced...to go ahead and at least put it in front of you and if you
5. want to turn it down, that's the will of this Body, that's fine.
6. I have no problems with that. I...I'm saddened that there is no
7. money in here for township bridges. I'm saddened that there is
8. nothing here for downstate. I'm saddened that there's no money
9. in here for roads period in this State and I don't think it's a
10. program that's going to do justice. I think we are going to be
11. criticized when we get back home because we are not going to be
12. able to take care of road needs, and I don't blame that on
13. the Department of Transportation, and when I say that, I'm
14. not saying that they run the most fiscal shop, the Department
15. of Transportation, because I know they don't, but I...but at
16. least I know they've worked and tried to come up with some mechanism
17. for some funding for Road Programs in the State. Senator Bruce,
18. I'm not happy with it, I'm putting it up for this Body to make
19. a decision on, and however they choose to do so, that's fine
20. with me.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Further discussion? Senator Bruce.

23. SENATOR BRUCE:

24. I just...

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Bruce.

27. SENATOR BRUCE:

28. I...you know, I guess we're all too tired to get angry
29. but I would just like to really think that Senator Coffey has
30. done a good job. I'm disappointed at the fifteen million
31. dollars and I take him at his word that he tried to get it
32. in there. I wanted an explanation, it's a reasonable one, and
33. as long as we understand that that was part of a package passed
out of this Body maybe some time later this year we can scrape

1. up some more dollars. I appreciate your answer.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Further discussion? Senator Berning.

4. SENATOR BERNING:

5. Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to ask a question
6. of the sponsor...

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Indicates he will yield.

9. SENATOR BERNING:

10. ...I have been hoping...I had been hoping for a Conference
11. Committee Report and no one has seemed to be able to find
12. one for me. I think that I have found one on Senator Mitchler's
13. desk, but I don't think I can find the answers that I want so
14. Senator, would you quickly review for me what we do have. You
15. said there's nothing in here for roads, but do we have anything
16. for supplemental freeways, the interstate system, and what
17. do we have left or added in or taken out for RTA funding?

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Coffey.

20. SENATOR COFFEY:

21. Again I'll bet...I'll do my best to answer your question.
22. As I said before, and all these figures that I have here on
23. the sheet of paper, I haven't been privy of all the information
24. either on it, not...not critical of the Department of Transportation,
25. because they've been very easy to work with, but in the Road
26. Fund I said there's no Road Fund money, I meant to say, and
27. I apologize there's no additional road money in here to do any
28. additional road repair downstate or in the State of Illinois.
29. There's three hundred and thirty million, four hundred thousand
30. in the Road Fund, there's twenty-seven million, six hundred
31. thousand in Transit A Bond Fund, there's six thousand...or
32. I'm sorry, six million in the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.
33. This program restores what some of you, you know probably questions...
restores the RTA Funding a hundred and forty-three million dollars.

1. This is, as I understand it, is the money that's being
2. put back in the RTA Fund that was taken out by amendment
3. when the bill was first here in the Senate, when the
4. intentions of, I think it was the Rock Proposal to have another
5. program, and I think it was taken out for that money to be
6. added back in, and you know that's being put back in there
7. now.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

10. SENATOR BUZBEE:

11. Well, I...I just want to concur with one thing that
12. Senator Regner said, and I think it's very unfortunate, Senator
13. Regner that somehow or the other we got caught in the switches
14. here at the last minute, because of a State Police payraise
15. proposal that we have, in fact, double budgeted the Department
16. of Law Enforcement, some eighty million dollars the Governor
17. will with his press release, will be able to spank the backs
18. of our hands once again for that, and I'm sorry for that
19. but it seemed to be the only way...the only way to get the
20. job done at this point.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

23. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

24. Well, thank you very much, Mr. President, and members...
25. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I guess very briefly I
26. would like to make just a couple of comments. The...I...no one
27. I guess from downstate has had the guts to get up and say
28. it so far, but you know the program last night was being
29. proposed over in the House, was much more attractive to me
30. than this particular program by virtue of the fact that would
31. get cross-town off our back, it would get, I'm sorry, would
32. ...would declassify cross-town, would get RTA off our back.
33. I'm not really sure that some of the others have mentioned
this evening, whether or not this is a very good program at all.

1. I'm disappointed in the fact that there is, in fact, the
2. elimination of the Local...Bridge Program, and frankly,
3. I'm just somewhat to the point where receding from all
4. these House Amendments which I don't even know what
5. the hell they are, in concurring in the House Amendments
6. which I've been looking in the budget...looking in the
7. Digest here. I frankly, just don't know what I'm going
8. to do particularly on this Transportation Program in the
9. next few seconds.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Carroll.

12. SENATOR CARROLL:

13. Mr. President, let me go through those a little bit,
14. because the attempt of this Synopsis was for those who
15. were working on the Conference Committee, and had in front
16. of them the, in fact, the amendments were. Amendment No. 1
17. was an add back to operations of the Department of Transportation
18. for some of the money we in the Senate had cut from their
19. operating budgets. Amendment No. 3 is a technical amendment
20. correcting the source of reappropriation. Amendment No. 4
21. is a particular project that was adopted in the House Committee
22. in the amount of some two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.
23. Amendment No. 16 was a Road Project that was added in the House
24. in their committee. Amendment No. 22 was a cut from one of
25. the Traffic Safety Programs, and Amendment No. 53 was a cut
26. from another one of the Traffic Safety Programs. The other
27. amendments that...where the House receded, we had a year ago
28. required the Department to budget by district so everybody
29. in the State knew how much money was being allocated for that
30. district. The House attempted to take off that, and that was
31. Amendment No. 2, they are receding so that we will still have a
32. district allocation. The other amendments were basically what
33. we have always referred to as chicken projects for the various
members of the House. The House is receding from all of those

1. chicken projects. This being done, Capital being done, and
2. everything else being done, this is a chickenless society,
3. and we are coming out of once with a clean budget.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Any further discussion? Senator Coffey may close the
6. debate. Oh, I beg you pardon, Senator Bruce.

7. SENATOR BRUCE:

8. Well, I just want to alert the Appropriation staffs that
9. I think we have really made a tremendous error, when you struck
10. out the money for the feasibility study for the two air
11. cargo airports, Quincy, and Lawrenceville-Vincennes. I think
12. that, that frankly guys you blew it, and I've just been going
13. through the amendments. We had a long meeting, and I would
14. like to think that somewhere along the way, well Senator Berning,
15. that's going to bring about sixty-seven million dollars, and
16. about three thousand jobs to Illinois, and I think when we say
17. we don't have two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to do a
18. study requested by a major company to locate their only
19. ...facility...well it just seems to me, I'm going to take
20. a look at it, but I'm told that there may have been a mistake
21. in how we drafted these amendments, and got...took off one
22. and left one at home or something, but that was a bad one.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Further discussion? Senator Shapiro.

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Shapiro.

3. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

4. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen. Just to
5. clarify the point that Senator Bruce has raised, I'm in-
6. formed that these studies are to be done out of the General
7. Planning monies, that the Department of Transportation
8. gets in their appropriation, and that's the reason they
9. were not appropriated separately.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Is there any further discussion? Senator Coffey
12. may close.

13. SENATOR COFFEY:

14. Well, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I'll
15. be very brief, because I know everyone wants to get out of
16. here. Again for some of you who have discussed, and I think Senator
17. Knuppel bravely in voting for the Gas Tax, I even...back in
18. my district have said I was in favor of a Gas Tax then, I'm
19. saying it now. I think it was needed, but that's beside
20. the point, we're not faced with that decision right now. I've
21. tried to work out, and work with the people in the collars
22. to come up with a compromise, that didn't work out. So,
23. I think I've tried to work out about every kind of a solution
24. that could possible be worked out here, unfortunately we're
25. going home without any. This budget again is two billion
26. four hundred and eighty-three million. I'd ask for a favorable
27. roll call.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference
30. Committee Report on Senate Bill 891. Those in favor will vote
31. Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have
32. all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted
33. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
question, the Ayes are 36, the Nays are 5. The Senate does adopt

1. the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 891, and the
2. bill, having received the required constitutional majority
3. is declared passed, and having received the affirmative
4. vote of three fifths of the members elected is effective
5. immediately upon its becoming a law. Senator Bruce moves
6. that the Senate stand adjourned until October 3 at the hour
7. of noon.

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