

JANUARY 19, 1977

1. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

2. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the Senate to order and  
3. the visitors to their galleries. Will the Senate and the  
4. visitors please rise for the morning prayer which will be  
5. offered by Senator Nimrod.

6. SENATOR NIMROD:

7. Our Heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessing upon our  
8. deliberations this morning. We ask that Thou be with us  
9. and help us as we endeavor to work upon Thy task. Thou  
10. hast said, "leave those things to Caesar that are Caesar's"  
11. and we must handle them with deliberations. We ask Thy  
12. blessing upon each and everyone of us in Jesus' name. Amen.

13. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

14. Clerk call the roll of the Senate to see who is  
15. present.

16. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

17. Berning. Bloom. Bowers. Bruce. Buzbee. Carroll.  
18. Chew. Clewis. Coffey. Collins. D'Arco. Daley. Davidson.  
19. Demuzio. Donnewald. Egan. Glass. Graham. Grotberg.  
20. Guidice. Harber Hall. Kenneth Hall. Hickey. Hynes.  
21. Johns. Joyce. Knuppel. Kosinski. Lane. Lemke. McMillan.  
22. Maragos. Merlo. Mitchler. Moore. Morris. Netsch. Newhouse.  
23. Nimrod. Ozinga. Philip. Regner. Rhoads. Rock. Roe.  
24. Rupp. Sangmeister. Savickas. Schaffer. Shapiro. Smith.  
25. Sommer. Soper. Valdalabene. Walsh. Washington. Weaver.  
26. Wooten.

27. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

28. A quorum is present. Senator Shapiro.

29. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30. Governor, I would like permission to ask for a Republican  
31. caucus for fifteen minutes in room 400.

32. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

33. Without objection...without objection, it is so ordered.

1. The Senate will stand down for fifteen minutes.  
2. Could we have the bell please? Will the clerk read the  
3. resolution?

4. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

5. Senate Joint Resolution No. 1.

6. (Secretary reads SJR No. 1)

7. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

8. Senator Kosinski.

9. SENATOR KOSINSKI:

10. Your Excellency, members of the Senate, I move now  
11. to adjourn to January,...Tuesday, January 25th at 12:00  
12. o'clock noon.

13. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

14. Senator Shapiro.

15. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

16. Governor Thompson and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
17. We want you to know that this side is dismayed at what is  
18. going on here concerning the nomination and the election  
19. of a President of the Senate. The other side of the aisle  
20. has thirty-four adults who ought to be able to put their  
21. heads together and come up with a consensus as to who their  
22. leader shall be and ultimately the leader of the Senate. We  
23. are serving notice now that when we come back next week, we  
24. are going to join in voting for the adjournment resolution  
25. today, but when we come back next week, we are going to put our  
26. bodies and souls to the business at hand and that is electing  
27. the leadership of this Senate so we can get about the business  
28. of the people in the State of Illinois. We want you to know that  
29. there are not going to be any recesses, that we are going to  
30. start calling the roll and go roll call after roll call until  
31. this situation is resolved. We think that it's asinine  
32. for us to have spent one week and have the business of the State  
33. stalemated because the thirty-four of you cannot put your heads

1. together. You ought to be reasonable enough for all of you  
2. to sit down and come up with a candidate that you can all  
3. support for President of the Senate. Governor, I now  
4. join with my colleagues on this side and the other side in  
5. supporting the adjournment resolution till next Tuesday.

6. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

7. Senator Graham.

8. SENATOR GRAHAM:

9. Governor and members of the Senate. As we adjourn to  
10. go to our homes, I think we might well reflect upon the words  
11. of a wise old man, Abraham Lincoln. One time in his speech  
12. he said, "I fear not the destruction of our country from  
13. without, rather from within." And if ever in the history  
14. of our country a minority shall thwart the rule of a majority  
15. on the one hand, we have mobocracy and on the other hand we  
16. have tyranny.

17. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

18. Senator Wooten.

19. SENATOR WOOTEN:

20. Governor and colleagues. On a point of personal  
21. privilege, it seems to me some ideas are being floated here  
22. which I personally consider offensive and out of order.  
23. It is perfectly permissible to make such simplistic  
24. characterizations of what is going on in this side of the  
25. aisle, but I want it to be clearly recognized that those are  
26. very simplistic characterizations. What we are about is  
27. perhaps one of the most important things we'll decide this  
28. year and those who have been in this Body long enough know that.  
29. And I don't think that we ought to just let statements  
30. like that float in the air.

31. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

32. Senator Glass.

33. SENATOR GLASS:

1. Thank you, Governor, Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
2. Senate. Without being unduly repetitious, I would like to  
3. remind the membership that we were sworn in one week ago.  
4. Those of us who were elected, or those of you were elected to  
5. office, were elected over two months ago. This is the fifth  
6. legislative day that we have been in Session and the only  
7. business we've been transacting is an attempt to elect a  
8. Senate President. The cost, if all members were here, to the  
9. State of Illinois per day is twenty-one hundred and twenty-  
10. four dollars in per diem. So, we have spent approximately  
11. ten thousand dollars in per diem. The travel allowances  
12. per week are about thirty-five hundred dollars. This is the  
13. second week so that's about seventeen thousand dollars we  
14. have spent to date. Now, Senator Bruce and Senator Hynes,  
15. Senator Washington and many others are advocates of collective  
16. bargaining for public employees. Unfortunately, we do not  
17. have any mediator or any arbitrator but it seems to me the  
18. way...the way to get this job done is to sit down and  
19. negotiate and...and get it done. And we're not going to get  
20. it done unless we do that. So, I just think, Senator  
21. Wooten, what we're saying is not that it isn't important.  
22. We recognize the importance of the decision that has to be  
23. made. But, I think you've got to also appreciate the  
24. importance to the State of Illinois and the public of getting  
25. that job done and...and not stopping your negotiating until  
26. it is done. That's what we're saying.

27. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

28. Senator Hall, Harber Hall.

29. SENATOR HALL:

30. Governor Thompson and fellow Senators. This side of the  
31. aisle has just returned from a short conference. At that  
32. conference there were different viewpoints expressed in  
33. respect to the resolution proposed to adjourn till Tuesday.

1. We were not all in agreement, your Excellency, on what  
2. we should do to try and break the stalemate created by the  
3. failure to elect the President. But, we do believe in  
4. the concept of the majority opinion should rule. Mr.  
5. Governor, your Excellency, we elected on this side of the  
6. aisle, a capable leader for the Republican side. There were  
7. other highly qualified candidates who were suggested for  
8. leadership. The majority opinion was expressed and supported  
9. unanimously and we proudly serve under the leadership of  
10. David Shapiro of Amboy. This has been the custom for  
11. well over a hundred years in the General Assembly and I fail  
12. to see and I fail to understand why a small minority are  
13. able to stop the State government of this great state and this  
14. large state and this important state from functioning because  
15. of a very small majority who...a very small minority who  
16. request much more than their numbers would entitle them to.  
17. I think it's unfair, it's an imposition not on us as members  
18. of the General Assembly but on the people of Illinois.

19. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

20. Senator...Senator Soper.

21. SENATOR SOPER:

22. Thank you, Governor. Now, Senator Glass said this costs  
23. about twenty-two hundred or thirty-five hundred dollars for  
24. per diem and travel. To open up this Senate and have the  
25. House stand by costs about...between seventy-five hundred  
26. and ten thousand dollars a day. Now, gentlemen on the other  
27. side and ladies on the other side, you know whether you're at  
28. an impasse and whether you can resolve it or not. You could sit  
29. down in five minutes and decide whether you need help from this  
30. side or you don't need help from this side. I don't think  
31. you can do it by Tuesday. And if you can't do it by Tuesday,  
32. just be a little...be a little Bohemian and let's...let's save  
33. the people some money in this state, sit down and say, let's come

1. back on the 31st, and on the 31st, if you can't do it on the  
2. 31st, come over here and ask us for some help. I'm sure we'll  
3. help you resolve it. You either give us five votes, or maybe  
4. we'll resolve it some other way for you. But, let's...let's  
5. not kid each other. You're at a stalemate and you've got the  
6. right to be at a stalemate if that's where you want to be.  
7. But, if you're in that position, let's not say, Berman,  
8. Berning, Bruce and have the same, you know, and then somebody  
9. holler, Gooney Bird. It's real dignity. Real dignity. Now,  
10. let's get some sense and...and let's get this thing done. Sit  
11. down for about fifteen minutes today, the three leaders  
12. that you have on your side and if you come up with something,  
13. you say, well, we can't give in, they want more, we can't  
14. give them that. We can't get thirty votes together. Let's  
15. come back on the 31st, give you a little time to think it  
16. over and then on the 31st, if you need some help, I know that  
17. the...that the Senators on this side, want the peoples'  
18. business to come first. They believe in the people first,  
19. the party and then the individual. Thank you.

20. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

21. I see my Senator warming up, but Senator Morris is  
22. first. Senator Morris.

23. SENATOR MORRIS:

24. Thank you very much, Governor. I think that I'd like  
25. to correct for Senator H. Hall that a small minority is not  
26. forty percent. If I recall the results of the November 2nd  
27. election, that's only about eleven percent more or less  
28. than you received in your election and you have the right here  
29. to speak for all of the people of your legislative district.  
30. And so we are more than a small minority. The other point  
31. that I think ought to be well made is that what we are talking  
32. about on this side and contrary to what you might believe,  
33. all three leaders and all thirty-four Democratic Senators are  
34. discussing and we are moving toward a solution. The one thing you

1. can't ever accuse the Democrats of being is monolithic.  
2. We seem to disagree and agree to disagree very well, that  
3. we are talking about the procedures and operations of the  
4. Illinois Senate. We're talking about legislation that  
5. affects all of the people of Illinois and we are talking  
6. about the structure of the Illinois Senate as how it affects  
7. the people in Bloomington as well as the people in Waukegan  
8. and East St. Louis. And I think that if you will look  
9. closely at what we have proposed as well as closely at what  
10. Senator Hynes has proposed, you will see that we are trying  
11. to open up the processes of government and we on this side  
12. are saying that we don't believe that a majority of one or  
13. two should dictate to all of the people of Illinois. And I  
14. believe that when this is completed and it will be completed  
15. in a reasonable period of time and I assume that we can solve  
16. this next week because many of us will stay in Springfield  
17. today to work out a solution that you will see that that small  
18. minority of forty percent, as I pointed out only eleven percent  
19. less than you received to become a Senator, will be effectively  
20. able to open up the Senate and the operations of government  
21. for all fifty-nine of us and for the eleven million people of  
22. Illinois.

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1. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

2. Senator Netsch, did you desire recognition or are you  
3. passing?

4. SENATOR NETSCH:

5. Thank you, Governor. For once Senator Morris has not  
6. only said it all, but he has said it more calmly, more  
7. pointedly and more dispassionately than I could possibly  
8. do.

9. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

10. Senator Bruce.

11. SENATOR BRUCE:

12. Thank you, Mr. Governor and thank you members. I would  
13. like to just comment on what we are about in the Illinois  
14. Senate also, because I would not want the members of the  
15. Republican party to leave this Chamber without realizing  
16. that we also are concerned and deeply concerned about  
17. the organization of the Senate. But, I think we've got  
18. to realize that organization is more than just who is going  
19. to be the President of this Body. It indicates and is  
20. probably the single most important vote that any Senator  
21. casts because it does some very important things. It  
22. will determine for each of us, not just the Democrats,  
23. the flow of legislative business as we transact it in  
24. the next two years. The efficiency of each of us is  
25. involved because as we do not operate efficiently down  
26. here, it makes us more difficult...it makes it more difficult  
27. to represent our constituency. Secondly, we are going to  
28. determine the substantive legislation that this General  
29. Assembly enacts because involved in this battle is the  
30. appointment of each and every committee, and that will  
31. determine, Senator Glass, and others, what kind of public  
32. employee collective bargaining bill we have, what we are  
33. going to do for Public Aid recipients and how we're going



1. to handle law enforcement and all the functions of government.  
2. And that is...that will be determined in the committees that  
3. are presently being composed. Thirdly, and more...most  
4. importantly, Governor, it may very well determine our  
5. relationship with the Executive Branch. Who leads us and  
6. how we lead us, will determine how we get along with  
7. the Executive Branch and how we do with the Judiciary. And  
8. I think that too, interrelationship between three branches  
9. of government is involved. And we are having a difficult  
10. time getting organized and I don't think the General  
11. Assembly has recognized or taken recognition of the fact of  
12. the changes that we have undergone in recent years. We  
13. now find ourselves in annual Sessions, to which we have not  
14. actively responded. Our organization is similar to what  
15. it was when we were in biennial Sessions. We've not taken  
16. the time to sit down and say what needs to be changed so  
17. that this assembly acts responsibly in annual Session.  
18. We have members leaving this Body simply because we don't  
19. do our work on time and we don't do it in the shortest  
20. amount of time because...I think we ought to talk about  
21. what we're going to do in annual Sessions. Secondly,  
22. we haven't responded yet to Executive budgets. We still  
23. think that we have the Budgetary Commission. And the  
24. Appropriations Committee is now operating, we now have  
25. staffs, yet we still flounder around and at the last  
26. day of this Session, put together the School Aid Package,  
27. we put together all the Mental Health budgets, and that ought  
28. not to happen any more when we have Executive budgets  
29. prepared by the Executive and presented to us. And finally,  
30. I don't think that we have ever taken a time to consider  
31. what this General Assembly is going to do about Executive  
32. Vetoes. We don't know how to handle Reduction Vetoes.  
33. We don't know how to handle Item Vetoes. So, all of these  
34. things, admit the General Assembly is in a state of maturity.

1. And I think what we are saying in our battle on our side  
2. of the aisle, is trying to determine what kind of General  
3. Assembly we're going to have and how we're going to  
4. respond to annual Sessions and Executive budgets,  
5. and how we're going to handle the flow of legislative  
6. business very efficiently and Gentlemen, I tell you  
7. that is a very, very important vote and I apologize  
8. for any...to anyone who thinks that we have been dilatory.  
9. I do not believe that, but that is probably because I've  
10. been involved in all the meetings and the late nights and  
11. the early mornings. But, I can tell you that we are  
12. concerned, we will make every attempt to resolve it  
13. and I certainly want to say I appreciate the Republicans  
14. today in allowing us to adjourn to go to the inauguration  
15. in Washington. I think that is the kind of tenor  
16. that we want to develop in this...legislative days. But,  
17. we're at our business and I hope that we will resolve  
18. it to your satisfaction, the satisfaction of every  
19. member here. Thank you.

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1. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

2. Senator Washington.

3. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

4. ...Governor and members of the Senate. Very briefly because  
5. it's said, if justification for the position of the minority  
6. coalition is necessary, I think it has very well articulated  
7. by Senators Morris and...and Bruce. Government is a continuum.  
8. It doesn't start in one place, it goes on and on and on, from  
9. the election of officers, the Governor and members of the Senate,  
10. to the election of offices within the Senate and how they  
11. function. You can't break it off. It's a continuum. This is  
12. as much a part of State Government as the infinite wisdom and  
13. time we give to a particular piece of legislation which is  
14. designed to improve the public policy of this State. I make  
15. no apologies for the role that I am playing in this business.  
16. I am proud to have joined in the coalition with others who feel  
17. as I do that participatory democracy is of the prime importance.  
18. This is an august Body. It's one of the finest tool machines  
19. in the country. There's no doubt about it. It's an organization  
20. with a tremendous tradition and past and one which hopefully it  
21. will have a better future, but it will only have a better future  
22. if determined, considerate discussion of every facet of leader-  
23. ship and operation of this Senate is constantly and incessantly  
24. dealt into our infinitum if necessary. I make no apologies.  
25. I'm proud to be here, and I'm happy to say I've come over  
26. here and joined in coalition with people who have the same  
27. concern I have. I would suggest to the Republicans that we accept  
28. your admonition, but if you would spend less time admonishing  
29. us and more time waiting until we get our business straight,  
30. when we finally get it straight, we'll be much better off.

31. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

32. Senator Hynes, did you desire to be recognized?

33. SENATOR HYNES:

1. Mr. President, I'm going to resist the very strong  
2. impulse to...comment on everything that has been said so  
3. far. And I...I think for that, I ought to gain the everlasting  
4. friendship of every member of this Body. But, I do think  
5. it is necessary to make this point, there...I think there  
6. is universal agreement among every member of this Body  
7. that some modifications in our procedures are necessary.  
8. And I think everyone who has discussed it publically  
9. and privately agrees. I think there is the basis for a  
10. resolution of this problem. And I intend to see that that  
11. comes about. I do not think, however, that it would be  
12. fruitful for us to continue here today this discussion,  
13. because if that...if that discussion does continue here  
14. on the Floor, it...we will have to, in effect, withdraw  
15. that adjournment resolution because it will take us until  
16. Tuesday to fully debate what is involved. I think the  
17. parties have been attempting to get things together. I  
18. think it will be done and I think we ought to act on this  
19. resolution now and then get to the business of getting  
20. the Senate organized.

21. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

22. Senator Nimrod.

23. SENATOR NIMROD:

24. Your Excellency and fellow Senators. I think it's  
25. one thing for the majority party to select its leader and  
26. not include the minority views. But it's another thing  
27. when you start to predestine what we're going to be about  
28. for the rest of the year and not include us. If you're  
29. going to make some changes that are going to affect the  
30. progress of this Senate, and customs and traditions,  
31. then you ought to be talking to the...to the Republicans  
32. because they're just as much a part of this Senate as you are.  
33. And I think what has to happen here is that you choose your

1. leader, but when you start to tamper with some of the  
2. things that are going to happen, we will not sit idly  
3. by and let you destroy it.

4. GOVERNOR THOMPSON:

5. Business before the Senate is the adoption of  
6. the Joint Resolution. All in favor say Aye. Opposed  
7. No. Ayes have it. The next business before the Senate  
8. is the adoption of Senator Kosinski's resolution of  
9. adjournment. All in favor say Aye. Opposed No.  
10. The Ayes have it. The Senate is adjourned till Tuesday  
11. at 12:00 o'clock.

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