

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of nine having arrived, the Senate will please come  
3. to order. Will our guests in the Gallery please rise. Prayer  
4. this morning by Reverend Mark Johnson, Calvary Temple, Springfield,  
5. Illinois. Reverend.

6. REVEREND MARK JOHNSON:

7. (Prayer given by Reverend Johnson)

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal. Senator Johns.

10. SENATOR JOHNS:

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

16. PRESIDENT:

17. You have heard the motion. All in favor signify by saying  
18. Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Messages  
19. from the House.

20. SECRETARY:

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

22. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the  
23. House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the  
24. passage of bills with the following titles:

25. Senate Bill 1438 with House Amendment No. 2.

26. Senate Bill 1444 with House Amendments 1 and 2.

27. Senate Bill 1445 with House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Secretary's Desk, Concurrence. Resolutions.

30. SECRETARY:

31. Senate Resolution 323 offered by Senators Rock, Nash, Nedza,  
32. D'Arco and all members and it's a death resolution.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Consent Calendar. The Chair is led to believe that there  
2. are bills on 3rd reading that are to be called back. On the  
3. Order of House Bills 3rd reading, House Bill 2789. Is Senator  
4. Graham on the Floor? All right. Senator Graham asks leave of  
5. the Body to return House Bill 2789 to the Order of 2nd reading  
6. for the purpose of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is  
7. granted. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill 2789.  
8. Senator Carroll.

9. SENATOR CARROLL:

10. Having voted on the prevailing side, we would move to recon-  
11. sider the vote by which Amendment No. 2 was adopted for purposes  
12. of Tabling that amendment. That's the amendment that would have  
13. provided one dollar for the conversion of East Moline, etc.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. All right. Senator Carroll, having voted on the prevailing  
16. side moves to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 2 to  
17. House Bill 2789 was adopted. All in favor signify by saying Aye.  
18. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The vote is reconsidered. Senator  
19. Carroll now moves to Table Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 2789.  
20. Any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All  
21. opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is Tabled. Further  
22. amendments?

23. SECRETARY:

24. No further amendments.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. 3rd reading. Yes, Senator Wooten.

27. SENATOR WOOTEN:

28. On a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Yes.

31. SENATOR WOOTEN:

32. I do not...do not want to belabor a subject again that we have  
33. talked about in this Chamber off and on for several months. I simply

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1. want to thank my colleagues for granting me the courtesy of  
2. adopting the amendment which was just Tabled so that I might have  
3. one more attempt to reach some kind of compromise in what I think  
4. is an unhappy situation. I am totally opposed to this move. It  
5. is wrong by any standard by which you want to measure it, but the  
6. unhappy fact is, I just don't have any support from elected officials  
7. for this, only the people oppose it and I'm clearly not able to  
8. prevail in that circumstance. I just want to thank my colleagues  
9. for the courtesies they extended me yesterday.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Regner, I understand 2790...on the Order of House  
12. Bills 3rd reading, House Bill 2790. Senator Regner seeks leave  
13. of the Body to return House Bill 2790 to the Order of 2nd reading  
14. for purposes of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.  
15. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill 2790. Senator  
16. Regner.

17. SENATOR REGNER:

18. Yes, Mr. President, we have another amendment, but we have  
19. to Table No. 4 first so, having voted on the prevailing side on...  
20. the adoption of Amendment No. 4, I move to reconsider the vote  
21. by which that amendment was adopted.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. All right. Senator Regner, having voted on the prevailing  
24. side, moves to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 4 to  
25. House Bill 2790 was adopted. All in favor signify by saying Aye.  
26. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The vote is reconsidered. Senator  
27. Regner now moves to Table Amendment No. 4 to House Bill 2790.  
28. All in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it.  
29. The amendment is Tabled. Further amendments?

30. SECRETARY:

31. Amendment No. 5 offered by Senator Rhoads.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Rhoads.

1. SENATOR RHOADS:

2. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.  
3. Yesterday, Amendment No. 4 appropriated one hundred and fifty-  
4. one thousand out of General Revenue funds to the Illinois Office  
5. of Education to assist deaf children with severe behavioral  
6. disorders at the Illinois School for the Deaf. Since this  
7. program is actually administered by the Department of Rehabilitative  
8. Services rather than IOE, this amendment makes that same approp-  
9. riation, one hundred and fifty-one thousand to the Department  
10. of Rehabilitative Services and I move its adoption.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. All right. Senator Rhoads has moved the adoption of Amendment  
13. No. 5 to House Bill 2790. Is there any discussion? If not, all  
14. in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it.  
15. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

16. SECRETARY:

17. No further amendments.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. 3rd reading. Senator Nimrod on 2797. On the Order of House  
20. Bills 3rd reading is House Bill 2797. Senator Nimrod seeks leave  
21. of the Body to return 2797 to the Order of 2nd reading for  
22. purposes of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.  
23. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill 2797, Senator  
24. Nimrod. Pardon me?

25. SECRETARY:

26. Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Carroll.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Senator Carroll.

29. SENATOR CARROLL:

30. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
31. Senate. This was...we had within our reduction to EPA, had taken  
32. out a forty thousand dollar grant because nobody could understand  
33. the words they used in about four lines. In an attempt to explain

1. it, they have now given us about a two and a half page identification  
2. of what those four lines were and this would restore that forty  
3. thousand dollar program to do some air quality based on the Federal  
4. Act in various communities. I would move adoption of Amendment No.  
5. 2.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. All right. Senator Carroll has moved the adoption of Amendment  
8. No. 2 to House Bill 2797. Is there any discussion? If not, all  
9. in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it.  
10. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

11. SECRETARY:

12. No further amendments.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. 3rd reading. Senator Graham, 2798 I understand, is to be called  
15. back? On the Order of House Bills 3rd reading, House Bill 2798.  
16. Senator Graham seeks leave of the Body to return that bill to the  
17. Order of 2nd reading for purposes of an amendment. Is leave  
18. granted? Leave is granted. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading,  
19. House Bill 2798. Mr. Secretary.

20. SECRETARY:

21. Amendment No. 3 offered by Senator Weaver.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Weaver.

24. SENATOR WEAVER:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. In the committee's attempt to bring  
26. authorizations down to the appropriated level they failed to knock  
27. out a million dollars to the private universities and so in order  
28. to be consistent, I offer this amendment to bring this down to the  
29. budgeted amount. I'd move adoption of the amendment.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Weaver has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to  
32. House Bill 2798. Is there any discussion? Senator Carroll.

33. SENATOR CARROLL:

1. First, a question of the sponsor. When you said bring it  
2. down to the budgeted amount, what amount does that bring it down  
3. to?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Weaver.

6. SENATOR WEAVER:

7. Zero.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Carroll.

10. SENATOR CARROLL:

11. So that means that you, on behalf of maybe the institution  
12. in your district, do not want a category for private higher in  
13. the authorization.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Weaver.

16. SENATOR WEAVER:

17. Well, we are just trying to treat everybody alike, Senator  
18. Carroll. You know, there has been no appropriation for this and  
19. so trying to help you with your work and...and really reflecting  
20. what we are actually spending on our appropriations as they relate  
21. to authorizations. I think it was just an oversight on your part.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Carroll.

24. SENATOR CARROLL:

25. Yeah, I didn't have my glasses on that day, Senator Weaver, but  
26. since we are trying to treat them all alike, we just thought maybe  
27. the category should be left in in case at some point the Governor  
28. decides that that's an appropriate way to appropriate funds and  
29. treat the privates and the publics the same. Whatever the will of  
30. the Body, however.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Any further discussion? Senator Weaver has moved the adoption  
33. of Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 2798. All in favor signify by

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1. saying Aye. All opposed No. The Ayes have it. The amendment  
2. is adopted. Further amendments?

3. SECRETARY:

4. No further amendments.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. 3rd reading. On the Order of House Bills 3rd reading is  
7. House Bill 2805. Senator Carroll seeks leave of the Body to  
8. return that bill to the Order of 2nd reading for purposes of an  
9. amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. On the Order  
10. of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill 2805. Mr. Secretary.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Amendment No. 4 offered by Senator Carroll.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Carroll.

15. SENATOR CARROLL:

16. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
17. Senate. This is the part that deals with the Department of  
18. Revenue's supplemental request. As we said yesterday, we would  
19. put it on and then deal with some of the problem areas. This is  
20. a reduction of that supplemental request. We have met with the  
21. Department. They are satisfied that this will still allow them  
22. to do that which...with which they need to do between now and the  
23. end of the Fiscal Year and I would move adoption of Amendment No.  
24. 4.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Carroll has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 4  
27. to House Bill 2805. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor  
28. signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amend-  
29. ment is adopted. Further amendments?

30. SECRETARY:

31. Amendment No. 5 offered by Senator Buzbee.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Senator Buzbee.

1. SENATOR BUZBEE:

2. Thank you, Mr. President. This is simply adding back the  
3. funds that this Body and the House approved for secondary pari-  
4. natal care centers to the Department of Public Health. We approved  
5. this...approved this in the Spring. The Governor, in his wisdom,  
6. completely cut out any funding for secondary care centers for  
7. parinatal care and...and reduced the amount for tertiary care  
8. centers. Now, the House, in their wisdom, then overrode the  
9. Governor's reduction for tertiary care centers, but defeated the  
10. elimination of the secondary care centers. So, we concurred  
11. with their action on the tertiary care centers, however, we  
12. never had a shot at the secondary care centers because it was  
13. a House Bill and it never came back over to us, since they had  
14. defeated that in the override attempt. So, I have told the  
15. Department of Public Health and I've told the Governor's Office  
16. that I plan to be here early and often with this kind of amendment  
17. for secondary care centers so that those of us who live in  
18. medium sized communities and so our smaller towns can have the  
19. high risk infant care treatment that...that we need sometimes  
20. and I'm doing that with this...with this money which the Department  
21. of Public Health had...had asked these hospitals, as a matter of  
22. fact, to start establishing these kinds of centers and then  
23. didn't come up with any kind of funds to...to pay for it. So,  
24. this is...this is what it's about and I'd appreciate your support.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 5  
26. to House Bill 2805. Any discussion? Senator Martin.

27. SENATOR MARTIN:

28. A question of the sponsor.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. He indicates he will yield. Senator Martin.

31. SENATOR MARTIN:

32. Would it...has not the Governor vetoed this before and he'll  
33.

1. veto, we can assume, this again and we have sustained that veto,  
2. is that not true?

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Senator...Senator Buzbee.

5. SENATOR BUZBEE:

6. The answer to your question is yes and no. He has vetoed it.  
7. No, we did not sustain the veto because we never had a chance to.  
8. The House sustained the veto. You know, Governor's Vetoes are...  
9. that to me is no reason to keep trying to do what is right and  
10. this is right, the Governor's opinion to the contrary notwithstanding.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Martin.

13. SENATOR MARTIN:

14. Well, I'm going to rise in opposition to this amendment and  
15. suggest that the entire area of secondary care is, indeed, one  
16. that should be looked at, that the amount of this appropriation  
17. is not even a drop in the ocean that that will require, that even  
18. with our additional appropriations, there is some question if the  
19. tertiary care centers will be totally funded by the dollars that  
20. we are giving them. So, here is a case, although the intent and  
21. the idea is excellent, is one of such magnitude that to do it  
22. in this Session via an amendment to start...and that's all this  
23. would be is a start, is an error and that is the kind of commitment  
24. that should be made on a total basis. Otherwise, we are just  
25. fooling constituents and we are fooling something that's too  
26. terribly important. The idea of secondary care centers although  
27. valid, is just not in the budget now and I don't think there's an  
28. intent for a while, Senator Buzbee, for it to be. This is just a  
29. drop and we really shouldn't put this massive a commitment in a  
30. little amendment on this kind of bill.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Any further discussion? Senator Buzbee, you wish to close?

33. SENATOR BUZBEE:

1. Yes, it's too bad that the Senator made such a brilliant  
2. speech without prior benefit of any information because, in fact,  
3. secondary care centers are in operation in this State today. They  
4. have been for quite some time. I can take you to one in my city.  
5. It...it rests about one hundred and fifty yards from my office.  
6. It's also strange to me that the Senator from Rockford, which has  
7. a tertiary care center, would want to deny any kind of parinatal  
8. care service to those of us who do not reside in cities large  
9. enough to have tertiary care centers. It's strange to me that  
10. the Senator from Rockford says that the whole southern third of  
11. the State of Illinois, that the City of Champaign and that the  
12. city of...of the Quad Cities area on the...on the western side of  
13. the State and, in fact, even some hospitals in the City of  
14. Chicago, which are in the process of establishing secondary care  
15. centers, that those communities and those areas that those hos-  
16. pitals serve should be without high risk infant care treatment  
17. centers. I find that beyond comprehension. Now, this is not a  
18. new idea. It's not a new program. It's something that the  
19. Department of Public Health has been encouraging hospitals to  
20. establish for quite some time and some hospitals as in Champaign  
21. and Carbondale have already established such centers. Others are  
22. in the process of getting them established. We have two neonatolo-  
23. gists on the staff at the hospital in Carbondale which serves  
24. the full southern third of Illinois. If you or any of your family  
25. should be in that area and you have a high risk...high risk  
26. infant, the closest place that infant can get any treatment is  
27. St. Louis or Springfield, two hundred miles minimum. I submit to  
28. you that it's time that we start funding the program that is already  
29. going on and by the way, the funding does not go directly to the  
30. hospitals. It goes to pay the bills of those patients who cannot  
31. afford to pay the bills. This isn't...this isn't welfare recipients.  
32. This is the underemployed, the working poor, the working middle  
33. class...when the bills run five hundred dollars a day minimum.

1. That's why I want this program, so that those folks can afford to  
2. have their high risk infants taken care of. I would appreciate  
3. your support.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 5  
6. to House Bill 2805. All in favor signify by saying Aye. Roll call  
7. has been requested. Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of  
8. Amendment No. 5 to House Bill 2805. Those in favor of the amendment  
9. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
10. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all  
11. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the Ayes  
12. are 31. The Nays are 23. None Voting Present. Amendment No. 5  
13. is adopted. Further amendments?

14. SECRETARY:

15. Amendment No. 6 offered by Senator Newhouse.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Nash. Senator Newhouse.

18. SENATOR NEWHOUSE.

19. Thank you, Mr. President. Is that...is that the hundred and  
20. fifty? Mr. President, Senators, this a hundred and fifty thousand  
21. dollars for...to the Department of Public Aid to provide welfare  
22. employment program contracts to day care centers. Let me just tell  
23. you what it's about. There are a hundred and one mothers who are  
24. off the welfare rolls and working in day care centers. The funding  
25. for that program ran out on October 31st and for reasons technical,  
26. the Welfare Department cannot come up with the extra money. This  
27. program costs about fifty thousand dollars a month and we are  
28. funding it over a three month period. At that time, if the Feds  
29. don't cut loose with the money, we will drop it, but this is a  
30. last gasp for it. It will give us time, first of all, to keep them...  
31. keep mothers off the welfare roll. Second, it will keep some day  
32. care centers open. In the...in the event that other monies are  
33. not forthcoming, it also gives the opportunity to phase these people

1. into some other gainful employment and to keep them off the  
2. Public Aid rolls. I think there's has been a great hue and cry  
3. for having people on welfare work. Well, these are mothers who  
4. are working and are off the rolls and it seems to be a laudable  
5. purpose and I'd move its adoption.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. All right. Senator Newhouse has moved the adoption of  
8. Amendment No. 6 to House Bill 2805. Any discussion? Senator  
9. Moore.

10. SENATOR MOORE:

11. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise  
12. in support of Senator Newhouse's amendment. I think this is a  
13. worthwhile program. It should be continued for the next three  
14. months. I would urge favorable consideration of Amendment No. 6  
15. to House Bill 2805.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Further discussion? Senator Regner.

18. SENATOR REGNER:

19. Mr. President and members, especially Senator Newhouse, this  
20. is the first...you know, we saw this amendment. I was wondering  
21. if you could hold it for a few minutes so we can look at it and  
22. just...we just pull it out of the record now.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Is that agreeable, Senator Newhouse? All right. Take it out  
25. of the record, Mr. Secretary. We'll just leave 2805 on 2nd reading  
26. and then we'll get back to it momentarily. On the Order of House  
27. Bills 3rd reading, House Bill 2813. Senator Philip seeks leave of  
28. this Body to return House Bill 2813 to the Order of 2nd reading  
29. for purposes of an amendment. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.  
30. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill 2813. Mr.  
31. Secretary. Well, I understand there's a Motion in Writing been  
32. filed. Read the motion, Mr. Secretary.

33. SECRETARY:

1. Motion in Writing - Having voted on the prevailing side, I  
2. move to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 1 to House Bill  
3. 2813 was adopted. Signed, Senator Rhoads.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Rhoads.

6. SENATOR RHOADS:

7. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Because  
8. this is the last day for final action and we do want to take final  
9. action on this bill, I would like to Table this amendment. This  
10. was the amendment that knocked out the blind primary and it would  
11. require an extraordinary majority for an immediate effective date.  
12. There is litigation planned that will be instituted in the courts  
13. next week on this subject and it is probably not proper to consider  
14. it in this bill at this time so I, therefore, move to Table it.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. All right. Senator Rhoads has moved, having voted on the  
17. prevailing side, to reconsider the vote by which Amendment No. 1  
18. to House Bill 2813 was adopted. All in favor signify by saying  
19. Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The vote is now reconsidered.  
20. Senator Rhoads now moves to Table Amendment No. 1 to House Bill  
21. 2813. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor signify by  
22. saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is  
23. Tabled. Further amendments?

24. SECRETARY:

25. No further amendments.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. 3rd reading. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House  
28. Bill 2805. Senator Newhouse, are we ready on Amendment No. 5?  
29. All right. On the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, House Bill  
30. 2805. Amendment No. 5, Senator Newhouse.

31. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

32. Move its adoption.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. All right. Senator Regner.

2. SENATOR REGNER:

3. Yes, Senator Newhouse and I discussed it. The amendment is  
4. okay and he did commit that he was going to...come back to the  
5. well again with this particular proposal. I urge its adoption.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. All right. The Chair was in error. It's Amendment No. 6.  
8. Senator Newhouse has moved the...Senator Newhouse.

9. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

10. Is there anyone on the Floor who doesn't understand what...

11. PRESIDENT:

12. It appears everybody understands.

13. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

14. Move its adoption.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Newhouse has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 6  
17. to House Bill 2805. Any further discussion? If not, all in favor  
18. signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The  
19. amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

20. SECRETARY:

21. Amendment No. 7 offered by Senator Newhouse.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Newhouse.

24. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

25. Mr. President, Senators, as you know, we...we passed a  
26. bill here yesterday that would...substantive bill for Cook County  
27. Hospital. As you probably know, the appropriations bill did not  
28. get out of the House last night. This is an insurance bill. It  
29. carries the appropriation for Cook County Hospital and I would  
30. move its adoption.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Newhouse has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 7  
33. to House Bill 2805. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor

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1. signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The  
2. amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

3. SECRETARY:

4. No further amendments.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. 3rd reading. Any further bills on 3rd to be called to 2nd  
7. for the purpose of amendment? If not, we will proceed to the  
8. regular order of business. On the Order of House Bills 3rd  
9. reading, top of page 2 on the Calendar, House Bill 1179, Senator  
10. Regner. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

11. SECRETARY:

12. House Bill 1179.

13. (Secretary reads title of bill)

14. 3rd reading of the bill.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. All right. Will those not entitled to the Floor please  
17. vacate. Will the members please be in their seats. We are on  
18. the Order of 3rd reading, final passage, final passage, final  
19. day, we hope. Senator Regner.

20. SENATOR REGNER:

21. Mr. President and members, actually, the title read by the  
22. Secretary, fence watchers, has nothing to do with the contents  
23. of this bill. The contents of the bill we discussed for about  
24. two hours and twenty minutes yesterday and it's a substantive  
25. bill for Cook County Hospital to return it to the control of the  
26. county board with many other items, as I said, that were discussed  
27. for two hours and twenty minutes yesterday and I would just ask  
28. for a favorable roll call.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Any discussion? Senator Newhouse.

31. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

32. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, we just agreed on two  
33. bills in a row and it just can't go on forever and while we did

1. discuss this bill at length yesterday, I don't want to let this  
2. go without emphasizing again the kind of trauma that we continually  
3. go through with Cook County Hospital. Yes, it has had a stormy  
4. career. The fact is though that this is a...an institution that  
5. has succeeded itself out of business, for all practical purposes.  
6. It is well administered from a medical viewpoint and from a  
7. health care standpoint. There very well may be some fiscal  
8. internal problems. That, I would separate out from the service  
9. delivery aspect of this institution. Initially, we took it  
10. out of the hands of the county board for reasons political and  
11. I think they were well founded. It could possibly...a case  
12. could possibly be made that there is no way to completely remove  
13. politics from an institution and perhaps that is undesirable. I  
14. won't make that case, but I would listen to it. The fear that  
15. many people have in my community is that with this move we have  
16. tolled the death knell for Cook County Hospital. The employees  
17. over there are up in arms. Their morale is down. They see the  
18. shift as a return to the old days, if the hospital is able to  
19. survive the shift. I know where the votes are. I can count.  
20. I will vote No. I would hope that those who did vote No yesterday  
21. will continue that path. I see the light of conversion from time  
22. to time on the other side and if that light strikes timely today,  
23. perhaps Cook County Hospital can be salvaged.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Senator Washington.

26. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

27. Mr. President, members of the Senate, I, too, shall vote No,  
28. simply because I do not think that any case has been established  
29. even remotely for the transfer of this hospital from it's very  
30. protective hands on the commission back to the rapacious county  
31. board. I don't think anyone even really seriously attempted to  
32. make a case. We know that the requisite studies for supporting  
33. such an argument have not been finished and filed. We've not had

1. the benefit of the audit from the Auditor General. We simply  
2. don't have the information to make this sort of a precipitous  
3. step. We offered an amendment which we thought was certainly  
4. in keeping with the spirit which we think should be engendered  
5. to give support to the people who have brought that hospital up  
6. from a no-accreditation situation up to the heights of medical  
7. standards which is recognized throughout the world, but there is  
8. another factor that's very disturbing about this whole business.  
9. You may say it shouldn't...may we have a little order please?  
10. You may say that what I'm about to say doesn't deserve the status  
11. of a rumor, but it's the kind of rumors and the kind of...  
12. and the kinds of things which reverberate throughout various  
13. communities and create all kinds of frictions with people. One  
14. of the most serious rumors which I think is entitled to a  
15. status higher than a rumor is that behind this whole move to  
16. remove the county hospital from the...from the board is the fact  
17. that Dr. Haughten is a black man and not only is he black, but  
18. that he makes eighty-some odd thousand dollars a year. That is  
19. a strong rumor in my community, so strong that I don't know how  
20. you can combat it and I assure you, I will not try because I'm  
21. of the school of thought that...that thinks that that has something  
22. to do with it. Secondly, there is also a rumor which says that  
23. one of the reasons why this is being moved is because the  
24. governing commission has on it a strong black representation of  
25. very able people and some people in Cook County don't like that  
26. and they want to disturb that whole set-up. In other words, the  
27. rumor is that this is a strong racist movement to remove that  
28. hospital from under the very careful, guiding, efficient hands of  
29. some very prestigious black people. That disturbs me. And there's  
30. another rumor too which I think deserves to be discussed in  
31. surrounding this bill and that rumor is to the effect as to why  
32. we, the members of this General Assembly, would callously, almost  
33. with malice aforethought, not give protection to five or eight

1. thousand...I don't know exactly the figure, employees now working  
2. in the Cook County complex. We would pass legislation which would  
3. give them no protection, but which would throw them into the hands  
4. of the patronage bosses and the rumor is that those jobs are going  
5. to be divided between the Governor of this State on a one-third,  
6. two-thirds proportion going to the county board. That's the  
7. rumor and you want to know something? I believe that rumor. I  
8. seriously believe that rumor. Why else would they do that? Do you  
9. mean to tell me we're so callous that we won't protect...give any  
10. protection whatsoever to long term Civil Service employees in  
11. the State or county? There must be a reason and I think the  
12. funky head of patronage has raised itself and is smelling all  
13. over the landscape and I want to go on record as being absolutely  
14. opposed to this whole...mess because I think it's bad, bad, bad  
15. and I think some of the inarticulate premises which have motivated  
16. this whole change are unAmerican, dangerous, racist and patronage  
17. ridden. I'm going to vote No.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Collins.

20. SENATOR COLLINS:

21. Thank you, Mr. President. I think Senator Washington  
22. articulated my feelings very, very good. I believe the rumors also.  
23. I was very, very surprised yesterday when Senator Bruce introduced  
24. that amendment for simple protection that we would give any other  
25. employees those persons working for the Cook County Hospital  
26. during the time that this...this hospital would be transferred  
27. to Cook County Board. Senator Washington, approximately three  
28. weeks ago, I met with the coalition of clergy on the West Side  
29. and I talked to some of the persons involved in the Cook County...  
30. Save Cook County Movement...some of the black people and I told  
31. them, "You don't have to fight to keep Cook County open. This is  
32. a smoke screen to divert us away from some of the most serious  
33. and critical issues that is facing the black community in the

1. City of Chicago. "Jane Byrne," I said, "and George Dunne and  
2. Governor Thompson will keep Cook County Hospital open, not  
3. because they are concerned about the care of the poor, because  
4. of their own greed and selfish interest." I said, "They have a  
5. stake and an investment in that hospital. They will never allow  
6. that hospital to close and all they are doing is preying upon  
7. your sentiment and your...to get you involved and to arouse  
8. attention in the black community and pretending that there is  
9. some serious dangers as to closing this hospital." That was never  
10. the issue, never the issue. The issue was to take control over  
11. the patronage army that exists at Cook County Hospital and we've  
12. seen a clear example of that right here in this Body and I must  
13. say that I am ashamed that the members of this Body could go along  
14. with that kind...that kind of deception on the people of the City  
15. of Chicago and the poor people. I'm ashamed to be a member of this  
16. Body.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senator Knuppel.

19. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

20. Well, Gentlemen, I listened to this the other afternoon.  
21. There is not one shred of evidence in favor of this legislation  
22. and I still say you don't put the fox in the chicken coop or throw  
23. the pigs back to the festered sow that's eating them and that's  
24. what this does.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Netsch.

27. SENATOR NETSCH:

28. Thank you, Mr. President. In addition to all of the other  
29. substantive matters that were said both yesterday and today about  
30. the bill and the future of Cook County Hospital, I think that one  
31. thing ought to be added to Senator Washington's comments about  
32. part of the reason for what is happening here. I honestly did not  
33. believe it myself. I did not see how it was possible that some-

1. thing as important to as many people and to their health and lives  
2. as Cook County Hospital and Oak Forest could be part of a massive  
3. patronage deal between the Governor and whoever is making it on  
4. the other side and then I looked at what happened to the amendment  
5. that was offered by Senator Bruce yesterday and I'm sorry. I think  
6. this is incontrovertible evidence. The amendment was very simple.  
7. It just simply said, "Okay, guys. If you really mean it, that these  
8. employees of the hospital are to be protected, then let's write  
9. it into the bill that they, in fact, will retain their Civil  
10. Service status and their pension rights." Now, that is the kind  
11. of proposal that I would expect all of the good government people  
12. including all of those people sitting on the other side of the  
13. aisle to leap to the support of. Well, this amendment, strangely  
14. enough, was defeated by a vote of 22 Yeas and 28 Nays and, Gentle-  
15. men, you just ought to take a look at this roll call. It is  
16. fascinating. Cook County Hospital is too important to be part of  
17. that kind of sleazy dealing.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Geo-Karis.

20. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

21. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I  
22. would resent being called racist if I disagreed with my colleague  
23. on the other side. I have been in sympathy with the Cook County  
24. Hospital. I think it's a very needed unit, but I also feel we're  
25. going to have to be a little practical and not fool the people.  
26. There just aren't any adequate funds otherwise, except to put it  
27. back with the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the fact that  
28. the patronage jobs are rallied about, I don't know anything about  
29. them because I have no patronage jobs, but I do think that this  
30. bill, as amended, since it has been amended and there is a require-  
31. ment that the county board must report to the 81st General Assembly  
32. on or before May 1, 1980, on the plans both operations and capital  
33. for making Cook County Hospital fiscally solvent, I think we certainly

1. would be in a position to take other measures if it doesn't work,  
2. but I don't feel that it's nice to accuse anyone of being racist  
3. simply because we may not agree with you and this is the way I  
4. feel.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator D'Arco.

7. SENATOR D'ARCO:

8. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to vote for this bill  
9. because I think we fought the good fight yesterday and we  
10. lost, but this bill is tied up with the fifteen million dollar  
11. appropriation bill for Cook County Hospital and I think if we don't  
12. pass it, we are not going to get that fifteen million to keep the  
13. hospital open and whatever happens, we have to keep the hospital  
14. open. So, I'm going to vote for it.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

16. Senator Moore.

17. SENATOR MOORE:

18. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise  
19. in support of this bill. We created this commission ten years  
20. ago. It originally started out all right and has gradually  
21. deteriorated to the condition that the commission is down here and  
22. will continue to be down here with a State subsidy in order to  
23. keep it operating. Whether or not the State of Illinois should  
24. subsidize and pick up the tabs for the so-called working poor is  
25. a question that maybe someday this Body will have a chance to vote  
26. upon. Maybe the State of Illinois should pick up all medical costs  
27. for everybody in the State of Illinois. If that be the wish of  
28. this group, then legislation should be enacted, but until such  
29. time as this General Assembly decides to provide free medical care  
30. for everyone in the State of Illinois, I think the only solution  
31. to keeping Cook County Hospital open, to keeping Oak Forest Hospital  
32. open, which I said yesterday, was the leading geriatric hospital in  
33. the nation, I think this is a right step forward and I intend to  
support House Bill 1179.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Chew.

3. SENATOR CHEW:

4. Mr. President, I think when we created this commission,  
5. everybody agreed that we'd bring Jim Haughten in so that he  
6. could officiate over the funeral of County Hospital, but instead  
7. of officiating over the funeral, he put his brain to work and  
8. brought the hospital up where it should be. Now, certainly he's  
9. no good to the people that are in power. Why? Because down home  
10. they would call him crazy. Up here, they call him too damn smart  
11. and it all goes back to what Harold Washington said. Here is a  
12. black man who has done what should be done and he hasn't cowed  
13. to politicians. He hasn't jumped through the loop that's been  
14. held up to him. Instead, he's stood up to politicians, he's stood  
15. up to the Governor, he's stood up to the county board and told  
16. them what he needed to keep Cook County solvent. You don't have  
17. to go through all these changes to get Jim Haughten's resignation.  
18. He'll resign tomorrow if you think that will make the hospital  
19. better, but you know very well to take this hospital governing board  
20. out and put in any board, county board, University of Illinois,  
21. the Governor's Office, the Mayor's Office, or anybody else's office,  
22. it's not going to help it. The key to the success of County  
23. Hospital is give it some money and until we decide to give him...  
24. give the hospital the necessary funds to operate, you could put  
25. Jesus Christ in there and he can't run it without the funds. So,  
26. you know, we don't have to go through this tirade of saying, "Well, the  
27. governing board is not functioning, it has deteriorated." It  
28. hasn't deteriorated. There isn't one charge against a member of  
29. the governing board that has been proven, can be proven or anything  
30. else. It's just a fact that you hate to see this man who is very  
31. efficient and professional run this organization from a top flight  
32. professional base. You want it to sink right back in the...  
33. in which it was in before we created the board. I'm going to vote

1. No on this because I think it's just a smoke screen and if you  
2. never get the fifteen million dollars, County Hospital is going  
3. to stay open. We turn Massachusetts General over to Harvard and  
4. they didn't make it go and in Philadelphia the same thing happened  
5. so I don't see what makes us think that the University of Chicago  
6. is going to do any better. They are not in the business of running  
7. hospitals. Get a professional board, the same thing is going to  
8. happen unless you give them some money and that's the key to the  
9. whole thing so I'll vote No on it.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Is there further discussion? Senator Rock.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
14. Senate. I rise in support of House Bill 1179 and I would  
15. suggest to some of the previous speakers that in this Chamber,  
16. at least, we should not, do not deal in rumors and to those  
17. rumors with every ounce of feeling I have, I say absolute  
18. baloney. There is no attempt at usurpation of employees or  
19. patronage. There is no thought that the board is in any respect  
20. tilted one way or the other. The fact of the matter is that  
21. the noble experiment that was suggested by Senator Harris Fawell  
22. back in the late '60's has, in fact, failed and it just seems  
23. to me, having had conversations with Commissioner Stroeger among  
24. others, with Commissioner Dunne and the other fifteen elected  
25. members of the Cook County Board that if, in fact, we are serious  
26. about attempting to save, and I underscore that, because I sat in  
27. that Executive Committee and suggested that to the people on the  
28. medical staff and the other employees that this is a legitimate  
29. effort to, in fact, save Cook County Hospital. There is no attempt  
30. to close it. We are attempting to save it and it just seems to me  
31. that we have elected fifteen members of the county board of Cook  
32. County. There are both Democrats and Republicans. There is no  
33. deal cut. The board is reluctant at best, but understands their

1. responsibility and they have agreed reluctantly to again assume  
2. jurisdiction of this responsibility. I suggest to you that this  
3. is a good bill and one that deserves the...our own attention and  
4. the attention of the House and I hope it gets to the Governor's  
5. desk. I would urge an Aye vote.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Regner may close  
8. debate.

9. SENATOR REGNER:

10. Yes, Mr. President, members, very shortly, the contents of  
11. this bill isn't out to get any of the employees that are competent.  
12. There are some problems with the management of the hospital right  
13. now and it's an attempt to correct that. Yes, we will see it back  
14. next year because they are mandated, the county board is mandated  
15. to bring a report back to the General Assembly regarding its  
16. fiscal solvency and what is necessary to keep the hospital operating.  
17. One of those, I assume, will be a suggestion and that is on  
18. Medicaid rates. Right now we have no report because the governing  
19. commission has not done the job they were supposed to and done any  
20. long range planning. I'm assured that the county board will and  
21. they do have the option which they requested to hire a professional  
22. hospital management firm which I'm sure they will do and I ask for  
23. a favorable roll call.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. The question is shall House Bill 1179 pass. Those in favor  
26. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have  
27. all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.  
28. On that question the Ayes are 39. The Nays are 13. 1 Voting Present.  
29. House Bill 1179, having received a constitutional majority, is  
30. declared passed and the bill, having received the affirmative vote  
31. of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
32. upon its becoming a law. House Bill 2789, Senator Graham. Read  
33. the bill, Mr. Secretary.

1. SECRETARY:

2. House Bill 2789.

3. (Secretary reads title of bill)

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Senator Graham.

7. SENATOR GRAHAM:

8. Mr. President and members of the Senate, everybody on this  
9. Floor understands very clearly the intent and meaning of this  
10. bill. The reason for us using it, the reason for us presenting  
11. it to you is that the Illinois Department of Corrections are  
12. up against the wall. As I told you yesterday, we have two  
13. choices. We have a choice to find some alternatives on conversion  
14. of units that will not cost as much as new construction, certainly,  
15. or we have the other alternative. Quoting the Director of  
16. Corrections, looking forward into the future and the increase in...  
17. in commitments by the courts, we'd have one of two things. We've  
18. got to provide the beds or we have to send some of these  
19. fellows back to the counties or we have to start turning them out  
20. of the penitentiaries to make room for the new ones. Neither of  
21. those are very acceptable to any of us and the reason of this  
22. overcrowding is partly because of our insistence, and rightfully  
23. so, that these commitments keep on coming in until we get these  
24. people off the street. This is a logical procedure to improve our  
25. bed situation in the State of Illinois without a great expense  
26. of building more new institutions and we need the bed space and  
27. we need this bill and I ask for your favorable roll call.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER:

29. Is there further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

30. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

31. Would the sponsor yield for a question?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. He indicates he will.

1. SENATOR KNUPPEL:  
2. Senator Graham, were you one of the votes for this so-called  
3. Class X Crime a couple of years ago?  
4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
5. Senator Knuppel.  
6. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
7. Certainly.  
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
9. Senator Knuppel.  
10. SENATOR KNUPPEL:  
11. And did you vote for most of those bills that went through  
12. here this Session that upped Class II's to Class I's and Class  
13. III's to Class II Felonies?  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
15. Senator Graham.  
16. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
17. Certainly. They were votes for the people.  
18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
19. Senator Knuppel.  
20. SENATOR KNUPPEL:  
21. Well, would you do me a favor? Would you write some of the  
22. State's Attorneys in this State and tell them, you know, that every  
23. crime that a...that a eighteen or seventeen or a nineteen year  
24. old commits sometimes is nothing more than...than misplaced horse-  
25. play and that if we could get some of those boys in the service  
26. maybe we could...could pull the beard on the Ayatollah or someplace  
27. like we used to do and we wouldn't have to send all these boys to  
28. prison and ruin their lives forever. Would you do that for me?  
29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
30. Senator Graham.  
31. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
32. Senator, I don't know if I can do that, but I will...I will  
33. give you my expression of feeling. I know if I got that many

1. stamps, I would be glad to if you'd give me a list. I think...I  
2. agree with you, Senator, that some of the commitments to the  
3. prisons we have now perhaps shouldn't be there. A certain percentage  
4. of them I...have too severe penalties given to them, but that is  
5. the result of the courts and not of our action really. I think that  
6. perhaps sometime in the future and not too far down the road we  
7. might use something similar to the Ohio shock system with the  
8. shock treatments. This is not electrical shock. We might get  
9. involved in that where a certain percentage of these inmates  
10. will be screened by a committee that's knowledgeable in that  
11. regard and after receiving the shock of having a big steel door  
12. closed on them one time, we might be able to get them out of  
13. the way and relieve ourselves of some of this crowding.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator Knuppel.

16. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

17. Well, I think you and I can work it out and I'll...I'll talk  
18. to you. I'd just like for you to write some of the State's Attorneys  
19. in my area and tell them that our prisons are overcrowded, that  
20. they are running over, that we don't know where in the hell to  
21. put these people, that we have raised every type of crime to a  
22. higher crime, maybe that was people legislation. I supported you  
23. on putting people out to work along the streams and other places  
24. and return them to the county jails where maybe they could be  
25. a little more worthwhile, but I'll tell you, I have been saying  
26. this for several years and I'm going to vote for your bill, but  
27. I been saying this for several years to everybody on the...on the  
28. Floor of this Senate, that first offenders ought not to be subjected  
29. if they are under certain ages to Class X penalties. They are too  
30. damn stiff. Kids make mistakes. I did. You did and we got a lot  
31. of others. Maybe we didn't make as serious a mistake, but we...  
32. sometimes it was just a question of a little bit of judgment that  
33. saved our ass, but for the Grace of God, there go I and these

1. State's Attorneys want to go have a tough reputation so they can  
2. get reelected and I'd just love to have a letter from you telling  
3. some of these monkeys just how damn crowded our...our prisons are...  
4. because some kid broke into a...to a auto agency once and threw  
5. some rocks through the window or something that he...that he ought  
6. not to be serving six years if he's willing to go in the service  
7. and serve us there for two years.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. For what purpose Senator Graham rise?

10. SENATOR GRAHAM:

11. Senator Knuppel, you have been very supportive and very  
12. cooperative in many of my ventures in the area of corrections and  
13. I have appreciated it over the years. I appreciate your advice  
14. and I will be glad to sit down and talk with you and we can  
15. work something out. We have done that before and I'll be glad  
16. to do it again. Thank you for your advice.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Senator Wooten. Senator Wooten.

19. SENATOR WOOTEN:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. I will not go on. I think I have  
21. said about all I intend to say in this Chamber. I will do the  
22. rest of my talking back in the districts. I remain opposed to the  
23. bill.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. Further discussion? Senator Graham.

26. SENATOR GRAHAM:

27. Could we...after we call this bill, call a bill that's a...  
28. really a companion bill to it, 2798? I...No, it's 98. They  
29. both deal with the same subject matter. We might be able to get  
30. them out of here.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. All right. The question is shall House Bill 2789 pass.  
33. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open.

1. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the  
2. record. On that question the Ayes are 43. The Nays are 7.  
3. 3 Voting Present. House Bill 2789, having received the required  
4. constitutional majority, is declared passed and the bill, having  
5. received the required affirmative votes of three-fifths of the  
6. members elected is effective immediately upon it's becoming a  
7. law. Let's see. Is there leave to go to House Bill 2789, out  
8. of the regular order? Leave is granted. House Bill 2789. Mr.  
9. Secretary, read the bill. 2798.

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1. SECRETARY:

2. House Bill 2798.

3. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Senator Graham.

7. SENATOR GRAHAM:

8. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. This  
9. bill deals with the same subject matter, the conversion of the East  
10. Moline Hospital. It's one billion, two hundred and ninety million  
11. dollars, it's down fifty million dollars from some excess funds  
12. we found in there, and I ask for a favorable roll call.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. Is there discussion? The question is, shall House Bill  
15. 2798 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.  
16. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
17. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
18. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 39, the Nays  
19. are 11. 5 Voting Present. House Bill 2798, having received the  
20. constitutional majority is declared passed, and the bill having  
21. received the affirmative votes of three-fifths of the members  
22. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law. House  
23. Bill 2790, Senator Regner. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

24. SECRETARY:

25. House Bill 2790.

26. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

27. 3rd reading of the bill.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Senator Regner.

30. SENATOR REGNER:

31. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. This bill appro-  
32. priates a hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars from General  
33. Revenue Funds, to the Department of Rehabilitative Services for

1. a residential program for multiple handicapped children at  
2. the Illinois School for the Deaf, and it also appropriates  
3. 8.4 million dollars for the Department of Corrections as...  
4. FY 1980 supplemental to provide additional bed space for the  
5. adult system. I ask for a favorable roll call.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? The question  
8. is, shall House Bill 2790 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those  
9. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?  
10. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
11. the Ayes are 55, the Nays are none. None Voting Present. House  
12. Bill 2790, having received the required constitutional majority  
13. is declared passed, and having received the affirmative vote  
14. of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
15. upon its becoming a law. Is there leave for Channel 17 to film  
16. the proceedings? Leave is granted. House Bill 2792, Senator...  
17. Senators Martin and Davidson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

18. SECRETARY:

19. House Bill 2792.

20. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

21. 3rd reading of the bill.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Senator Martin.

24. SENATOR MARTIN:

25. Yes, in...Mr. President, and members of the Senate. In the  
26. Session, we passed House Bill 1766, this was a bill that allowed  
27. experience in the Office of Education or in a Regional Superin-  
28. tendent's Office to count toward an administrative certificate.  
29. The Governor signed that bill, afterwards it was discovered that  
30. an error in enrolling and engrossing had left out a sentence. This  
31. is precisely that same bill which you passed before, now corrected,  
32. so that the Statute will indeed reflect what was the legislative  
33. intent.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Is there discussion? The question is, shall House Bill  
3. 2792 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.  
4. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
5. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
6. 54, the Nays are none. None Voting Present. House Bill 2792,  
7. having received the required constitutional majority is declared  
8. passed, and the bill having received the affirmative vote of  
9. three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
10. upon its becoming a law. House Bill 2794...2794, Senator  
11. Schaffer. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

12. SECRETARY:

13. House Bill 2794.

14. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

15. 3rd reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Senator Schaffer.

18. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

19. Mr. President, this bill does two things, it appropriates  
20. an additional 2...5.2 million dollars in Federal Funds for the  
21. City of Chicago for day care, Lord only knows why I'm sponsoring  
22. it, it may be that the Democrats in Washington only want to  
23. deal with Republicans in Illinois. The bill also transfers two  
24. hundred and sixty-nine thousand dollars from the Foster Care  
25. Line Item to the Adult Training and Support Program, I don't  
26. believe it's controversial, the 5.2 as I mentioned, is Federal Funds  
27. and Chicago better get all they can while they can.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Is there discussion? Senator Knuppel.

30. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

31. I just...I just kind of hear these words fall over the  
32. Legislature here, and I wanted to ask you a question. Who pays  
33. the Federal Funds then?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Schaffer.

3. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

4. I believe it's a direct contribution from Teddy Kennedy.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Senator Knuppel.

7. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

8. The only thing is I just don't want anybody to get the idea that  
9. because it's coming out of the left pocket it isn't costing us  
10. something.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Further discussion? Senator Netsch.

13. SENATOR NETSCH:

14. Thank you, as hyphenated sponsor of the bill, I don't  
15. want Senator Schaffer to be left hanging out all alone in support  
16. of a...a Federal Fund appropriation, money for Chicago for day  
17. care. That's just about as bad as you can do it, in your  
18. district, Senator Schaffer. It is quite important for obvious  
19. reasons, and particularly for a lot of the day care centers in  
20. the Chicago area that were in eminent danger of closing and...  
21. okay, okay, I quit.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Further discussion? The question is, shall House Bill  
24. 2794 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.  
25. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
26. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the  
27. record. On that question, the Ayes are 44, the Nays are 9.  
28. None Voting Present. House Bill 2794, having received the  
29. required constitutional majority is declared passed, and the  
30. bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of  
31. the members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming  
32. a law. House Bill 2795, Senator Carroll. Read the bill, Mr.  
33. Secretary, please.

1. SECRETARY:

2. House Bill 2795.

3. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

4. 3rd reading of the bill.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Senator Carroll.

7. SENATOR CARROLL:

8. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
9. the Senate. This is the every Session appropriation for the  
10. Court of Claims awards, it does not contain Medley, it does  
11. contain Klingberg, had I none something I learned today, the  
12. Klingberg might have been taken care of during the earlier  
13. Session, but I would ask for your favorable vote.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

15. Is there discussion? The question is, shall House Bill  
16. 2795 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.  
17. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
18. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
19. 40...on that question the Ayes are 50, the Nays are none. 2  
20. Voting Present. House Bill 2795, having received the required  
21. constitutional majority is declared passed, and the bill having  
22. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members  
23. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law. House  
24. Bill 2797, Senator Nimrod. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

25. SECRETARY:

26. House Bill 2797.

27. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

28. 3rd reading of the bill.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Senator Nimrod.

31. SENATOR NIMROD:

32. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
33. Senate. This is a supplemental appropriation for the Environmental,

1. Protection Agency, in the amount of one million, one hundred  
2. and thirty-five thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars. These  
3. are all Federal Funds, there are no matching funds that are  
4. needed for this amount, and since we have made this appropriation  
5. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Is there discussion? The question is, shall House Bill 2797  
8. pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
9. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
10. wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 47...on  
11. that question, the Ayes are 48, the Nays are 1. 2 Voting Present.  
12. House Bill 2797, having received the required constitutional  
13. majority is declared passed, and the bill having received the  
14. affirmative votes of three-fifths of the members elected is effective  
15. immediately upon its becoming a law. House Bill 2799, Senator  
16. Rhoads. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

17. SECRETARY:

18. House Bill 2799.

19. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

20. 3rd reading of the bill.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

22. Senator Rhoads.

23. SENATOR RHOADS:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. This  
25. House Bill 2799, is a clean up bill that was requested by the  
26. State Board of Elections and the county clerks of various counties  
27. to further clarify what procedures will be used in nursing homes  
28. for absentee ballot...or for election day, pre-election day voting,  
29. and this was legislation that was passed in June, this does not  
30. substantivally change that legislation, it's clean up language only,  
31. and I would ask for its adoption.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall

1. House Bill 2799 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed  
2. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
3. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes  
4. are 52, the Nays are none. House Bill 2799, having received a  
5. constitutional majority is declared passed, and the bill having  
6. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members  
7. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law.  
8. House Bill 2800, Senator Philip. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.  
9. SECRETARY:

10. House Bill 2800.

11. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

12. 3rd reading of the bill.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator Philip.

15. SENATOR PHILIP:

16. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
17. Senate. During our Regular Session, after this House Bill 2800  
18. was passed, Enrolling and Engrossing left out a line and a  
19. half, all this merely does is put it back in. I know of no  
20. objections.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall  
23. House Bill 2800 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed  
24. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
25. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
26. Ayes are 49, the Nays are none. House Bill 2800, having received  
27. a constitutional majority is declared passed, and the bill having  
28. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members  
29. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law. House  
30. Bill 2804, Senator Carroll. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

31. SECRETARY:

32. House Bill 2804.

33. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

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1. 3rd reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator Carroll.

4. SENATOR CARROLL:

5. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
6. Senate. This is a bill that will allow that monies that belong  
7. to the county from the real estate transfer tax stamps to be, in  
8. fact, given to the counties, that the proceeds will be sent back  
9. to the counties, and I would ask for a favorable roll call.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall  
12. House Bill 2804 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote  
13. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
14. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes  
15. are 52, the Nays are none. House Bill 2804, having received the  
16. constitutional majority is declared passed, and the bill having  
17. received the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the members  
18. elected is effective immediately upon its becoming a law. House  
19. Bill 2805, Senator Carroll. House Bill 2811, Senator Shapiro.  
20. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

21. SECRETARY:

22. House Bill 2811.

23. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

24. 3rd reading of the bill.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Shapiro.

27. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

28. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House  
29. Bill 2811, was discussed very thoroughly yesterday on 2nd reading,  
30. due to the fact that many amendments were added, however, to  
31. bring you to date on what the bill now contains, in its present  
32. form, House Bill 2811 removes the usury interest ceiling for  
33. residential real estate loans for approximately twenty-six months.

1. The Statutory limitation of two and a half percent above the  
2. monthly index of long term United States Government Bond Yields,  
3. will be in limbo and will not be reinstated until the usury  
4. limitation goes off on December 31st, of 1981. The bill also  
5. increases the General Interest Rate from eight to nine percent,  
6. and this is the rate that money can be secured for pursuant to  
7. a written contract if the particular...transaction is not on  
8. the exempt list. So, it really restricts this interest rate  
9. to loans between corporations and to loans between individuals.  
10. The bill also increases the rate of interest that public corporations  
11. or municipalities may issue tax anticipation warrants from  
12. eight to nine...from eight percent to the greater of nine percent  
13. where seventy percent of the prime commercial rate in effect  
14. at the largest commercial bank in the State of Illinois at the  
15. time of the contract. That, in a nutshell, is...are the contents  
16. of the bill. I would ask for a favorable roll call, if there  
17. are any questions...if there are any questions, I will attempt  
18. to answer them.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Is there further discussion? Senator Hall.

21. SENATOR HALL:

22. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. He indicates he will.

25. SENATOR HALL:

26. Senator, we have some of these financial institutions now  
27. that will not make loans to people who are trying to purchase  
28. homes...tell me how will this help them if they can't get loans  
29. right now, how will this help them if you take off the rate?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

31. Senator Shapiro.

32. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

33. Senator Hall, to the best of my knowledge, this will be one

1. facet in improving the home buyer and home seller atmosphere  
2. here in the State of Illinois. By raising the interest rate...  
3. by taking off the usury limitation, it will allow savings and  
4. loans who are primarily in the residential home loan business  
5. to make loans to Illinois customers that wish to purchase a  
6. home. In addition, funds are going to have to be available,  
7. the buyer or the purchaser, is going to have the...have to  
8. have the proper amount of money to make the down payment, and  
9. is going to have to be willing to go along with the higher  
10. interest rate, but this is the most important aspect of the  
11. entire picture, and it will prevent savings and loans from  
12. sending money out of the State of Illinois to other institutions,  
13. because under our present laws...or the restrictions they can  
14. get more money from a California savings and loan on interest,  
15. than they can by lending it to a home buyer.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. Senator Hall.

18. SENATOR HALL:

19. I listened to what you said, but my question was, how  
20. will this benefit a person whom the financial institutions now,  
21. will not make loans...I realize the primary purpose of the  
22. savings and loan, was that they were to make loans for people  
23. who want to buy homes and things. They're not making it in  
24. many instances now. I'm just trying to figure how by raising  
25. the rate, is this going to...I mean raise the ceiling, is this  
26. going to benefit people when they're not doing the job right now,  
27. that's the question I want to know.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Senator Shapiro.

30. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

31. Senator Hall, I...I thought I answered the question, but  
32. essentially by having a higher interest rate, it will allow  
33. the savings and loan to make a loan to a home purchaser, more

1. readily than they can now.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator Hall.

4. SENATOR HALL:

5. Well, I'm...I'm going to speak against the bill when...

6. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I don't

7. understand how, at this time, when we can't give people even a

8. two cents increase, how at this time can we come here and ask

9. to take the ceiling off of...for financial institutions

10. who are not making loans at this time, who are not helping

11. people doing the thing they should be. Now, the amazing thing

12. that I can't understand about financial institutions is this,

13. if they're in so much trouble, I have some money in financial

14. institutions, I'm locked in until 1984, at 7.5. They're

15. loaning that money out at a much higher rate. I just don't

16. understand, in good conscience, how we can turn to date, and

17. make these loans to these institutions. I am vehemently opposed

18. to this bill.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Senator Geo-Karis.

21. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

22. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. He indicates he will.

25. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

26. Senator, is there a time limit...is there a two year period

27. or something in this bill?

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Senator Shapiro.

30. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

31. Senator Geo-Karis, it expires on December 31st, 1981.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator Geo-Karis.

1. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

2. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

3. I don't think I've ever voted for a higher increase bill...  
4. increase in interest bill since I've been in the House and  
5. Senate for seven years, but let's not kid ourselves, money  
6. comes to a lot of these institutions for investment from out  
7. of state, they are not going to help us here. I've had loads  
8. of homeowners who have bought homes, for example, and can't  
9. sell their own, because there's no mortgage money available,  
10. and since there is a time limit of two years, I think we've  
11. got to look at it very practically and realistically. I...this  
12. is one time I'm going to vote for a bill like that, because  
13. it's not to please the real estate brokers, and no one has  
14. lined my pockets to vote a certain way, as was indicated by  
15. some Senator yesterday, but I can tell you my common sense is  
16. lining my pockets and my mind, and the needs of our area. Let's  
17. not kid ourselves, they don't have to invest their money here, if  
18. they're not going to get a better rate of interest, and until  
19. the Federal...Government straightens itself out in that...that  
20. particular direction, we're going to be in trouble, but, at  
21. least, I think we should give it a try for two years, and let  
22. people decide if they want to spend more interest getting loans.  
23. I, myself wouldn't want to, but I don't think we should deprive  
24. someone of the privilege to do so if they have need for it, and  
25. I speak in favor of the bill.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator Demuzio.

28. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

29. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
30. Senate. The previous Senator just spoke...spoke about Washington  
31. getting its act together and about the Federal monetary policies  
32. that are involved here, that have brought us to the problem that  
33. we have before us today. The committee, I think, has gone over...

1. worked...worked a great deal, and has bent over backwards in  
2. an effort to help the industry, because we recognize also that  
3. there is an immediate problem without question, in regards to  
4. mortgage rates in Illinois. The problem that I have with this  
5. particular legislation is the twenty-six months, as I had indicated  
6. originally back before the bill was even introduced, they were  
7. talking about perpetually taking the ceiling off, and I thought  
8. that was wrong. Twenty-six months, I think, is...is wrong, I  
9. would have been more inclined to support this legislation had  
10. it been twelve months, eighteen months or something less than  
11. the twenty-six month period that was sent to us by the House.  
12. We talk about inflation, and we talk about the Federal Government's  
13. monetary policy, in a recent article Arthur Burns the former  
14. Chairman of the Federal Reserve, was quoted as saying, that the  
15. essential ingredient in...in inflation is psychological. His  
16. point was...was that as long as the consumers...expect prices to  
17. keep rising, they are going to get rid of every spare penny to  
18. make purchases before the cost of these items moves up another  
19. notch, and, of course, this kind of panic buying just worsens  
20. the inflation. The media has been full of stories this past  
21. year in which the government is expressing its concern about  
22. inflation and sponsoring programs such as the Voluntary Wage  
23. and Price Control System to cool down the economy. This must  
24. have had a calming effect on the consumer, at least, in the  
25. beginning, but at this point, the citizen must be starting to  
26. wonder whether this crazy price...spiral will ever end, and  
27. whether the government blueprint is making any sense. Then  
28. in this atmosphere of apprehension the politicians come along  
29. and wipe out the state usury ceilings. To some it's going  
30. to look like trying to pacify a raging bull by removing the  
31. corral that he's been smashing at, the stragedy which no doubt  
32. will require the alternative response, which is running for one's  
33. life, and this is how the consumers could respond to the Senate's

1. decision to knock out the usury ceiling for two years. More  
2. fear, more panic, more suspicion that the government may just  
3. be giving up. Again, it shows how maddening...how maddening this  
4. inflation fever is, and how sometimes the medicine to control  
5. it can also end up making it worse. Today will be long remembered  
6. in the history of the State of Illinois for it indeed will be  
7. a black day, because when we are finished today, we will have  
8. raised a mortgage...mortgage ceiling, we will have raised the  
9. cost of a...of a person's home, we will raise the cost of a  
10. person's car, we will provide no meaningful tax relief for the  
11. people back home, and the only thing I can say, is that let's  
12. defeat this bill, bring it back to the Order of 3rd reading,  
13. put on the eighteen month ceiling, and then pass it over to  
14. the House. Don't...don't throw away your options today, and  
15. remember, you fellows that are out there running this time,  
16. I'm not running, remember that in addition to what we're about  
17. to do, we also pass a ten thousand dollar a year pay hike, we  
18. also went to San Francisco at the taxpayers' expense. You can't  
19. override the Governor's Veto on Sales Tax on food and medicine,  
20. you're going to be running with fifteen percent or more inflation,  
21. and you're going to be out there running in March with over  
22. fifteen and a half percent prime rate. I wish you a lot of good  
23. luck.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. The AP and UPI seek leave to take some still photographs.  
26. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Gitz. Oh, Senator  
27. Knuppel.

28. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

29. Mr. President, I have a commitment, and Senator Gitz wants  
30. to speak after me, if we may, with leave, alter our speaking  
31. arrangement?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. That's fine.

SENATOR KNUPPEL:

Actually, this is the greatest exercise in futility I have ever seen, but I do think I want to speak on it, because I have a kind of a bone to pick to with my own party in Washington D.C. I've been watching the Federal Reserve Board for a great number of years, and the average prime interest rate, listen to this people, 1964, 4.5 percent. Do you realize in 1977, when our great chipmunk took office, that the prime interest rate, average prime interest rate for 1977, was 6.83 percent. Now, that's risen to where the Chase Manhattan, yesterday announced a prime interest rate of 15.5. Gentlemen, if raising the interest rates from 7...or from 6.83 percent to 15.5 percent hasn't slowed the course of inflation, I don't know how in the hell raising the usury rates from eleven percent to thirteen is going to have any affect on it. This is really a rich man's bill, because first of all the lending institutions aren't going to lend money to anybody that can't pay that greater interest rate. They're not going to take that chance, so maybe I shouldn't really care. I...I'm standing here, I'm not really speaking for the little man or the consumer, I'm just saying some place we ought to plant our foot. We ought to realize that the most inflationary thing we have anywhere is the interest rate, and that when we raise the interest rate from nine percent on a home to thirteen percent, that's four percent multiplied by sixty thousand, you know, it comes out to some three thousand six hundred dollars a year, and for a person who owns a sixty thousand dollar home and has a loan of that much or of seventy-two thousand dollar home with a sixty thousand dollar loan on it, and tries to pay fifteen percent, how can he do it. The only...the only sale I've heard about that might be consummated, with talk about consummation yesterday, we sure need a lot of

1. leadership I'm telling you in this country. We need a  
2. few more bad guys, you know, and I say a few more Billy  
3. Martins that pops somebody right in the mouth, but let me  
4. tell you, you know, really and everybody goes along saying  
5. let's just slide along...slide along, but how in the world  
6. ...the only...the only loan I've heard of that could be  
7. completed was a young doctor that...that was guaranteed  
8. eighty thousand dollars a year. That's the only kind of  
9. people this will benefit, maybe we ought to vote for it,  
10. and...and not anger our friends in the real estate and...  
11. and in savings and loan industry, but they're kidding them-  
12. selves too, they're battling, they're in trouble, everybody  
13. in this economy is in trouble, and let me tell you, with  
14. International Harvester, Caterpillar, Sangamo Electric, all  
15. of the jobs that are going to be out of here for a long  
16. period of time, it's going to be a pretty dismal Christmas  
17. and maybe these people need it. It isn't going to help  
18. them, as I say it's an exercise in futility, we're  
19. sitting here spinning our wheels telling ourselves  
20. that if we raise the interest rate, it'll stop inflation.  
21. If we roll back the cost of gasoline four cents a gallon,  
22. if ten percent of our fuel is going to be gasohol we'll  
23. have it made. You know, men, it reminds me of that joke  
24. about Harry Truman when he was running for office and  
25. he thought he ought to stop on the reservation, you know,  
26. where the Indians where and he made this speech and  
27. everytime he'd say something everybody would holler  
28. ompah, ompah, and afterwards they thought they ought to  
29. take him out over the reservation to show him where their  
30. cattle herds and all the other things where, and as they  
31. walked out there they saw one of those heifer piles, you  
32. know they held him back and they said ompah.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Gitz. Senator Sangmeister. Senator Gitz, I'm sorry.  
3. Senator Sangmeister.

4. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

5. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I  
6. rise to speak on this bill only because...only because I own  
7. bank stock and I own savings and loan stock and everytime one  
8. of these bills comes up we're all in a jam. I...I expect everybody  
9. that's got savings and loan stock or bank stock doesn't vote on  
10. this bill, it will absolutely go no where. So, there is the possibility  
11. of a conflict of interest, but I want the record to show that I  
12. am supporting this bill, I'm voting for it, because the realtors  
13. in my district want it. I'm voting for it, because the home builders  
14. want it, I've got calls from people in my district who are private  
15. homeowners, and they want to be able to sell their home. I got  
16. calls from people who want to buy a home and want to pay this  
17. ridiculous rate of interest that they're going to have to pay.  
18. I'm going to give them an opportunity. I would say to you that  
19. if you think this is a bill for the savings and loan or banking  
20. industry, you're mistaken. They were very happy with the usury  
21. rate ceiling, because they could say to the realtors and they  
22. could say to the home builders, I'm sorry because of the usury rate  
23. we can't loan this money to you. They won't be able to say that  
24. anymore, they would just as soon lay this off in Federal Funds  
25. and a lot of other investments for very short terms. Why do they  
26. want to make these long term loans and lock themselves into that  
27. interest rate also in this crazy market that we're involved in. So,  
28. this vote is absolutely nothing to do...the savings and loans and  
29. banks would like to see this think just slowly go away, but they  
30. can't either, and I believe Senator Shapiro, you said that this  
31. would prevent funds from savings and loans from leaving the State,  
32. what I think you really meant to say is your bill does not  
33. prevent that, but it would also take away the excuse for savings and

1. loans and banks to send the money out of the State, and I think  
2. that's what you mean, but for those reasons I will be voting  
3. Aye.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Senator Gitz.

6. SENATOR GITZ:

7. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. There are times  
8. when reluctantly we have to choose between two evils, there  
9. are times when we are not comfortable with what the decisions  
10. are before us, because we truly don't believe that the public  
11. interest is necessarily going to be served by the action before  
12. us. Now, I'm sure that most of my colleagues have already thought  
13. that they have written a script for what I'm about to say. I've  
14. risen in this bill, because I've been one of the people who did  
15. not desire to be in the forefront of it, because I didn't really  
16. like the bill in its original form. The problems before us really  
17. do originate at the Federal level, and it's very clear to me that  
18. the Federal Reserve Board has decided whether it is wise or unwise  
19. to use monetary policy as the basis of controlling inflation, and  
20. someone is going to have to bite the bullet as they say in that  
21. market. This bill is not going to be a panacea for homeowners,  
22. it's not going to make the real estate industry healthy again,  
23. it's not going to provide money for the working men and women,  
24. who are not going to be able to make the down payments on this,  
25. it's not going to achieve all those purposes. I don't believe in  
26. a two year ceiling, because our monetary policy is going to be  
27. much different, we'll probably have a new administration. I do  
28. believe that we should have a floating index, we pegged it to the  
29. wrong index before. So, many times it seems when we present our  
30. legislation it is well intended, and fails to realize the objection.  
31. I believe that there should be something done about the point system,  
32. and offered amendments. I believe there should be something  
33. in the way of a down payment, withdrew the amendment because it was  
clear it was not going to go. I've tried in every way possible to make

1. it very clear that I agreed with the objective, did not necessarily  
2. agree with the means. What disturbs me most, in making up the  
3. mind of how to vote on this issue, is the lack of good faith that  
4. I've enjoyed from the people who have been beating down the doors  
5. on this bill. If the realtors could afford to talk to everyone  
6. else about these amendments, I don't understand why they couldn't  
7. talk to the sponsor of the amendment. I've looked in vain for  
8. anybody from the savings and loans that would like to come to  
9. me, sit down and say okay, your amendment is technically wrong,  
10. it won't work, and here's a better way to do it, but no, they're  
11. much more content to have a freight train and say this is what  
12. we're going to give you, take it or leave it. I am going to very  
13. reluctantly support this bill, and here's why. Before us we have  
14. the alternative of doing nothing, and genuinely leaving many  
15. people in the lurch, or accepting an alternative which I think is  
16. going to have many short term consequences and prove at a later  
17. date, perhaps to be hasty, and maybe the better part of valor is  
18. to take the lid off. I don't agree with what we're about to do,  
19. but I think it is the lesser of two evils, but in so doing I  
20. issue a warning, and that warning is that some of us are not going  
21. to go away. I'm going to come back in here with the help of some  
22. of the people in the home building interest and look at this in  
23. detail, and I do not want to see it said that those of us that  
24. genuinely have objections are somehow anti-business, somehow  
25. against the free enterprise system, somehow don't have something  
26. to say, in good faith I'm going to go along with it, even though  
27. I don't like the freight train. There are many bills that have  
28. been called back today for amendments, I even drafted new amendments  
29. took them to Senator Walsh, tried in every way possible to show  
30. my good faith, and we all know the reward for the effort, but I  
31. hope that some help comes to some people out of this bill. I hope  
32. that this bill achieves at least some limited part of its intended  
33. purpose, but I will be gravely disappointed for those of us who

1. intend to work in the interim, if we come back down here, and work  
2. for legislation, and it's bottled up in the Rules Committee.  
3. One of the reasons I wanted a shorter time period on this bill  
4. was for a very simple reason. This body has indicated that they  
5. do not generally address an issue until it's right on their  
6. door step, and what I fear most is regardless of what happens  
7. in Washington, is we will be in a situation where no one wants  
8. to address the issue, because after all we've got it fixed for  
9. two years. This legislation is not a panacea, it does have  
10. many faults, and there are some of us that have tried vigorously to  
11. address some of those faults in the amendments, but we failed so  
12. we do what we think is best.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator Chew.

15. SENATOR CHEW:

16. Mr. President, this is the best gimmick for the 1980 election  
17. that's been on the Senate Floor in a decade. This will get  
18. us all kinds of good things said to us, the nice builders will  
19. come to our rescue and make campaign contributions. Lending  
20. institutions will somehow get around to seeing that we get enough  
21. money to be reelected, those of us that are casting an Aye vote.  
22. That is not disturbing what disturbs me is, that when you run  
23. the interest rates up you are just adding to the inflation, in  
24. which we are besieged with now, without a recourse. The cost  
25. of a home at a thirteen percent rate will equal, if you get into  
26. a sixty thousand dollar mortgage, a hundred and fifty-eight  
27. dollars more per month. In order to have that kind of money to  
28. pay out on a mortgage you've got to first have that kind of cash  
29. flow, and where wages have not kept up with the inflationary cost  
30. of living, young people are not able to buy homes, and those that  
31. have homes now, cannot sell them. It isn't because of the interest  
32. rates, it's because the necessary...of finding the down payment which  
33. is exorbitant piled on top of the interest rate which we're giving  
them the right to charge. You're going to see your home building

1. industry and the sales of homes down, down, down, down, down.  
2. Now, what could we do about it, we could leave it as it is, and  
3. I'll assure you that somehow folks will find a way to buy homes  
4. as long as they don't have to have that additional cash flow. People  
5. are living in homes, they paid thirty thousand dollars for, now  
6. they think they're worth ninety thousand dollars. Lending institutions  
7. with that kind of interest rate in which we are granting them,  
8. sure they'll make a seventy thousand dollar loan on it, because  
9. after having that loan out ten years they've made the money back,  
10. and the only loser is the person who does not have an opportunity  
11. to renegotiate his loan as we tried to give them yesterday, and  
12. you refused it. So, the whole thing is a panic, we down here,  
13. we'll listen to special interest groups, and we will sell our  
14. voters down the creek, we will allow them to suffer for the very  
15. purpose of First Federal of Chicago, Continental National Bank,  
16. and other lending institutions, and these two-bit home builders  
17. who are putting up shacks and charging exorbitant rates, and we  
18. right here in this Legislature are responsible for that kind of  
19. doing that's going on in the State of Illinois. Let them take  
20. the money out of Illinois, who cares, they can't take it to  
21. Indiana, and they can't take it to Texas, they can't take it to  
22. California, because they don't have a home sales program out there  
23. either, and I'm telling you states that do not have the usury rate,  
24. but the point comes right back home, the buyer must first have the  
25. necessary monies, he must first have the means of having that cash  
26. out flow, they lay out the extra money, in which we're giving  
27. the lending institutions the right to charge them, and you're going  
28. to see the home industry staying as it is. You're going to see  
29. that the savings and loans associations aren't going to be able  
30. to make these loans, because people just can't afford them. This  
31. is a working society, the guy who has fifty percent down payment  
32. on a two hundred thousand dollar home can easily end up buying a hundred  
33. thousand dollar home, and paying for it cash. So, that's what we're  
going to leave them in. So, I'm going to vote against this bill,

1. because I think it's a special interest thing, and it's doing  
2. the working man a disservice by our passing it.  
3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
4. Senator Newhouse.  
5. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
6. In...in...will the sponsor yield to a question, please?  
7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
8. He indicates he will.  
9. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
10. In its most recent form Senator, is there...what is the down  
11. payment requirement?  
12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
13. Senator Shapiro. Senator Shapiro.  
14. SENATOR SHAPIRO:  
15. Senator Newhouse, there are no down payment requirements in  
16. the law to my knowledge. There never has been, and under this  
17. bill there are none.  
18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
19. Senator Newhouse.  
20. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
21. How...explain to me again how the rate interest is pegged.  
22. Is the cap simply off ad infinitum?  
23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
24. Senator Shapiro.  
25. SENATOR SHAPIRO:  
26. For...for approximately two years, until December 31st of  
27. 1981.  
28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
29. Senator Newhouse.  
30. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:  
31. And the Gitz amendment failed as I...as I understand, is  
32. that correct?  
33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
Yes.

1. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

2. I'm...I'm in a dilemma, I don't know who this affects. I  
3. think Senator Hall is right, it doesn't have anything to do with  
4. poor people, they're not going to get that money anyway Senator.  
5. So, this bill means nothing as far as that's concerned. On the  
6. other hand are...is this for business purposes, who's going...  
7. who's going to profit from this? How will someone be able to  
8. utilize this high interest rate?

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Shapiro.

11. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

12. The main thrust of the bill by lifting the usury limitation  
13. is to the housing market. People who want to buy homes will now  
14. be able to buy them, because the interest rate will be high enough  
15. that the savings and loans will be able to make a profit off of  
16. that interest rate, whereas, now with our usury limitation the  
17. percent that they can charge is less than what they have to pay  
18. for their new money.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Senator Newhouse.

21. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

22. That part I understand, but what I don't understand is...is  
23. I guess it's to Senator Chew's question, I guess, who in the world  
24. is going to make up the market in this instance?

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Shapiro.

27. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

28. Well, Senator Newhouse, it's...it's a free market, and I  
29. suppose the market will be made up of those people who have the  
30. down payment, whatever that is, who are in the market to purchase  
31. a home, and are willing to pay the higher interest rate.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator Newhouse.

1. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

2. Thank you, Mr. President, and Senators. I'm...I'm in a  
3. dilemma, one of my problems, of course, is that I'm looking at a  
4. soaring unemployment rate, and if there's any chance that can  
5. be...that dilemma can be broken, it would be healthy, except that  
6. I want to point out to you, that even if the home builders go  
7. into action, my guys are not going to get hired, because we  
8. can't get any unions. So, there may be some secondary or  
9. tertiary fall out from it, but it sounds to me like it's...it's  
10. a rich guys bill, and I don't really care which way it goes as  
11. far as they're concerned. So, I'm...I'm...you can convince me  
12. of something Doc, I guess that's my message.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator De Angelis.

15. SENATOR DE ANGELIS:

16. Thank you, Mr. President, and memberpersons of the Senate.  
17. I was not going to rise to speak on this bill, but I think some  
18. of the rhetoric that we're hearing has to be answered. It is  
19. quite disturbing and it reminds me of a saying that I heard a  
20. long time ago. When a man hits a dog with a stick the dog bites  
21. the stick, what I've heard today, is not an attack on the man, but  
22. a bunch of stick biting. So, to clear the record a little bit,  
23. let's set the record straight on who's who in this particular  
24. interest. Raising usury is no victory for anyone, particularly  
25. the sticks, and for those who want to know who the sticks are,  
26. the sticks are the banks, the savings and loans, the credit  
27. unions, the home builders, whoever you want to put in the category  
28. that has to pass on this cost to us, but it is not a victory be-  
29. cause it is not a solution, it is nothing more than a life preservér  
30. for survival. Now, let's define who the man is, well I'll tell  
31. you who the man is, Federal Discount Rate, twelve percent, Fed  
32. Funds, seventeen percent, T-Bills, at 12.75, and even our own  
33. beloved Treasurer in the State of Illinois, yesterday while we  
sat here, earned two hundred and ninety-two thousand dollars on the

1. regular funds that are in the State Treasury at the rate of  
2. 12.6 percent. I didn't see anybody rise up in righteous indignation,  
3. and say let's march on the Treasurer of the State of Illinois  
4. and get him to reduce those rates so we can lend money to the  
5. people. Now, let's look at who's getting beat with the stick,  
6. first of all we can all agree that there is one person who is  
7. not getting beat with the stick, and that's the person who doesn't  
8. borrow, and I'll tell you, recommending thrift is probably not  
9. a bad idea in today's economy, but there are people who are going  
10. to get beaten with the stick and there are three categories of  
11. people. One, is the person who sold his house, and needs to buy  
12. another one, and this has happened, and I don't know how many  
13. phone calls you got on this, but I've heard quite a few. Secondly,  
14. people who bought a house and who have not sold their other house,  
15. and three, people who need to buy period. Now, what beating is  
16. worse, paying more, or not being able to escape those options?  
17. And I want to point out one last thing about usury. It is probably  
18. the most fallacious type of economic thinking, because usury does  
19. nothing, but destroy funds in an up market, and in a down market  
20. it destroys competition. Thank you.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Senator Buzbee.

23. SENATOR BUZBEE:

24. Thank you, Mr. President. I had not intended to speak on  
25. this until I heard some of the previous speakers somehow or  
26. other tie the fact that there is a bill before us which would  
27. remove the usury rate in the State of Illinois for a twenty-six  
28. month period, tie that fact in with somehow, that...that reflected  
29. that we were bad people as was also reflected that we were not  
30. successful in putting a Sales Tax amendment on yesterday, and  
31. was also reflected in the fact that some went to San Francisco  
32. to a convention of the National Conference of State Legislators,  
33. and was also reflected in the fact that because a pay raise had  
been passed here about a year ago for members of this General

1. Assembly. Well, I went to San Francisco, I enjoyed it, I learned  
2. a lot, I am better able to serve my constituents because I went  
3. and I'll tell you something else, I'm going to New York next  
4. Summer when the National Conference of State Legislators meets.  
5. I don't apologize for that, I'm an active member of that...of  
6. that organization and intend to become more active. So, if that  
7. makes me a bad guy, then I'm a bad guy. I...I really resent all  
8. of the implications that continue to be made on this Floor that  
9. somehow or other, that...that we do things because people  
10. make...make campaign contributions, or because we do things in  
11. our jobs such as going to conventions, which...which is tied up  
12. somehow or other with this question. I...I really do resent that,  
13. it's got nothing whatsoever to do with it. Senator De Angelis,  
14. just pointed out very well the reason we're here today. In this  
15. morning's Chicago Tribune in the business section, there's the reason  
16. we're here to lift the usury rate. It says "Chase Up's the Prime to  
17. Fifteen and a Half Percent. You're collecting on your six month  
18. T-Bills, you're collecting 12.75 right now, I don't see any of  
19. you turning down that interest because you think it's...it's inflation-  
20. ary. It's...It's my...it's my understanding that there's not going  
21. to be exactly a...a glut of people coming in asking for loans if  
22. we remove the usury rate and it goes up to twelve or thirteen percent  
23. interest on a home loan. The fact of the matter is, right now,  
24. there are no home loans at all in my area, a savings and loans President  
25. told me a few weeks ago that he was borrowing at something like  
26. thirteen percent or twelve and a half percent and was loaning it  
27. out at eleven or whatever the rate was that he was able to get  
28. under the legal usury rate, and he was doing it to keep about  
29. five brokers in business. He said obviously I'm not making any  
30. money at that. so we're just here doing something that has to  
31. be done on a temporary basis. I had some ideas too, as to a  
32. different method of approaching this. Those ideas did not seem  
33. to...to come to fruition, and so we are temporarily lifting today.  
It's nothing we've got anything to do with, we could leave the usury

1. rate on if you want to, and there just wouldn't be any home  
2. loans at all, absolutely, period, none, zip, zilch. Now, I  
3. don't believe there's going to be a whole lot of people that  
4. are interested in...in...that are going to be flooding the  
5. savings and loans and asking to borrow money at twelve or  
6. thirteen percent when we do this, but at least those that do  
7. want to do that will have the money available to them...well,  
8. yes Senator Joyce, I am...I'm as much a financial wizard of the  
9. Senate as about thirty-five or about three-fourths of the speakers  
10. that I've heard here today. So, I am expressing my opinion,  
11. because I just really don't understand why we're having such  
12. a difficult time with this.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator Johns.

15. SENATOR JOHNS:

16. Mr. President. I would like to express some thoughts that  
17. haven't been discussed here today. I'm a real estate broker, and  
18. the real estate profession wants me to vote for this bill, but I'm  
19. not going to vote for it. Not because it's a conflict of interest,  
20. because it's a conflict of principles, and that principle is this,  
21. that we're failing to realize that this bill's not going to do  
22. all that you think it's going to do, and for the simple reason that  
23. the rising cost of building houses is a detriment itself, and to  
24. the sale of a house. Concrete, labor, lumber, nails, everything's  
25. up, and fuel tied right in with it. You name it, it's there, that's  
26. one principal reason. The second thing you ought to think about  
27. is that the monthly payment itself, is very, very difficult for  
28. anybody to make under these kinds of interest, and I think you  
29. ought to think of something else, who purchases most of the homes  
30. today? It's young people looking for a place to live, and you're  
31. going to see under the present housing development more and more  
32. young people moving back in with mother and dad, because they can't  
33. afford this kind of thing. They're going to be living there for  
awhile trying to save enough money to get their feet on the ground.

1. Mr. President, can I have a little quiet please? Now, what...  
2. I'd like to ask you this too. When you talk to a person like  
3. myself in the profession, or a banker, young people don't ask  
4. what the interest rate is, you know what they ask, what's the  
5. monthly payment. Will you give me the money, they don't ask  
6. what that interest rate is, half the time they don't know, they  
7. don't care, what is the monthly payment. Can I make it under my  
8. present salary. If they're making half way decent salary between  
9. two people they'll tackle it, and then the wife gets pregnant  
10. and they're on one salary, then the home starts depreciating  
11. because they can't pay the taxes, they can't pay the upkeep, and  
12. it falls back where, right to us great and grand realtors who  
13. will sell it again and make some more money. You know what, these  
14. young people and the people that buy under this condition should  
15. have with them under the chaotic conditions and the  
16. times the realtor right at their side to suffer with them, for  
17. selling them a home under these conditions. Bankers have told  
18. me that there's built in bankruptcy under these conditions. You  
19. know it and I know it. No young person can afford to pay that  
20. kind of interest, and that kind of payment. They're at the  
21. mercy of the lender. The examination of the savings and loans  
22. charters ought to be one of our duties here, they're given on  
23. the basis of service to a region, that money shouldn't leave the  
24. State. No way in the world should it be said that money will go  
25. out for investments, but houses purchased under this Act will  
26. be in desperation, and not will!..and will not be in time anything  
27. by chaotic. As I said. I wish the realtors who seek this had  
28. to share the agony of the years in paying for this home, nope  
29. the realtor will only be there to resell it, time after time  
30. as it depreciates because of lack of care. The prime rate today  
31. is tied to inflation, we're merely feeding inflation with this, and  
32. I say Ladies and Gentlemen I'm going to vote No, and I think it'll  
33. be a sad part when you tie this in with automobiles which is another  
think that everybody wants. I see you over there Graham, the great

1. Archie of the Corrections Department, but now...now...now let  
2. me tell you this, people buy cars and they buy homes at fifteen  
3. and sixteen percent for cars, and God knows what it's going  
4. to cost you for a home, you are absolutely asking for these people  
5. to lose everything they've got. Thank you, Mr. President.

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. Further discussion? Senator Walsh. Senator Keats.

3. SENATOR KEATS:

4. I'm just trying to call the previous question, so we  
5. can get the business of the day done, and I also wanted to...

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Senator...

8. SENATOR KEATS:

9. ...simply say that I have conflict of interest on this bill,  
10. but I own bank stock not savings and loan.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Davidson.

13. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

14. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I hadn't  
15. planned on speaking on this bill till earlier in this discussion  
16. people were saying this isn't going to help this class or that  
17. person or anybody else get a loan or get a home, and I want  
18. to tell you I'm going to support this bill for a very good  
19. reason, and everyone of you should do the same. That person  
20. who wants to go get a loan to buy a house or buy that apartment  
21. or condominium who may or may not qualify, will have an opportunity  
22. to do it. Maybe I ought to send the three people over to you  
23. people who talked about the wage interest, could I have their  
24. attention please, Mr. President.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Yes, I think everybody's getting a little tired of hearing  
27. these speeches.

28. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

29. I agree, I agree, but I want to talk to those people who...  
30. said about who wants a loan. I want to send over those three  
31. State employees, who got transferred, who can't sell their  
32. house, because the people who want to purchase them can't get  
33. the loan. Now, let's get on with it, and quit milking all of  
this for your own benefit, whether it's for publicity or otherwise,

1. and vote, and get this out so those people who must get a loan  
2. have an opportunity to get it. Thank you.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Further discussion? Senator Nash.

5. SENATOR NASH:

6. Mr. President, I move the previous question.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Further discussion? Senator Ozinga.

9. SENATOR OZINGA:

10. I wasn't going to speak on this, but after hearing all  
11. of the compah that's been around, well I figured I'd better  
12. say that I am interested in this bill, but to an earlier  
13. speaker, evidently he doesn't realize that these banks, financial  
14. institutions are the guardians of the funds that are deposited  
15. therein. There's...this is going to help nobody that's  
16. going to be a bad credit risk, these banks and bankers, and  
17. savings and loan people aren't going to analyze it. It isn't  
18. only the possibility of a higher rate of interest, it's good  
19. credit risk that counts too, and that is a part of this  
20. picture. The money will be available for those that want it,  
21. need it, but it's the credit that will take place better than  
22. just the amount of interest that's being paid, and I do declare  
23. that I do have a conflict, but I am going to vote, because this  
24. is a vote in favor of the general public.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

27. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

28. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
29. I just want to aver that I might have a possible conflict  
30. simply because I do own some shares of bank stock, not many  
31. at all, but I have none in the savings and loans, and I have  
32. voted consistently against banks anyway for the most part.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Further discussion? Senator Knuppel.

2. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

3. I...I had to cut my remarks short a minute ago. I just  
4. want to say one or two things. More as a public...more as a  
5. personal privilege than anything else. I have a list here of  
6. the...of the average prime interest rates for any of you people  
7. who are interested in what's been happening since 1964, one.  
8. Two, I have the names and credentials of all the members of the  
9. Federal Reserve Board, and so help me God, Valker or Schultz,  
10. Walsh, Caldwell, Partee, Tetis and Rice, there isn't a one  
11. of them that ever worked for a living or worked in a business,  
12. they've all been either economics professors or they've been  
13. bankers, is it any wonder that on the theory, we're in the  
14. shape we're in, and, of course, as Senator Buzbee said, I agree  
15. with him with these poor bankers, it reminds me of that farmer  
16. in the depression going into a hardware store, buying hammers for  
17. a dollar a piece and that's what the loan companies are doing  
18. and going out on the street selling them for seventy-five cents,  
19. and somebody stopped this poor old farmer and said why, man you  
20. can't do that. He said it sure as hell beats farming.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Any further discussion? Senator Bloom.

23. SENATOR BLOOM:

24. Mr. President, the question has been moved twice, can we have  
25. a vote.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Well, I was just about to do that when you so grandiloquently  
28. arose. Senator Shapiro may close the debate.

29. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30. Roll call.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. The question is, shall House Bill 2811 pass. Those in favor  
33. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.

1. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have  
2. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
3. the Ayes are 46, the Nays are 7. 1 Voting Present. House  
4. Bill 2811, having received a constitutional majority is  
5. declared passed, and the bill having received the affirmative  
6. vote of three-fifths of the members elected is effective  
7. immediately upon its becoming a law. On the Order of  
8. House Bills 3rd reading. House Bill 2813. Read the bill,  
9. Mr. Secretary.

10. SECRETARY:

11. House Bill 2813.

12. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

13. 3rd reading of the bill.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. Senator Philip.

16. SENATOR PHILIP:

17. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
18. the Senate. This is merely a technical error. What happened  
19. is they put the word county clerk in, and all it does is change  
20. the Board of Election Commissioners. I know of no opposition  
21. and ask for your favorable consideration.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill  
24. 2813 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will  
25. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
26. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
27. Ayes are 51, the Nays are none. 1 Voting Present. House Bill  
28. 2813, having received a constitutional majority is declared passed,  
29. and the bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths  
30. of the members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming  
31. a law. On the Order of House Bills 3rd reading, House Bill 2818.  
32. Senator Shapiro, will you mind handling that for me? Read the bill,  
33. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

1. House Bill 2818.  
2. ( Secretary reads title of bill )  
3. 3rd reading of the bill.  
4. PRESIDENT:  
5. Senator Shapiro.  
6. SENATOR SHAPIRO:  
7. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
8. House Bill 2818 as amended, amends the Motor Vehicle Installment  
9. Sale Act to increase new car finance charges, with an immediate  
10. effective date, and what it does is, raise the interest rate to  
11. nine and a quarter percent per hundred dollars of value per year  
12. from the effective date of this amendatory Act through April  
13. 30th, of 1981. I would urge a favorable vote.  
14. PRESIDENT:  
15. Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House  
16. Bill 2818 pass. Those...Senator Hall.  
17. SENATOR HALL:  
18. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
19. the Senate. Will the sponsor yield for a question?  
20. PRESIDENT:  
21. Indicates...indicates he'll yield. Senator Hall.  
22. SENATOR HALL:  
23. All right, Senator, if I read this correctly that this  
24. amends the Motor Vehicle Installment Sales to increase new  
25. car finance charges, is that what I'm reading? Is that correct?  
26. PRESIDENT:  
27. Senator Shapiro.  
28. SENATOR SHAPIRO:  
29. Yes, to nine and a quarter percent.  
30. PRESIDENT:  
31. Senator Hall.  
32. SENATOR HALL:  
33. How much is it right now?

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Shapiro.

3. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

4. Eight...eight percent.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Hall.

7. SENATOR HALL:

8. Well, I just want to say, Mr. President, I would like to  
9. speak on this. I just want to say now, here we are, we've  
10. taken off the usury rates, and we failed to give relief for foods  
11. and drugs and now we come along here and we're going to increase  
12. the finance charges for people trying to buy automobiles. I just  
13. don't understand what we're doing here. No use saying any more,  
14. I'm just opposed to this, I vote No.

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Further discussion? Senator Keats.

17. SENATOR KEATS:

18. Previous question.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. The question is, shall House Bill 2818 pass. Those in  
21. favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting  
22. is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
23. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
24. Ayes are 40, the Nays are 12. 1 Voting Present. House Bill  
25. 2818, having received a constitutional majority is declared  
26. passed, and the bill having received the affirmative vote of  
27. three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
28. upon its becoming a law. On the Order of House Bills 3rd reading,  
29. is House Bill 2805. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

30. SECRETARY:

31. House Bill 2805.

32. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

33. 3rd reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is now the appropriation to the counties for their share of the tax collected. It is also the supplemental appropriation for the Department of Revenue, and in addition the Senate has adopted amendments today to add other monies to it for other various purposes. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDENT:

Any discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Just a question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator Carroll, is this taking into consideration the veto that we overrode in both Houses, I believe, to give back four percent to the counties on the Inheritance Tax?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Carroll.

SENATOR CARROLL:

Yes.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Mitchler.

SENATOR MITCHLER:

A question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

Indicates he'll yield. Senator Mitchler.

SENATOR MITCHLER:

Senator Carroll, I received a telephone call from a Dennis Taylor up in the Aurora YMCA, and he said that there was an appropriation added, hundred and fifty-five thousand that would take care of the operation of their daycare center, and I didn't know if it

1. was in this bill, I sort of looked for it. I don't have  
2. the amendment. Is there provisions in there to provide  
3. extending support for the daycare centers?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Carroll.

6. SENATOR CARROLL:

7. Yes, amendment No. 6. Amendment No. 6.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Further discussion? Senator Regner.

10. SENATOR REGNER:

11. Yes, Mr. President, just one point, and I guess I have a  
12. question for Senator Carroll. I assume that this bill will be  
13. held for concurrence in the House until they vote on the con-  
14. currence of House Bill 1179?

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Senator Carroll.

17. SENATOR CARROLL:

18. I would assume that that's what the House would do in its  
19. ...infinite wisdom.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House  
22. Bill 2805 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will  
23. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
24. voted who wish? Senator Washington, yes. Have all voted who wish?  
25. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 47, the Nays are  
26. 5. 1 Voting Present. House Bill 2805, having received a constitutional  
27. majority is declared passed, and the bill having received the affirmative  
28. vote of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
29. upon its becoming a law. All right, the Senate in the Regular  
30. Session will stand in recess until the hour of 2:30. Yes, Senator  
31. Knuppel. You want to do that now?

32. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

33. Let's do it now.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. All right.

3. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

4. Get it out of the way.

5. PRESIDENT:

6. On the Order of...prior to the recess, on the Order of  
7. Consideration Postponed we had suspended the rules so that we  
8. might consider House Bill 2492. Is there leave to go to that  
9. order of business? Leave is granted. On the Order of House  
10. Bills 3rd reading, is House Bill 2492. Read the bill, Mr.  
11. Secretary.

12. SECRETARY:

13. House Bill 2492.

14. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

15. 3rd reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Knuppel.

18. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

19. Mr. President. House Bill 2492 is the pay raise bill for  
20. the State's Attorneys. It was caught on the Postponed Consideration  
21. when these bills didn't get called in the closing hours of the  
22. Session in June. The bill has been resurrected, what it does, and  
23. we did give circuit clerks and others a pay raise yesterday, almost  
24. everybody else has had them. What it does, is in small counties  
25. from ten to twenty thousand, there is no increase. In counties  
26. from twenty to thirty thousand, the increase is from twenty-five  
27. thousand, five hundred in starting in the new term, 1980, it goes  
28. up to thirty-six thousand over that period, and...and it would be  
29. progressive as the years...they go in at that amount. Now, as  
30. to counties of over thirty thousand where the State's Attorney  
31. is full time, the salary would be fifty thousand, five hundred,  
32. and in Cook County, fifty-eight thousand. We've given virtually  
33. everybody else pay increases, this bill has been waiting here on  
the Calendar. The pay raise will not go into effect in counties

1. except for one-third thereof, unless approved by the...or two-  
2. thirds thereof, unless approved by the county board. The  
3. county money will not go in unless the county board approves  
4. the increase. I would suggest that this is only fair in the  
5. cost of the ever rising inflation that everybody else is con-  
6. fronted with. We want to keep the State's Attorneys we have,  
7. virtually seventy-five percent of our State's Attorneys in  
8. 1976 were without experience. This will keep those people that  
9. we have who are doing a good job. I...I submit it's good  
10. legislation, and would ask a favorable roll call.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Any discussion? Senator Martin.

13. SENATOR MARTIN:

14. Will the sponsor yield?

15. PRESIDENT:

16. Indicates he'll yield. Senator Martin.

17. SENATOR MARTIN:

18. You mentioned that yesterday there was a bill for a pay  
19. raise for circuit clerks, are you saying that this bill does  
20. what that does, which is allows the county board to set it?  
21. Or does not this bill just actually give the pay raise without  
22. the board being able to set that figure?

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Knuppel.

25. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

26. You're correct, the board...the bills are a different concept.  
27. I wasn't trying to represent that. What I was saying in the county  
28. boards can raise circuit clerks salaries that's allowed. Here  
29. two-thirds of the increase comes from the State, and that would  
30. be received. The other third would not be received, this is not  
31. an imposition on the county unless the county board approves it.  
32. It is an imposition on the State Treasury only.

33. PRESIDENT:

Senator Martin.

1. SENATOR MARTIN:

2. You are...I just want to be clear. You're saying that if  
3. we pass this, the county boards still don't have to pay that  
4. figure?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Knuppel.

7. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

8. That's exactly what I'm saying, they only have to...the  
9. State's Attorney get's only the two-thirds of it that comes from  
10. the State Government, the county board does not have to pay  
11. any part of that increase if they don't vote for it.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Martin.

14. SENATOR MARTIN:

15. ...Also true that in counties under thirty thousand, which  
16. according to the bill you are raising to thirty-six thousand  
17. dollars, they'll still be part time State's Attorneys, at  
18. thirty-six thousand dollars?

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Senator Knuppel.

21. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

22. They...they will still be, but we've...we have cut the difference  
23. off at twenty...at twenty thousand population. It used to be part  
24. time all the way down, now...yes they would still be part time  
25. State's Attorneys from twenty to thirty thousand, only those in  
26. counties of over thirty thousand are full time State's Attorneys.

27. PRESIDENT:

28. Further discussion? Senator Rhoads.

29. SENATOR RHOADS:

30. A question of Senator Knuppel.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Indicates he'll yield. Senator Rhoads.

33. SENATOR RHOADS:

1. Senator, I recall having opposed this bill in June and  
2. I think I've changed my mind, but my question is as to the  
3. effective date of the bill and the terms of the State's  
4. Attorneys. When...when is this bill effective, assuming it's  
5. passed today, and secondly when do the terms of these State's  
6. Attorneys begin?

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Knuppel.

9. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

10. There will be no change in salaries until they take their  
11. office in December of 1980, at that time the pay raises will be  
12. ...will become effective.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Any further discussion? Senator Knuppel, do you wish to  
15. close?

16. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

17. I'd like a favorable roll call.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. The question is, shall House Bill 2492 pass. Those in favor  
20. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
21. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
22. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 36,  
23. the Nays are 11. 1 Voting Present. House Bill 2492, having  
24. received a constitutional majority is declared passed. All right,  
25. the Senate in Regular Session will stand in recess until the hour  
26. of 2:30. The House tells me that they are going into...have gone  
27. into Session, and hopefully we can conclude our business when we  
28. return at 2:30 in the Regular Session, in the meantime we will  
29. ...Mr. Secretary you can inform them that we'll go to the Order  
30. of the 3rd Special Session.

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The Senate will come to order. Senator Geo-Karis, for  
3. what purpose do you arise?

4. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

5. President Rock, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
6. It is my pleasure to introduce today a visitor from Athens.  
7. Greece who is an attorney with the National Bank of Greece, and  
8. who's here for the Operation Friendship Project of the Zonta  
9. International Organization, which celebrated its sixtieth  
10. anniversary last night, and she's here in the company of  
11. ...Attorney Dewit from the Attorney General's Office, and I'd  
12. like to introduce to all of you if I may, Miss Maria Michoplolou.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. You're welcome.

15. MISS MARIA MICHOPLOLOU:

16. ( Remarks by Miss Maria Michoplolou )

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1. PRESIDENT:

2. Thank you. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise?

3. SENATOR VADALABENE:

4. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I  
5. move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session  
6. for the purpose of acting on...on the Governor's appointments  
7. set forth in the Governor's Message of June 15th, June 29th,  
8. and October 18th, 1979, and the appointment of the Comptroller  
9. contained in his message of July 26th, 1979.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. All right, you've heard the motion. All in favor signify  
12. by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered.  
13. Mr. Secretary.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senator Vadalabene, Chairman of the Committee on Executive  
16. Appointments and Administration, to which was referred in the Comptroller's  
17. Message to the Senate of July 26th, 1979, reports the same  
18. back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and consent  
19. to the following appointment. Senator Vadalabene, Chairman of  
20. the Committee on Executive Appointments and Administration, to  
21. which was referred the Governor's Message of June the 15th,  
22. 1979, June the 29th, 1979, and October the 18th, 1979, reported  
23. the same back with the recommendation that the Senate advise and  
24. consent to the following appointments.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Vadalabene.

27. SENATOR VADALABENE:

28. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
29. With respect to the Governor's Message of June 15th, June 29th,  
30. October 18th, and the Comptroller's Message of July 21, 1979,  
31. I will read the names of the unsalaried appointments that the  
32. Committee on Executive Appointments and Administration recommends .  
33. that the Senate advise and consent to, and after reading the names

1. I intend to ask leave to consider all the unsalaried appoint-  
2. ments on one roll call unless any Senator has objection  
3. to any particular name. To be Public Administrator, Conservator,  
4. and Guardian of the Morgan County...of Morgan County for a term  
5. expiring December 7th, 1981, Jack Mathews, of Jacksonville,  
6. and to be a member of the International Trade and Port Promotion  
7. Advisory Committee for a term expiring January 19, 1981, Richard  
8. Durkes of Dixon, and to be members of the Children and Family  
9. Services Advisory Council for the term indicated, Karyl V. Thorsen,  
10. of Rockford, her term expires January 17, 1983, and Beverly G.  
11. Wright, of Aurora, her term expires January 19, 1981, and to  
12. be a member of the Advisory Board of Livestock Commissioners  
13. for a term expiring January 19, 1981, Gilbert Novotny  
14. of Nation Stock Yards, and to be a member of the Lottery  
15. Control Board for term expiring July 1, 1982, James D. Jackson,  
16. of Chicago, and to be members of the Illinois Health Facilities  
17. Authority for a term indicated, John Daley, of Peoria, term  
18. expiring June 30th, 1986, and William C. Fox of Champaign, term  
19. expiring June 30th, 1985, and to be members for the Industrial  
20. Development Authority for terms expiring January 19, 1981,  
21. G. Allen Adreas Jr., of Decatur, Frank W. Considine of  
22. Winnetka, Peter Gidwitz of Chicago, Walter R. Lohman of  
23. Springfield, and N. Clyde Oberlin of Effingham, and to be  
24. a member of the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board of  
25. term expiring June 10, 1983, John T. Gregorio, M.D. of  
26. River Forest. The names the following individuals were heard  
27. in committee on June 15th, and June 30th, 1979, but their  
28. Floor confirmation was held up until all the necessary materials  
29. on them were made available to the committee. They are...to be  
30. a member of the Illinois Missouri Bridge Commission for a term  
31. expiring October 27th, 1983, Udell F. Paetzhold-Chester. To be a  
32. member of the Advisory Board to the Department of Personnel for a term  
33. expiring January 17th, 1983, C. Richard Neumiller, of Peoria,

1. and to be members of the Board Agriculture Advisors for a  
2. term expiring January 19, 1981, Wayne Heberer of Belleville,  
3. Gerald Marlin Carney of Girard, and to be a member of the  
4. Board of Banks and Trust Companies for a term expiring  
5. January 1, 1982, Walter D. Fackler of Chicago, and Mr.  
6. President, having read the names of the unsalaried appoint-  
7. ments I now seek leave to consider these names on one roll  
8. call, unless some Senator has objection to a specific  
9. name.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is,  
12. does the Senate advise and consent to the nominations just  
13. made. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.  
14. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
15. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
16. Ayes are 52, the Nays are none. A majority of Senators  
17. elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does advise  
18. and consent to the nominations just made. Senator Washington,  
19. for what purpose do you arise?

20. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

21. Mr. President, I want the record to show that had I been  
22. paying attention I would have voted Yes.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. The record will so indicate. Senator Vadalabene.

25. SENATOR VADALABENE:

26. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
27. With respect to the Governor's Message of June 15th, June 29th,  
28. and October 18th, and the Comptroller's Message of July 26th,  
29. 1979, I will read the names of the salaried appointments that  
30. the Committee on Executive Appointments and Administration  
31. recommends that the Senate advise and consent to, and after  
32. reading the names I intend to ask leave to consider all of the  
33. salaried appointments on one roll call, unless any Senator has

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1. objection to any particular name, however there was  
2. objection to one salaried appointment, and I will call him  
3. after these...after these have been confirmed and Director  
4. Jeffers will be on a separate roll call, so there will be no need to  
5. ...to have him on this roll call. To be Assistant  
6. Director of the Department of Personnel for a term expiring  
7. January 19,1981, Louis J. Giordano of Springfield, and  
8. to be Assistant Director in the Department of Revenue for a  
9. term expiring January 19, 1981, J. Thomas Johnson, of DeKalb,  
10. and to be Commissioner of the Saving and Loan Commission for a  
11. term expiring July 1, 1980, William J. Schilling of Chicago,  
12. and to be Director of Department of Veteran Affairs, for  
13. a term expiring January 19, 1981, David V. Hardwick of  
14. Rochester, and to be a member of the Illinois...to be Director  
15. of the Personnel for the Office of Comptroller, M. Alice Kirby  
16. of Springfield, and Mr. President having read the names of the  
17. salaried appointments I now seek leave to consider these names  
18. on one roll call, unless some Senator has objection to a  
19. specific name.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

21. You've heard the motion. Are there any objections?  
22. If not, the question is, does the Senate advise and consent  
23. to the nominations just made. Those in favor vote Aye. Those  
24. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?  
25. Harold have you...are you recorded? Have all voted who wish?  
26. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 55, the Nays  
27. are none. A majority of Senators elected concurring by record  
28. vote the Senate does advise and consent to the nominations just  
29. made. Senator Vadalabene. Senator Vadalabene.

30. SENATOR VADALABENE:

31. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
32. There was some discussion in regards to this appointment, the  
33. appointment is be the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation.

1. Services for a term expiring January 19, 1981, James S.  
2. Jeffers of Chatham. This is a salaried appointment, and I  
3. now seek your vote in regard to this nominee.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Is there further discussion? Senator Hall.

6. SENATOR HALL:

7. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
8. the Senate. We..at this time I want to ask my fellow members  
9. of the Senate and explain to them why that we felt it was  
10. necessary to come to the Floor of the Senate on this particular  
11. Gentleman. Mr. Jeffers, as you know, is the Executive...  
12. I mean he is the Director of DVR. Now over the course of  
13. time that...there has been some communication... Mr. Jeffers and  
14. Senator Newhouse, and many others, on the department. We feel  
15. at this time because Mr. Jeffers has...may I have a little...  
16. could we have a little order please? We feel at this time  
17. that Mr. Jeffers, even though many may have...be under the  
18. impression that he has done a good job, and maybe he has  
19. in one respect, but in the other he has simply...before he  
20. became director of this particular department there were  
21. seven minorities who were in policy making positions in this  
22. department. Since, he has become director he has systematically  
23. taken everyone of them out of those positions. We had a meeting  
24. with Mr. Jeffers...may we have a little order there from...please?  
25. I think that you would like to hear what we have to say at this  
26. particular time, Gentlemen. It's not a pleasant duty to come  
27. before the Senate and try and explain to you...we tried to do  
28. this in the committee last night, and we were unsuccessful, so  
29. this is our only recourse now, is to come to the Floor. Mr. Jeffers  
30. may have great credentials, and he's probably doing a job...maybe  
31. many over there feel that he is doing a good job. The issue here  
32. is that under his administration, the seven top slots are some  
33. in what we call in policy making positions, they were minorities.  
To date there are none, he has seen fit to eliminate any minority

1. in any policy making position. We feel it's only fair  
2. at this time to come before our fellow brothers and sisters  
3. of the Senate, and express our unhappiness that...what has happened  
4. in this particular department. We tried we had a meeting, we  
5. were unable to resolve our differences, and unfortunately  
6. as of yesterday, you know the Senate was in Session all day,  
7. and then when we did adjourn we had to go right into the Executive  
8. Appointment, at the time that we were trying to get together  
9. in the back...the...his name was up and we had no other course  
10. but come before the committee and express our unhappiness about  
11. the Gentleman. The thing that we're mainly concerned with  
12. at this time, that even though Mr. Jeffers maintains that  
13. he has a quota of minorities in this particular department, the  
14. question at large is what happened to the seven minorities who  
15. were in policy making positions. We have never been able to get  
16. a clear understanding, why they were moved, and if they were re-  
17. moved why were not some others placed in their positions. You  
18. know it's quite strange that if you have seven, and all of  
19. them, and you never put another one back, it's bound to raise  
20. some questions. Now, I just wanted to set this tone, and I'm  
21. going to relinquish and let some of the others who wish to  
22. speak at this time, and then we'll have a closing. Thank you,  
23. Mr. President, and members of the Senate.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Senator Newhouse.

26. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

27. Thank you, Mr. President, and Senators. The third act  
28. of the Jim and Jane show has produced some horrific results for  
29. the urban community and particularly for the minority communities  
30. and this appears to be a continuation of that, we know what's going  
31. to be the outcome of this, but what I want to point out is several  
32. things, one is procedurally this has been a most unusual appointment.  
33. Normally the procedure by which an objection is made to an appointee

1. is that any single Senator can make an objection, and if there's  
2. ...if there is sound reason then this Body, at least, case  
3. siders holding up an appointment. We think this appointment should  
4. not have been made at this point. We did not even get the support  
5. of our own side in that regard. We finally got this appointment  
6. held up one week, not by holding up this single appointment, which  
7. was all we asked, but by holding up everybody who was to have  
8. been confirmed last week. So, a lot of people made an unnecessary  
9. trip back to Springfield for some reason which I cannot fathom,  
10. or rather I do not wish to fathom. We had a hearing yesterday,  
11. and Senator Hall has been extremely kind, this is an unpleasant  
12. duty, but it is a duty, it's a duty we owe to our constituents.  
13. We have a State which claims it has an affirmative  
14. action policy, and an EEO policy. We have a party which has  
15. a plank for affirmative action, and everyone of those was  
16. defied in every instance in this case. We didn't ask that this  
17. man be held indefinitely, we asked that he be held until such  
18. time as we could thoroughly investigate the background of the  
19. demolition of the complete staff of policy making people, black,  
20. in that department. Let me tell you what his testimony was  
21. yesterday, that since he's had that department, it has almost  
22. doubled in size. Now, my arithmetic tells me that if there was  
23. seven in policy making positions then, then there should have  
24. been fourteen yesterday, instead there were none. When asked  
25. the hard questions the Gentleman shuffled and danced and he  
26. never answered a single question. To me the whole thing has  
27. been a farce, it's been insulting to this entire Body, but I know  
28. that when Jim and Jane pull the strings the dancing is done. I  
29. was amazed we got one vote from our own side of the aisle in  
30. a performance that was patently ridiculous, I have no problem  
31. with this man personally, I get along with him, I thought he  
32. was a fine fellow until I looked at the record, but it wasn't a case  
33. of emotionalism, on plain paper by his own admission, and according

1. to his own structure. What has been done in that department  
2. boggles the mind. If we do have EEO policy, if we do have  
3. a State that is dedicated to affirmative action, then it  
4. seems to me that we have a duty to ourselves and to our  
5. constituents to ask some questions when questions need to  
6. be asked, and I look at the record of what's gone on in  
7. that department over the past two years, certainly cries  
8. for some questions. This man ought not be confirmed at  
9. this time, I certainly intend to vote against him, regretfully,  
10. and I would hope that those of you, or rather those of you  
11. who do plan to vote for him, I want to make sure that you do  
12. not vote for him in the absence of a knowledge of what he's  
13. done, and what the record looks like. Thank you, Mr. President.  
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator Rhoads.

16. SENATOR RHOADS:

17. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. It  
18. isn't often that I would speak on a confirmation, but not  
19. too many times do I know the individual so well. There is  
20. no one in the State of Illinois who is better qualified to  
21. be director of this department than Jim Jeffers. I've per-  
22. sonally known Jim since 1971, and it was my privilege in 1973  
23. to round up endorsements for Jim from the Illinois Congressional  
24. Delegation to place him as Director of the President's Advisory  
25. Commission on the Handicapped, a job which he didn't get but he  
26. later was associated with that commission. Having known Jim for  
27. eight years, and knowing something about his personal character  
28. and his personal integrity I can assure you, Senator Newhouse, as  
29. I did a couple of days ago off the Floor, that whatever your  
30. problems with that department might be, and whatever your mis-  
31. understandings with Director Jeffers might be, to in any way  
32. impugn his motives or to in any way suggest that it belies an  
33. attitude which is somehow anti-minority simply is totally in-  
consistent with the character and integrity of this individual.

1. He's an outstanding rehabilitant, he understands the problems of  
2. the handicapped, he understands what needs to be done in that  
3. department, and of all the people that the Governor has appointed  
4. over the last three years, there couldn't be anyone more well  
5. qualified than Jim Jeffers. I would hope that for those of you  
6. who have questions or want to send a message or something, maybe  
7. you could see your way clear to voting Present so as not to  
8. besmirch this person's character, but he's...he's truly an  
9. outstanding candidate for this position.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Senator Washington.

12. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

13. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I suppose one  
14. of the real tragedies of this particular situation is that so  
15. many people I admire and respect like Senator Merlo and Senator  
16. Rhoads, and Senator Netsch have such great reliance upon Mr.  
17. James Jeffers, and that makes it doubly hard for us to bring  
18. a case to you which we feel must be brought to you notwithstanding  
19. that feeling, and when we come here to the Floor of the Senate  
20. and bring charges of...the kinds of charges we're bringing, it's  
21. not capriciously done or willy-nilly taking upon...we gave  
22. a lot of thought to it, and in most cases there's been a long  
23. series of negotiations and discussions with the people whom we're  
24. dealing with when we come to this Floor. The classic example was  
25. the Park District in Chicago in which we stretched the thing  
26. out over a period of six or eight months trying to resolve the  
27. matter. It never was resolved, we felt it had to come to the  
28. members of the Floor, it did, and then strangely enough when it  
29. gets to this point we're usually accused of being callous, unthinking,  
30. unmindful, and if we would just sit down to dinner with these  
31. people after fait accompli, and everything would be all happy  
32. lovey dovey, well it doesn't work that way. We have a responsibility  
33. here. Not necessarily to change minds, because that's sometimes

1. hopeless, but to articulate the frustrations and desires and  
2. clear evidence of bad treatment or second class treatment in  
3. which the people we represent suffer at the hands of  
4. State Government, that's our function, and it doesn't make  
5. any difference whether you're listening or not or vote or  
6. not. I would be so blunt as to say I don't give a damn most  
7. of the time, but it must be said, and I say this, that we  
8. went into that meeting yesterday, and thought that we'd made  
9. a clear case of...a clear prima facie case of discrimination  
10. in terms of promotion upgrading of blacks in the DVR to the  
11. point where that committee..the least it could have done would  
12. have been to continue that matter for further investigation. That's  
13. what we felt, I would assume that if one Senator had walked in  
14. there and done that he would have gotten that kind of result,  
15. two, three, but five to go in there and say that, and to march  
16. the kind of evidence that we marched in support of what we were  
17. saying, I felt that the least that could be done was to continue  
18. the matter and investigate it, and perhaps have avoided what is  
19. happening here today. It wasn't done, I don't blame you Republicans,  
20. you don't owe us anything, I do blame the Democrats, I think  
21. you're hypocrites those of you who were on that committee, I  
22. think you're flying the false colors, I think you are the beneficiary  
23. of our votes in many instances and the second and third jobs you  
24. hold, you hold because we get out there in the...and  
25. bring those votes in. You run on the same platform we run on,  
26. part of that platform deals with affirmative action, you give a lot  
27. of voice to it, but no substance, everytime you get a chance you  
28. duck and hide, and then you run back to us and say support this  
29. President, support this Mayor, support this Governor, support  
30. this Attorney General, support this State's Attorney, you keep  
31. running back to us for help, and everytime we look around you  
32. sock it to us. You don't even give us support we may...for a  
33. clear case, so you Republican members forget anything I've said,  
and I say this to my side, mainly the Chicago Democrats, you are

1. a disgrace. How dare you call yourselves Democrats, I used  
2. the word racist is morning, my fifteen years experience down  
3. here as taught me one thing, that the core of racism in the  
4. General Assembly is in the Chicago Democrats, and it came  
5. out yesterday as never before. I'm ashamed of you.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Senator Graham. Senator Moore.

8. SENATOR MOORE:

9. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
10. I rise in support of Jim Jeffers confirmation for this particular  
11. position. I've had the occasion of knowing him since he served  
12. on the Republican staff in the House of Representatives, ten  
13. or twelve years ago, when I was in the House of Representatives.  
14. My next association was...with him was when I was Chairman of  
15. the Legislative Advisory Committee on Public Aid, and we made  
16. our annual...annual tour to Washington D.C. and found him on  
17. the staff of HEW in the SRS section, the Social and Rehabilitation  
18. Services section of HEW, which provides Illinois with probably  
19. eighty or eighty-five percent of the Federal monies that we spend  
20. in Public Aid in Illinois. He was exceedingly helpful to us when  
21. we were out there, his background is impeccable and there appears  
22. to be some type of misunderstanding from a statistic point of  
23. view, let's look at what Jim Jeffers has done as far as minority  
24. are concerned, and as far as employment of handicaps are concerned.  
25. Now, he took over in, sometime, I believe in '76, at which  
26. time there were sixteen and a half percent minorities employed  
27. in his department. In 1977, it went up to 17.20 percent, in  
28. 1978, eighteen percent, and this year eighteen and a half percent  
29. over the established goals that were established by him when  
30. he took over as director of this department, at prior to which  
31. time there was never any affirmative action program or goals  
32. as to be established. As far as employment of handicaps, in 1976  
33. there were sixteen percent employees, in 1977, seventeen and a

1. half percent, in 1978 twenty-two percent, and in 1979, 20.7  
2. percent. I think he has shown by the percentage of increase  
3. in minorities and handicapped persons that he has employed  
4. in his department under his administration, that he cannot  
5. be accused of being prejudiced or anti-minority or anti-handicapped.  
6. One thing that did come out at the hearing, that I...I think is  
7. significant is that in the event that there was some discrimination  
8. or hanky panky or whatever you want to call it, in his department,  
9. there has...there is no FEPC complaint on file against him or  
10. his department, there has been no complaint filed by the EEO,  
11. the Equal Employment Opportunities section, there's nothing  
12. there. I'm sure that if any of these eight people that go  
13. back to 1972, that some of my colleagues on the other side  
14. of the aisle have alluded to, I'm sure that if...if they  
15. would of had a legitimate complaint they would have ran to the  
16. FEPC or the EEO and filed a complaint, and this matter would have...  
17. have come to light. That is not the case. Now, I talked to  
18. the director, he has assured me that any problems that any  
19. member of this Body has as far as his employment activities are  
20. concerned, as far as the way he runs his department, as far as  
21. ...as affirmative action program is concerned, he will sit down  
22. with any member of this Body, and I'm sure any member of the  
23. other House if they so desire, and discuss it with them, and if  
24. there is something that is wrong, he will make a sincere attempt  
25. to correct it. I think that Jim Jeffers had done an outstanding  
26. job since he is appointed by the Governor of this State. I think  
27. his confirmation should go forth today unanimously. Thank you,  
28. Mr. President.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Berman.

31. SENATOR BERMAN:

32. I think I'm standing more on a point of personal privilege  
33. than on the subject matter, and so I will ask for that leave,  
Mr. President.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Leave granted? Leave is granted.

3. SENATOR BERMAN:

4. I heard some comments from a fellow Senator that I  
5. respect, and as a Senator who fits into the category that  
6. he describes, a Chicago Democrat, I want to respond. I sat  
7. here for a moment or two and really decided whether I should  
8. just let it pass or let it not pass. Senator Washington, you  
9. do a disservice to yourself, to me, and to others that serve  
10. with you. We may differ with...on issues and we have in the  
11. past, and you and I have been friends for many years. We  
12. may differ on approach, but I think if you look at the record,  
13. it has been the Chicago Democrats that have added the votes  
14. that have passed and brought into reality everyone of the major  
15. accomplishments that you and the black Legislators that your  
16. constituents have elected in the past, have brought into  
17. reality. I don't come from a constituency that has any  
18. difficulty with those kinds of votes, but some of our colleagues  
19. from Chicago do, and yet they still support those types of  
20. principles. Sometimes they waver, and sometimes personally  
21. they may not even agree with it but I really...it bothers me  
22. personally, to hear you accuse through the use of a lable, a  
23. large number of Legislators in this Body of being racists. That's  
24. what I thought I heard. I hope I'm mistaken, I think that you  
25. have done something that I have never seen you do, because I think  
26. you're a very smart politicians and I say that with a great  
27. compliment. There are issues that are important to my people  
28. who are a minority, which have...which have failed or not gotten  
29. support on this Floor, but I have never accused anybody in this  
30. Body of being anti-Semitic. There have been issues that some  
31. of our leadership have not supported me on, that have been important  
32. to my people, but I let them call the 'shots as they see it, just  
33. as I try to call the shots as I see it. I'm disturbed by that,

1. by your remarks. I take exception to that and I take it on  
2. behalf of those members of the Chicago delegation in this  
3. Body that have consistently lent meaningful support to the  
4. worthwhile efforts of your people. I will continue to do that.  
5. I would hope that you would reconsider your remarks.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Senator Hall. Senator...Senator Merlo. Senator Hall. Senator  
8. Merlo.

9. SENATOR MERLO:

10. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I  
11. happen to be the sponsor of Jim Jeffers, and I want to tell  
12. you that I am thoroughly convinced and proud that I have been  
13. given the privilege to present his name in nomination for con-  
14. firmation as the director of this department. My seatmate, Senator  
15. Newhouse, about a week ago called to my attention that he was  
16. a bit disturbed about Jim Jeffers and of course his activities  
17. since he became director and he told me of his concern, and  
18. I said Rich, why in the hell don't I try to arrange a meeting  
19. between your group and Jim Jeffers. He thought it was a good  
20. idea. They met, I must admit nothing really extremely exciting  
21. happened, outside of the fact that they informed me that the  
22. group requested some material, some statistics, and some  
23. data, and in making the evaluation found that it wasn't what  
24. they really wanted, however, and I want to be sincere and  
25. honest about this, no approach was made from the time that  
26. they met until yesterday to correct...in their request for the  
27. materials seeking. Another meeting was arranged for yesterday  
28. after the close of the Session and as you all know, the Session  
29. ran somewhat late, and where they met for a few minutes, there  
30. certainly wasn't sufficient time for them to come to any resolve  
31. of the problems.. However, there was direction toward the personnel  
32. that were fired or not in executive status in that department  
33. since Director Jeffers took over, and so I had asked for a list  
of those people that they made reference to. I have that list

1. before me, but first of all I want to tell you, that Director  
2. Jeffers assumed the Directorship of the Division of Vocational  
3. Rehabilitation in February of 1977. Now, three of the individuals  
4. ...three of the individuals who were once in executive status  
5. left prior, I repeat prior to the time that the director took  
6. on the responsibility. Two were discharged for cause, and two  
7. remained, and I have the names here, and two remained, one as  
8. Manager of Operations Analysis III, and the Rehabilitation Program  
9. Executive is the other one, both on executive status. I want  
10. to say this, in my brief conversation with the director yesterday  
11. and it was before the group, he assured...myself personally and the  
12. others that if there are any grievances that certainly he wants  
13. to resolve them, if it's within his prerogative or power. I  
14. happen to believe in Jim Jeffers, nobody in God's earth can have  
15. the accolades, the letters and telegrams in the support of  
16. his...his confirmation, and not be a reasonable, prudent man, just  
17. can't be. His highest honor I think was when he was honored  
18. by the President of the United States, as the Handicapped American  
19. of the Year, this fellow is an invalid, he has been for  
20. seventeen years. It's a tribute to the State of Illinois to  
21. know that a fellow in a wheel chair today, directs this very  
22. department whose intent and purpose was created for the purpose  
23. of helping those that are disabled. He has gone as far as to hire  
24. in...in executive position a blind person. It gives these people  
25. here at least, at least a reason to want to live. Now, this is  
26. the type of man Jim Jeffers is. You do what you please, but I  
27. think it would be an absolute mistake if we don't confirm Jim,  
28. and I'm proud, because I think, I think, in fact, I know that  
29. this Gentleman clearly and thoroughly qualifies for his job,  
30. and that he is a proven asset for the State of Illinois, and its  
31. people, and I certainly move for the confirmation of Jim Jeffers.  
32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator Daley.

(END OF REEL)

1. SENATOR DALEY:

2. Mr. President, and fellow Senators. I would ask leave to  
3. be really...a co-sponsor of Director Jeffers, as Director of  
4. the Vocational Rehabilitation. Just a year ago, I got to  
5. know Jim Jeffers, when I went to him in regards to a problem  
6. that each and everyone of you know, in regards to the children  
7. of the City of Chicago, dealing with the quality of service  
8. under the Division of Crippled Children, in regards to spinal  
9. injuries and other birth defects of children, and I told him  
10. about what has happened in the past, and it only affected the  
11. children of Chicago, which affected the poor or the minorities  
12. who don't have insurance. He did not ask me, or say well you're  
13. a Democrat, your name is Rich Daley, you're from Chicago, he  
14. said let's talk about it. I got together with his staff, we  
15. worked on a bill, we worked closely with the U of I, and we  
16. worked closely with the Vocational Rehabilitation we were  
17. successful in the Senate, we were successful in the House, the  
18. Governor vetoed the bill, I was successful in the Senate but  
19. not successful in the House. He talked to me, personally and  
20. professionally about what we can do about the particular problem.  
21. Most of all he did not say, that we have lost in the quality of  
22. service or the service will not be provided, he's optimistic,  
23. and when people accuse by innuendos or direct charges, I think  
24. about Jim Jeffers, is really unfair, because he did not ask  
25. me what color, what race or creed those children are, or where  
26. do they live, or are they registered Democrats or Republicans,  
27. I have the great confidence in him and respect of him as a pro-  
28. fessional person, but most of all as an individual.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Rock.

31. SENATOR ROCK:

32. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
33. Senate. I, too, rise in support of this nomination, and will

1. vote affirmatively when the question of advise and consent  
2. is put, and is one who is a Democrat from Oak Park, I suppose  
3. I also am part of that group, and I am frankly very proud to  
4. be part of that group, but I wish to address myself...really  
5. a lot of things have been said around here in the last couple  
6. of days in haste, and I don't...I think we ought to take them  
7. at face value, but what I do suggest is that I sat there in  
8. that hearing last night, and when it said on the Floor that  
9. there is a prima facie case, and that everything ought...all  
10. the wheels ought to come to a halt, frankly as a practicing  
11. attorney I have a pretty good idea what a prima facie case is,  
12. and there was no prima facie case. The evidence that was  
13. presented was one anonymous letter, accusing Mr. Jeffers of  
14. some kind of racism, and indicating that he did not promote  
15. or would not promote people of minority. There were no  
16. charges pending, before any agency, EEO, FEPC, Department  
17. of Personnel, nothing. The material, that was requested  
18. had, in fact, been delivered, it showed that of the people  
19. that Mr. Jeffers and his administration feel are management  
20. professional, professional technical, some six hundred and  
21. twenty-five people, I believe, a hundred or better are blacks.  
22. Now, it just seems to me that some of the allegations here  
23. simply are off base, and to suggest that there was a prima  
24. facie case, or that there are some serious charges simply  
25. is inaccurate.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator Nimrod.

28. SENATOR NIMROD:

29. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
30. Senate. I have had some great interest in this department,  
31. especially being the sponsor of the Reorganization Bill, and in  
32. the work of the rehabilitation over these years in Workmen's Comp.,  
33. I have found Jim Jeffers to be a very dependable, sincere, capable,

1. Gentleman who has always shown co-operation and sympathy. I  
2. think one who is in his particular position, and one who  
3. is in his particular condition, who certainly knows what  
4. it means to receive the suffering and have to struggle  
5. to gain recognition from his wheel chair, I would think that  
6. he is certainly one that's well enough aware of what it means  
7. to be sympathetic and understanding, and I would urge for his  
8. confirmation.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Newhouse.

11. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

12. Thank you, Mr. President, and I don't apologize for rising  
13. a second time. It seems to me the issues have gone askew  
14. here. The question is not of Mr. Jeffer's qualifications. I'm  
15. sorry Senator Rhoads isn't on the Floor, because we did every-  
16. thing in our power to avoid this blood bath. We didn't want  
17. it, we didn't want it, we made a simple request that we thought  
18. our colleagues would honor, and that is simply to hold off, to  
19. give us the opportunity to take a look at what had happened in  
20. that department. We've gotten complaints out of that department  
21. for over a year, I didn't want to get into this detail, and I've  
22. been talking to Mr. Jeffers for a year, and he's been assuring  
23. me for a year that these things weren't happening, and Senator,  
24. if you say to me there was not a prima facie case, when there  
25. is a doubling of the organization, and a complete removal of  
26. responsible people, then I don't know what other...

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. For what purpose does Senator Rock arise? Senator Rock.

29. SENATOR ROCK:

30. A point of order, Mr. Chairman. Now, that's the second  
31. time, it has been alluded that the department has doubled  
32. in size. You will vividly recall that in June of this  
33. year, we transferred five other sub-agencies from the Department  
of Children and Family Services, lock, stock, barrel, employees,

1. files, and everything to Mr. Jeffers, and under the State  
2. Department of Personnel Code, all those folks just went and  
3. moved over laterly.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Senator Newhouse.

6. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

7. Thank you. I didn't intend deviate from our initial point,  
8. and I do apologize to all of you for that. The point is this,  
9. we talk about...if this Body is saying to us, that we've been  
10. forced into the position of making this a public fight, because  
11. our own colleagues would not respond to our simple request, to  
12. take a look at something, and if that's called unfair, then  
13. we're unfair. If you would consider that these things were...  
14. came to our attention only at the last minute by virtue, of  
15. finally getting a table of organization from the Gentleman, if  
16. you say it's untimely, then so be it. We asked to hold up, we  
17. did not say don't confirm him, and that's what this is all about  
18. today. We sent word to the Governor's Office, the Urban League  
19. opposes this, the NAACP...all this is last minute...TWO, half  
20. the organizations in the city, black; oppose this appointment  
21. until such time as they can get a fix on what's happening in  
22. that department, it's that simple. The blood bath is here, we  
23. don't want it, would have preferred to have held this discussion  
24. elsewhere, would have preferred to have some explanation. I  
25. think we...I'm sure we told Senator Merlo, that that meeting  
26. back in Senator Hall's office was a disaster there was no  
27. communication, and I think the Gentleman really was trying to  
28. withhold his own ire, because I think he knew he had the votes. He  
29. didn't need us, and it's obvious that that's true. So, if you're  
30. saying to us that there is no sensitivity, there is no concern  
31. for our concerns, your... deal with that, that's been  
32. done, over, and over, and over again, it was done on the Park District  
33. ...still on a half a dozen things. Senator Washington was

1. alluding to these things, I'm sure. So, we'll swallow, but  
2. know that that's what happening. There's no question of  
3. qualifications, nobody questions qualifications. What we question  
4. is attitude, and it's done all the time, and appointments have  
5. been held up over, and over, and over again based upon what  
6. kind of results we're going to get from the person that we  
7. appoint. I have seen it done, somebody says we question his  
8. labor attitude, bam, that appointment is held up until such  
9. time as the question is satisfied. Over, and over, and over  
10. again it's happened here. Why in this one instance? Why could  
11. not we have worked it out in this one instance. I think Senator  
12. Washington had ample cause to make the remarks that he did. I'm  
13. sorry they had to be made, but I think they did. It's  
14. time we begin to examine what we're doing. Over the past  
15. several days this pattern has been repeated, and I regret it,  
16. I regret that we had to come to the Floor with this, I regret  
17. that we were forced into this position, but we were.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Knuppel.

20. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

21. Well, I don't know whether Mr. Jeffers, I mean I...he may  
22. be a fine man and all that, that's not what's troubling me  
23. here today, and it's probably not something that should be  
24. discussed here on the Floor, but I see my beautiful Democratic  
25. party standing here with its head battered, without leadership  
26. in Washington, without leadership, at least the right kind of  
27. leadership, in the City Hall in Chicago. I see it split, divided,  
28. and I ask you men just how in the hell do you expect to win an  
29. election when you can't...when you can't accommodate each other,  
30. come November of 1980, and I'm going to tell you something, and  
31. I'm not going to be a candidate for this Body, the Republicans  
32. must be sitting on the other side of this rotunda...or the other  
33. side of this hall just laughing their insides out at what was  
once the greatest Democratic organization in the world, with some

1. of the greatest leadership. We can't even go into caucus,  
2. Gentlemen, and come out with a caucus position, or at least,  
3. that's what we're told, and I just sit here almost in tears  
4. after...after having been a Democrat from...almost the  
5. instant of birth until now, and...and things are brought  
6. up, they're not solved in the period of a week or ten days,  
7. there's not comprehensive evidence on either side to convince  
8. anybody, even if you had an open mind, it would be a hollow  
9. head, because nothing ever comes into...it's from the people  
10. who are the combatants, and I just...I just sit here almost  
11. in tears to watch people reduced, men reduced almost to  
12. sniveling children as far as strength and leadership is  
13. concerned. When I see our citizens held overseas without  
14. a leader...a leader who goes to the office, business as  
15. usual, who has to rely on a banded organization, a world  
16. banded organization to do...to carry out our diplomatic  
17. policy, and then when I get down here, and I see how depleted  
18. this is, but government must go on, you people must solve  
19. your problems or lose, and probably you're all losers, I  
20. told you that yesterday. I haven't seen, with the exception  
21. of maybe Dick Daley, on the Floor of the Senate, I haven't  
22. seen anybody from Chicago here that exhibited any strength  
23. or leadership to me in the last two weeks, and fellows you  
24. know this, you know this, you sit there and you know that  
25. when I cry for the Democratic party and I cry for you, that  
26. you don't have the guts nor the strength, nor the backbone,  
27. nor the tissue to stand up and say, someplace we got to find the  
28. leadership or we won't have a Democratic party in Illinois.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Geo-Karis.

31. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

32. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I  
33. move the previous question.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator, we have two people that wish to speak yet.

3. Senator Washington, well three now. Senator Washington.

4. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

5. Mr. President, I will be brief, because I am speaking  
6. a second time, but I think when I said that there was a prima  
7. facie case made, I said it on due reflection, and I  
8. repeat it, with as much emphasis as I possibly can. We  
9. made a prima facie case, the question was asked Mr.  
10. Jeffers, what happened to those blacks that you had in the  
11. higher echelons of your shop, and what efforts were made to  
12. replace them when they left for whatever reasons they left  
13. or were removed. That question was never answered, there was  
14. even no serious attempt made to answer the question, and  
15. had that question been answered we wouldn't have been here  
16. today. He avoided it, he jumped and danced around as, Senator  
17. Newhouse said, we never got an adequate answer. Several people  
18. have undertaken to try to answer it today, they haven't done  
19. so, how could they? They don't have the information to answer it. No  
20. such evidence was introduced before the committee yesterday. The  
21. record is barren of the second half of the question, and that's  
22. why we're here. To my good friend of long standing duration,  
23. Art Berman, I don't take back anything Art, and if you put  
24. yourself in that class, I'm sorry. I made a statement to the  
25. effect that the core of racism here, the core of it, was in  
26. the Chicago Democrats. I stick by that statement, I'm only sorry  
27. it wasn't stronger. I'm not going to embellish it, I'm not  
28. going to back up from it. I will delineate for you ad nauseam  
29. all the particulars of it, if you want to take some leisure  
30. time with me as we have done in the past, and discuss it. I  
31. think you'll be shocked when you find out just how deep seeded  
32. it is, and you will wonder to yourself why we haven't been  
33. more vocal in expressing it, and even though you may not be  
prepared sometimes Art, to stand up and scream against anti-

1. Sematism, I am never prepared to sit idly by and not  
2. scream when I see racism.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Hall.

5. SENATOR HALL:

6. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen. I'll  
7. be brief, since this is my second time. The thing that seems  
8. so hard for people here to comprehend is that we're not talking  
9. about the director's credentials we're not talking about how  
10. efficient and how qualified and all that, we're simply saying  
11. and I want to read you these names, and these positions, we're  
12. simply saying this, irregardless of the lists that we have  
13. here, we have this, and this was given to the director over  
14. ten days ago, everyone of these, the chart of his...the letter  
15. and all. We gave him a copy when we sat down with him. I wish  
16. to list a few positions held by black employees who have been  
17. replaced by whites since Director Jeffers has taken over, one,  
18. Chief Budget Officer, two, Chief Lawyer and Technical Advisor,  
19. three, Supervisor of Employee Relations, four, Regional Program  
20. ...Director, REO in Chicago, five, Internal Auditor, six Chief  
21. Fiscal Officer, seven, Director, Administrative Assistant. Now  
22. the question we ask, and the question that any of you would  
23. ask, if all of these people have been taken out, and no blacks  
24. were put back in there, something is wrong, Gentlemen and Ladies,  
25. how can you sit here and say that something is not wrong? These  
26. people who are taken out of these positions, and that's what we  
27. keep telling you, we're not talking about his credentials, we're  
28. not talking about it...it's unfortunante. As these...as Senator  
29. Washington and Senator Newhouse...we don't love to come to the  
30. Floor to do this, but you mean to say that we would sit idly  
31. by when this is drawn to our attention. The question we ask,  
32. if you replace somebody because he's incompetent, why did you  
33. not put another back there. You can't tell me you can't find

1. people. We have plenty of people qualified, we have people  
2. who say that you ought to be brought up by your boot straps,  
3. and when you turn around then you have no boots. The point  
4. is this, all we simply said is this, what happened to these  
5. individuals, and why did you not replace them with others.  
6. Now, don't come and tell me about how he's complied, and  
7. how he's brought all of that. If you take a guy who's a  
8. director and put him as a janitor sweeping the floor, you  
9. say well we kept a black, well now what kind of thing is that,  
10. you are too intelligent to stand here and expect us to take this  
11. and not mutter a word. What we simply ask is...we didn't say  
12. do not confirm the man, we simply said withhold you votes at this  
13. time, that's what we asked, that was the request we made, and  
14. we were denied. Five fellow Senators sat around the table and  
15. we discussed that, but we didn't want to surface all of this,  
16. we did everything we could do to keep from bringing this up,  
17. but Gentlemen, we had no other recourse.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Is there any further discussion? The question is does  
20. the Senate advise and consent to the nomination just made. Those  
21. in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open.  
22. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the  
23. record. On that question, the Ayes are 42, the Nays are 6.  
24. 6 Voting Present. A majority of Senators elected concurring  
25. by record vote, the Senate does advise and consent to the nomin-  
26. ation just made. Senator Vadalabene.

27. SENATOR VADALABENE:

28. Yes, Mr...Yes, I now move that we arise from the Executive  
29. Session.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

31. You've heard the motion. All those in favor signify by  
32. saying Aye. Those opposed. So moved. The Senate does now arise from  
33. Executive Session. Messages from the House.

1. SECRETARY:

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

3. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate,  
4. the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in  
5. the passage of a bill with the following title: Senate Bill  
6. 1432, together with the following House Amendments, 2, 3, 4,  
7. 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Secretary's Desk Concurrence.

10. SECRETARY:

11. That was Senate Bill 1436.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. Ladies and Gentlemen, on your desks we have the Senate  
14. Calendar Supplemental No. 2, and on that Calendar we have  
15. Senate Bill 1438. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver.

16. SENATOR WEAVER:

17. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I  
18. would move that we concur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate  
19. Bill 1438. This amendment increases the appropriation to the  
20. Scholarship Fund by four million, five hundred and four thousand  
21. six hundred dollars. The reason being that more applicants have...  
22. applications have been made for scholarships this year, and this  
23. basically allows for year round processing of those requests. Last  
24. year, I think, the Scholarship Commission lapsed about five  
25. million dollars, and we didn't make provisions this year for...  
26. or we didn't really know what the...economic impact might be on  
27. individuals needing scholarships. So, this was requested by the  
28. commission and I would move that we concur in this amendment.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Is there further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

31. SENATOR BUZBEE:

32. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I rise to support Senator  
33. Weaver's motion. I think it only fair to point out that the

1. Scholarship Commission said that they needed an additional  
2. four million dollars, and then gave us some verbal reasons  
3. as to why they needed that, and then the data that they  
4. provided to support that need didn't in any way reflect what  
5. they had said. So, then we went back to them, and they said  
6. well, yeah, you're right, we were wrong, but we still need the  
7. money, and here's the reason why we think we need the money, but  
8. we're not sure if four million is enough, or if it is too  
9. much, and so to be safe, it looks like we're going to need  
10. more, we think what we really need is 4.5 million and...but  
11. we're not sure about that. Well, obviously they can't be  
12. sure down to the exact dollar with funding of scholarships,  
13. however, they ought to be able to be a little more sure, it  
14. seems to me, than...than a ball park figure of four and a half  
15. million, plus or minus, however, in this case we agreed to go  
16. along with it, because there are right now eight thousand  
17. scholarship applications in their office that there are no  
18. funds to provide the scholarships for, they expect by the  
19. cut-off date in February to have something like twelve thousand  
20. applications, all of which will not be eligible, obviously, but  
21. some of them will, and there are certain colleges, universities,  
22. and in particular, community colleges in this State that are not  
23. able to...that students are not able to get scholarships to...because  
24. ...and they deserve them, they have them coming, but because of  
25. lack of funds they...they are not able to get them. So, for  
26. this reason we agreed to go along with them this time, it's a  
27. good possibility they're going to lapse a lot of this money though,  
28. but I do rise in support of Senator Weaver's motion.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall  
31. the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1438.  
32. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
33. open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take

1. the record. On that question, the Ayes are 49, the Nays are  
2. 4, and none Voting Present. The Senate does concur in House  
3. Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1438, and the bill having  
4. received the required constitutional majority is declared  
5. passed, and also the bill having received the affirmative vote  
6. of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately  
7. upon its becoming law. Senate Bill...for what purpose does  
8. John Graham...Senator Graham arise?

9. SENATOR GRAHAM:

10. Senator...Mr. President. I would like to, as soon as  
11. possible, to move to the Order of the Secretary's Desk for  
12. the purpose of setting up a Conference Committee that might  
13. connect with our getting out of here. Are they there...they  
14. don't want a conference?

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

16. We don't have the message yet, Senator.

17. SENATOR GRAHAM:

18. Oh, okay, it's coming.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

20. Senate Bill 4...1444, Senator Buzbee.

21. SENATOR BUZBEE:

22. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This is an appropriation  
23. bill to the State Board of Education.. First of all it appro-  
24. priates fifty thousand dollars from a Federal Grant to the  
25. State Board for purposes of developing a system to eliminate  
26. duplicativereporting requirementsnow enforced for Illinois  
27. Community Colleges. It also...that is Amendment No. 1...are  
28. we addressing both amendments now? Just the concurrence report,  
29. all right. Amendment No. 2, is a twenty thousand dollar Federal  
30. Grant to the State Board of Education to be used for fiscal and  
31. initiatedresearch in special education categories of handicapping  
32. condition; and I would move that we concur with the Conference...  
33. the action that the House took.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is,  
3. shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 2 to  
4. Senate Bill 1444. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed  
5. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?  
6. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
7. the Ayes are 48, the Nays are none. None Voting Present.  
8. Senate Bill 1444...the Senate does concur in House Amendments  
9. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1444, and the bill having received the  
10. required constitutional majority is declared passed, and also  
11. the bill having received the affirmative vote of three-fifths  
12. of the members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming  
13. a law. Senate Bill 1445, Senator Buzbee.

14. SENATOR BUZBEE:

15. Thank you, Mr. President. There are seven amendments to  
16. this bill...to this bill and I would like to move that we concur  
17. Mr. President, in five of those amendments and non-concur in  
18. the other two. I move that we concur in House Amendments No.  
19. 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7, and non-concur in House Amendments 4 and 5.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

21. Senator...

22. SENATOR BUZBEE:

23. Okay, yes, I'm sorry...I did everything except the important  
24. stuff, I didn't say what these amendments that I'm asking that  
25. we concur in do. House Amendment No. 1 is an appropriation transfer  
26. for the Department of Public Health, fifty-seven thousand, two  
27. hundred dollars of General Revenue Fund, within the Department  
28. of Public Health's nuclear response plan appropriation. The problem  
29. is, that they have simply not been able to hire the properly  
30. qualified employees to do this at the salary levels that are  
31. ...that are required under the Personnel Code, and so they have  
32. requested this transfer to a contractual line, so that they will  
33. be able to...to hire a firm, which they have already have...have

1. lined up to do...to do this plan for them. No. 2, is...the  
2. purpose of this amendment is to provide an additional one hundred  
3. thousand dollars of GRF to the emergency...State Nuclear Emergency  
4. Response Plan for additional costs involved with the draft..  
5. of the Illinois plan for radiological accidents. Essentially  
6. this plan is to prepare for evaluation of areas within nuclear  
7. power plants, if such...for evacuation rather, with...if such  
8. action is necessary. The plan is a reaction to the Three Mile Island  
9. incident of last Spring, and the plan is also mandated by Senate  
10. Bill 1084, which was signed into law by the Governor. House  
11. Amendment No. 3, transfers two million, six hundred...pardon me,  
12. two million, six hundred, ninety-five thousand dollars from  
13. East Moline to Galesburg, transfers one hundred and two thousand  
14. dollars between lines at Bowen for the Department of Mental  
15. Health, it adds one hundred and thirty thousand dollars in GRF  
16. for capital improvements at Jacksonville, and it adds forty  
17. nine thousand GRF, thirty-eight...three hundred and eighty-six  
18. thousand, one hundred dollars in Federal Funds for the payment  
19. of construction costs in connection with Public Act 80-1205,  
20. and one hundred and fifty-eight thousand, eight hundred dollars  
21. Federal for special residential alternatives. Amendment No. 6,  
22. is a twelve thousand eight hundred dollar amendment for the  
23. Department of Agriculture, which is Federal Funds. By the way,  
24. the purpose of this supplemental is to allow the department by  
25. contract with the Legislative Council, to study the Illinois  
26. system of dealing with grain elevator and warehouse bankruptcies  
27. This has been requested by the Federal Government, and they have  
28. provided the funds for us to...the Department of Agriculture and  
29. the Legislative Council to...to do this study. No. 7, is Department  
30. of Health...Department of Mental Health and Developmental Dis-  
31. abilities, it appropriates fifty thousand dollars to the department  
32. for fire safety deficiencies at the Murry Developmental Center  
33. Annex in Mount Vernon, and I would now move that we concur in

1. House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is,  
4. shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 6, and  
5. 7 to Senate Bill 1445. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed  
6. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have  
7. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
8. Ayes are 48, the Nays are 4. None Voting Present. The Senate  
9. does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 to Senate  
10. Bill 1445. Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Yes, Mr. President. I would now move that we non-concur in  
13. House Amendments 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 1445, and ask the House  
14. to recede from those amendments. No. 4 is an appropriation to  
15. the Department on Aging. It's actually broken into two parts, the  
16. first part would add four hundred thirty-six thousand, six hundred  
17. dollars from anticipated Federal and Special Funds, that's the  
18. part we are objecting to. The Legislation has not gone to  
19. the Congress yet. The director indicated to me that at the very  
20. best she could hope to get those funds in February or March, or  
21. perhaps even later, and she said I will just back off if you have  
22. problems with that or the fact that we are...we are appropriating  
23. Federal dollars in anticipation of they might give us the money.  
24. So, we're asking that that part be deleted. The second part is  
25. ...we find no problem with, it is some eighty-four thousand dollars  
26. of pass through funds from Federal to...to local organizations  
27. involving eight townships in northwest Cook County, and so  
28. we're...we find no problem with that. Amendment No. 5 is an  
29. addition to the Fair Employment Practices Commission, this is  
30. basically a restoration of the funds that were deleted in the  
31. appropriations process last Spring to fit the seven percent  
32. solution, and they have now attempted to add those back on this  
33. fall, and so, this particular bill, of course, went through the

1. Appropriations I Committee, Senator Carroll's committee in the  
2. Spring, however, it is now on this...on this particular bill,  
3. the amendment is, and I would move that we non-concur in...in  
4. House Amendments 4 and 5.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Buzbee moves  
7. to non-concur in House Amendments No. 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 1445.  
8. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed. The motion carries,  
9. and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator...Bruce.

10. SENATOR BRUCE:

11. While you're on that...while you're on that order of business,  
12. Mr....Mr. President, under the Order of Secretary's Desk, on the  
13. Regular Calendar is Senate Bill 1172. We'd like to non-concur  
14. with House Amendments 1 and 2, so that we might get that back  
15. in the process also.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. You've heard the motion. Is leave granted to go to the order  
18. of business of Secretary's Desk Concurrence? Leave is granted.  
19. Mr. Secretary read the bill. Oh, Senator Bruce.

20. SENATOR BRUCE:

21. I move to non-concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate  
22. Bill 1172.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Bruce...Bruce moves to non-concur in House Amendments  
25. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1172. All those in favor say Aye. Those  
26. opposed. The motion carries, and the Senators...and the Secretary  
27. shall so inform the House. Back on the Order of Supplemental  
28. No. 2 Calendar. Senate Bill 1436. Senator Rock.

29. SENATOR ROCK:

30. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
31. Senate. Senate Bill 1436, as you will recall, started out as an  
32. appropriation for fifteen thousand dollars to pay for Senate  
33. printing expenses. The House has seen fit to add ten amendments.  
Seven of which I wish to concur in, and three of which I'm going to

1. ask that we non-concur, and ask that the House recede. I'm  
2. reliably informed they are so disposed. So, I will move, Mr.  
3. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, that the  
4. House...that the Senate do concur with House Amendments No. 2,  
5. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, and 12, and I will explain them in that order.  
6. House Amendment No. 2, is an appropriation of thrity-five thousand  
7. dollars to the Land Resources Study Commission, that commission  
8. you will recall, we put back into existence by virtue of the  
9. acceptance of an amendatory veto. House Amendment No. 3, is  
10. an appropriation of fifteen million dollars to the county...  
11. County Board of Commissioners of Cook County for the purpose  
12. of Cook County Hospital. House Amendment No. 4, is a transfer  
13. within the Line Item appropriation to the Department of Transportation  
14. of some two hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars for the purpose  
15. of accelerated purchase of the jet helicopter. This money has  
16. already been appropriated, it's just a transfer from one line to  
17. another. House Amendment No. 5, is an appropriation of some  
18. ninety-five thousand dollars to the Office of the Attorney General  
19. of Illinois for some tax litigation. House Amendment No. 7, is  
20. an appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars for the Spanish  
21. Speaking People's Study Commission. When that commission was  
22. before us in June, it was pretty well agreed that the funding  
23. was for a six month period, and that we would rectify the  
24. situation six months later. House Amendment No. 10, is eight  
25. hundred and fifty thousand dollars of Capital...Bond Development  
26. money for repairs to the Illinois Valley College roof, and House  
27. ...finally House Amendment No. 12, is at the request of both  
28. the Speaker and the Minority Leader of the House, and it's sixty  
29. thousand dollars for General Assembly air travel expenses. So,  
30. I would move Mr. President, that the Senate do concur with House  
31. Amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, and 12, to Senate Bill 1436.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall  
the Senate concur in House Amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, and 12 to

1. Senate Bill 1436. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote  
2. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
3. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 44,  
4. the Nays are 9, and none Voting Present. The Senate does concur  
5. in House Amendments 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, and 12 to Senate Bill 1436.  
6. Senator Rock.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. Thank you, Mr. President. I would now move that the Senate  
9. do not concur with House Amendments 8, 9, and 11. House Amendment  
10. 8, was some five hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars for  
11. the Lincoln Developmental Disability Center. House Amendment  
12. No. 9, was eight hundred and fifty-one thousand dollars for  
13. the Manteno Mental Health Center, and House Amendment No. 11, was  
14. two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars to the Anna Mental  
15. Health Center, and House...and the second part of that amendment  
16. is a hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars for the Bowen  
17. Mental Health Center. Those three amendments, I would move  
18. that the Senate do not concur, and that they...we ask the House  
19. to recede.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

21. Senator Rock moves to non-concur in House Amendments 8, 9,  
22. and 11 to Senate Bill 1436. All those in favor say Aye. Those  
23. opposed. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform  
24. the House. With leave of the House we will move to the Order  
25. of Resolutions Consent Calendar. Leave is granted.  
26. Mr. Secretary have any motions been filed?

27. SECRETARY:

28. No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Since no objections have been filed, we have the following  
31. Senate Resolutions on the Consent Calendar: Senate Resolution  
32. 308, offered by Senator Davidson; Senate Resolution 309, Senator  
33. Vadalabene; Senate Resolution No. 310, Senator Becker; Senate  
Resolution No. 311, Senator Becker; Senate Resolution No. 312,

1. Senator Geo-Karis; Senate Resolution 313, Senator Davidson;  
2. Senate Resolution 314, Senator Hall; Senate Resolution 315,  
3. Senator Mitchler; Senate Resolution 316, Senator Nash; Senate  
4. Resolution 317, Senator Rock; Senate Resolution No. 318, Senator  
5. Nash; Senate Resolution 319, Senators Daley...Senator Lemke, rather;  
6. Senate Resolution 320, Senator Vadalabene; Senate Resolution  
7. 322, Senator RegnerandSenate Resolution 323, Senator Rock.  
8. Senator Rock moves that the resolutions just read be adopted.  
9. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed.  
10. The Ayes have it, the motion carries. Message from the House.

11. SECRETARY:

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

13. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate  
14. the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the  
15. Senate in the adoption of their amendments to a bill with  
16. the following title: 2798, Senate Amendments 1 and 2. Senator  
17. Graham is the Senate sponsor.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Graham.

20. SENATOR GRAHAM:

21. Due to a mistake in the formation of this bill, which was  
22. found out after we passed it out of the Senate, I only have one  
23. alternative and that's to refuse to recede so we can get a Conference  
24. Committee.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Graham moves that the Senate refuse to recede from  
27. the adoptions of Amendment No. 1 and 2 to House Bill 2798, and  
28. that a Conference Committee be appointed. All those in favor  
29. say Aye. All those opposed. The motion carries, and the  
30. Secretary shall so inform the House.

31. SECRETARY:

32. And on that message the House did adopt Senate Amendment  
33. No. 3.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. For what purpose does Senator Berning arise?

3. SENATOR BERNING:

4. A point of inquiry, Mr. President.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

6. State your point.

7. SENATOR BERNING:

8. My recollection is that House Bill 2798 was the bill  
9. on which we placed an amendment for fifteen million dollars  
10. for Cook County Hospital, is that not true?

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

12. Senator Rock maybe can answer your question. Senator  
13. Rock.

14. SENATOR ROCK:

15. I think the answer to the Gentleman's question is no. This  
16. ...this bill pretains only to bond authorization levels.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senator Berning.

19. SENATOR BERNING:

20. Well,parliamentary inquiry. I'm sure my recollection is  
21. correct that on one House Bill, we added an amendment for fifteen  
22. million dollars for the Cook County Hospital, and we have also  
23. done the same thing now on Senate Bill 1436. Mr. President, what  
24. is the status of Cook County Hospital monetary support, will they  
25. ...will it be eligble now for thirty million dollars?

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator, I think the bill you're talking about is House  
28. Bill 2805. Senator Berning, has you point been answered?

29. SENATOR BERNING:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. I've been advised that the bill  
31. ...the original bill in question was House Bill 2805, which we  
32. did amend, but which the House has refused to agree to, and that  
33. amendment has been rejected in the House, so there is only one  
appropriation. Thank you.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Resolutions.

3. SECRETARY:

4. Senate Resolution 324, offered by Senators Berning, and  
5. Mitchler.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Executive. If we can locate our Senators and get them  
8. into their seats, we will resume the Session, and if they  
9. leave their office we can be out of here in twenty minutes.  
10. If there are any Senators in their office, please come to the  
11. Floor. Senator Rock, please.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
14. the Senate. If I could have the attention of the membership,  
15. I can attempt, at least, to explain where we are. There are  
16. three things remaining yet to be done, one of which is the  
17. adjournment resolution, which had been planned to recite that  
18. when we...when the House and Senate left tonight we would return  
19. at the hour of noon, on January 9th, of next year, the other  
20. two are Senate Bills 1436, which is that bill we've concurred  
21. in seven of the amendments, including the Cook County Hospital  
22. amendment, and there are three amendments in which we did not  
23. concur. Additionally, House Bill 2805, has now come back from  
24. the House with the request that we recede from an amendment. So,  
25. if we can finish those two things, we are, in fact, finished.  
26. The problem, I am informed by the House, is that in the event  
27. that 1436 has to go back the House, that they feel in...in all  
28. honesty, they cannot pass it tonight. They simply don't have  
29. enough votes, there was some opposition I'm told to the appro-  
30. priation in favor of Cook County Hospital. There is some  
31. opposition to some of the other amendments, and they simply  
32. cannot pass it. So, our alternatives, it seems to me are two,  
33. we can attempt to concur in these three amendments and take final  
action on House Bill...or Senate Bill 1436 tonight, and I think

1. we should make that attempt. In the event that attempt fails,  
2. I will move to have it placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration  
3. and we will adjourn until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.  
4. Some of the members of the House have suggested that we come  
5. back next week, which didn't meet with a lot of favor over here,  
6. but that's where we are, we have two final pieces of business  
7. that call for final action, and my suggestion is, Mr. President,  
8. that we make a run at it, if it fails, we will be here tomorrow,  
9. because we simply cannot leave with this most important work  
10. undone.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

12. For what purpose does Senator Washington arise?

13. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

14. I want to speak...will the President yield to a question?

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

16. Indicates he will.

17. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

18. Mr. President, what will happen to 2805, is that back here  
19. now?

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. That...that is back here, and Amendment No. 7, which was  
22. attempted in the House, there was a motion to concur in Senate  
23. Amendment No. 7, which was the appropriation for Cook County  
24. Hospital, it received, I'm told, 55 affirmative votes and 62  
25. negative votes, and so the House did not concur in that  
26. amendment, the message has come back from the House asking us  
27. to recede from that amendment. We can, in fact, recede from  
28. that amendment, if, in fact, we finalize 1436 first.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Washington.

31. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

32. The...Amendment No. 7 was the Cook County, fifteen million  
33. dollar limit, I take it?

1. SENATOR ROCK:

2. That is correct.

3. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

4. Why do they insist that we recede from that, why not leave  
5. it on? I don't...I don't get the game plan here...

6. SENATOR ROCK:

7. Well, it's not...it's not a game plan so much, Senator, I  
8. indicated what the vote total was, that when the motion was  
9. put to concur in that amendment that were 55 affirmative votes  
10. and 62 negative votes, and the motion failed, and they feel...

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

12. Senator Washington.

13. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

14. I'm not trying to hold you accountable for what the House  
15. did, but we approved of the amendment on both bills, I mean why  
16. would they...

17. SENATOR ROCK:

18. That is...that is correct.

19. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

20. Well, I hope we're not doing this to make somebody look  
21. good at the expense of somebody else, that's what bothers me.  
22. Why shouldn't the Senate Amendment prevail? Why not send both  
23. to the Governor? I don't see any point in playing around with  
24. 14...

25. SENATOR ROCK:

26. Well, the idea is, that as of this moment, the only vehicle  
27. available for final action in this respect containing the fifteen  
28. million dollars, is, in fact, Senate Bill 1436.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Sommer, for what purpose do you arise?

31. SENATOR SOMMER:

32. Mr. President, I wonder if...if you could hold this a minute  
33. until we determine what's going to happen. This is presented  
as an ultimatum, really, and if we could talk to our colleagues

1. and decide what our posture would be, it would be appreciated.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. That's fine, it's not an ultimatum, it's a choice. Senator  
4. Gitz.

5. SENATOR GITZ:

6. Mr. President. I apologize, because I have spoke more  
7. today, than I ever probably should or wish to. I rise more  
8. or less in a point of personal privilege.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. State your point.

11. SENATOR GITZ:

12. I'm going to vote on this bill, and I'm going to vote  
13. No, and I have to admire President Rock, I know he's done  
14. his level best to be fair to everyone. He's put in a lot  
15. of time, I'm sure he's very tired and would like to get  
16. out of here, and all of us will, but I for one am very tired  
17. of ultimatums being presented. I don't believe in a lot of  
18. these bills which have been put through without a lot of  
19. explanation, and I guess that means that if the House wants  
20. to play by those rules, fine I'll take them up on the challenge,  
21. because I'm a little bit tired of that.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Senator Shapiro.

24. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

25. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I  
26. want to remind the membership on this side of the aisle, that  
27. we have a commitment, and a commitment was made that if a  
28. substantive bill passed both Chambers, transferring the operation  
29. of Cook County Hospital, to some other entity, then we would  
30. approve the fifteen million dollars that they need to operate.  
31. It appears as though that 1436 is the only viable vehicle that  
32. we have to accomplish this. That money is in that bill, and what  
33. is necessary is to concur...is to reconsider the vote, and concur  
in the three amendments that the House added, to give money to

1. certain mental health institutions throughout the State. Now,  
2. I personally do not want to stay here tomorrow, we've been  
3. down here too damn long now, and I realize that the conditions  
4. are not the best, but it appears as though that throughout this  
5. year, as one Senator stated to me, we've gone through a hundred  
6. thousand June 30th's, and we're staring at another one right now.  
7. I say that we ought to concur in those amendments, pass the bill,  
8. pass the adjournment resolution, recede from the one amendment  
9. in 2805, and adjourn and come back in January.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Senator Regner.

12. SENATOR REGNER:

13. Yes, Mr. President, and members. You know, there's been  
14. a lot of solutions presented, but there's one solution that  
15. has not been talked about, and that is the House could recede  
16. in those three amendments, they're under controversy right now  
17. on 1436, and that would be another option.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Well, part of that problem is Senator Rock had stated was  
20. there aren't enough physical bodies present in the House to take  
21. any action. Senator Wooten.

22. SENATOR WOOTEN:

23. Well, as one who has just had his mental hospital taken away,  
24. I'm not very eager about giving another one three hundred extra  
25. jobs. I'm perfectly happy to come back another time, the House  
26. can call off the backmail and just recede in those amendments. I'm  
27. not prepared to vote for anything less than that.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Senator Joyce.

30. SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

31. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I...I think what it amounts  
32. to, and everyone in here maybe knows, and maybe they don't know  
33. what it is, it's two hundred and fifty to three hundred jobs in,

1. my district. It's...I might add, I don't believe they'll be  
2. my jobs, but Representative Ryan and Representative McBroom,  
3. I think are persisting in this, I will vote for it, I just  
4. about have to. They are in my district, and it's three hundred  
5. jobs, but how do you like it over there fellows, to get...you  
6. know it's almost blackmail, isn't it?

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Senator Buzbee did you...Senator Daley.

9. SENATOR DALEY:

10. Well, Senator...Representative McBroom and Representative  
11. Ryan, would agree, I would like to get...maybe an amendment to get some  
12. jobs I need, and I really need help huys. Maybe we could work a deal.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator Rock.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Well, I...I...the problem is...to answer Senator Regner,  
17. the problem of recision, frankly, I addressed that solution about  
18. an hour and a half ago, and the problem is not so much with  
19. recision from those amendments, as there is, I'm told when  
20. the Cook County amendment was first called there were only 97  
21. votes and it was postponed, the problem really is...is that  
22. other amendment. They are reluctant to take final action affording  
23. that relief to Cook County Hospital over in the House, and they  
24. tell me very flatly that they simply can't pass it. Well, in order  
25. to get the ball rolling here, Mr. President, I would move to,  
26. having voted on the prevailing side, I would move to reconsider  
27. the vote by which we...the Senate non-concurred...voted to  
28. non-concur with House Amendments 8, 9 and 11.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Is there further discussion on that motion? Senator Joyce.

31. SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

32. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I think that perhaps we ought  
33. to come back next week. Everyone can put in an amendment. Everybody  
can get a couple of hundred jobs in their district that would solve

1. the unemployment problem in the State, and we would all be  
2. better off.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Netsch.

5. SENATOR NETSCH:

6. I don't like blackmail any better than anyone else, but  
7. it seems to me there's been so much blackmail going on around  
8. this institution this last week. I would remind people that  
9. one of the major reasons why we came here, was to help out  
10. Cook County Hospital. If we've passed that substantive bill,  
11. and do not pass the money, we have absolutely betrayed every-  
12. thing that we came here to do for Cook County Hospital.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator Bloom.

3. SENATOR BLOOM:

4. Point of inquiry. As I understand it, we have concurred  
5. in all the House Amendments, except for the three mentioned.  
6. So, if we non-concur the House takes action on those three.  
7. In essence we already have approved the funding of County  
8. Hospital.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. No, Senator the board reads that we non-concur, because  
11. we non-concurred in those amendments, the motion at this point  
12. is to reconsider the vote, on the non-concurrence. Senator  
13. Bruce. Senator Rock.

14. SENATOR ROCK:

15. Well, I just wanted to point out to Senator Bloom, what  
16. you say is true, but it doesn't go far enough. There is not  
17. yet final action, and it's been suggested that there will not  
18. be final action in the House, given the fact that the Cook  
19. County Amendment is yet in there with the repository of bodies  
20. they have left.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Senator Bruce.

23. SENATOR BRUCE:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. It  
25. seems like we're talking about the deal made, and everything has  
26. been carried out, and now someone after the seventh card was  
27. dealt wants to go back and pick up another card to see whether  
28. or not they're going to pick up the pot. Now, I don't have a  
29. big Cook County constituency in my district, and as far as I  
30. know, I don't have a lot of county hospital patients in my district  
31. but twice today I voted to give Cook County Hospital fifteen million  
32. dollars, because I said yesterday, and I said today, that I think  
33. they need the money. I don't think we should have made the

1. change, but that was the deal I was told by everybody on  
2. both sides, and everyone I talked to, that if we made the  
3. administrative changes there would be fifteen million dollars.  
4. Now, let me tell you, I didn't like the deal, but I didn't  
5. make the deal, but now we come by a little later, and someone  
6. says, by the way, Bruce is running for re-election, we'd like  
7. to have two hundred and fifty to three hundred jobs at a Republican  
8. facility...a mental health facility go out and scout up a  
9. few Republican votes. Now, I don't mind your deal on cutting  
10. up the eight thousand jobs at the hospital, because I don't  
11. think they're going to come down to fifty-fourth district, but  
12. damn it guys, there's a limit to what I am going to allow  
13. you to do in the next election. Now, you know, everyone  
14. would like to have three hundred new jobs, year out from the  
15. new...new election, but it just can't be part of the deal,  
16. you know, you've raised the anty, and you can't raise it  
17. every time. Now, I don't know if we send it back to the House  
18. it'll come back, and they'll want another four or five hundred  
19. jobs someplace else, but it seems to me that we made our deal,  
20. I didn't like it, but I went along with it. We changed the  
21. organization of the hospital, we funded the fifteen million  
22. dollars, and now they want...someone wants two hundred and  
23. fifty...three hundred more jobs, it wasn't part of the package,  
24. and I'm going to vote No when it comes up, if I have to come  
25. back here tomorrow, we ought to do our work responsibly not  
26. in haste.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. Senator Graham.

29. SENATOR GRAHAM:

30. Senator Rock, I would like to...members of the Senate,  
31. we would like to have leave of the Body for a Republican caucus  
32. immediately in Senator Shapiro's office. We hope it doesn't  
33. take all night, because I'm tired too.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
2. Leave is granted. How long will that caucus...before?  
3. SENATOR GRAHAM:  
4. Due for thirty minutes.  
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
6. Thirty minutes. Our caucus time having expired, the Senate  
7. will come back to order. Senator Rock.  
8. SENATOR ROCK:  
9. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
10. Senate. After conferring with Senator Shapiro, and I have  
11. just spoken with the Speaker, it does not appear that final  
12. action on Senate Bill 1436 is possible tonight. So, I will  
13. now move you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
14. the Senate, that the Senate stand adjourned until tomorrow  
15. morning at 11:00 o'clock.  
16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)  
17. You've heard the motion. Those in favor indicate by saying  
18. Aye. Those opposed. The motion carries. The Senate will now  
19. stay...stand adjourned until Friday, the 9th of November, at  
20. 11:00 a.m.  
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