

80th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 30, 1977

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate will
3. come to order. The prayer will be by Father Hugh P.
4. Cassidy, Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield, Illinois.

5. FATHER CASSIDY:

6. (Prayer by Father Cassidy)

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Reading of the Journal. Would you turn on Senator
9. Newhouse's microphone so that Senator Johns...all right.
10. Will the Senate please come to order. I believe the
11. mechanical difficulties have been resolved. The Chair
12. recognizes Senator Johns.

13. SENATOR JOHNS:

14. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval
15. of the Journal of Tuesday, March the 29th, 1977 be
16. postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. You have heard the motion by Senator Johns for
19. deferral of the approval of the Journal. All those
20. in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed. The Ayes
21. have it. The motion carries. Committee Reports.

22. SECRETARY:

23. Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills
24. assigns the following bills to committee: Appropriations
25. II, Senate Bill 402. Elementary and Secondary Education,
26. Senate Bills 381, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391,
27. 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399 and 400. Higher
28. Education, Senate Bill 380. Executive, Senate Bills
29. 383, 410, and 411. Insurance and Licensed Activities,
30. Senate Bill 409. Judiciary I, Senate Bills 404 and 412.
31. Labor and Commerce, Senate Bills 406, 407, 408. Local
32. Government, Senate Bill 382. Public Health, Welfare and
33. Corrections, Senate Bills 401, and 405. Revenue, Senate

1. Bills 378 and 379. Transportation, Senate Bills 403
2. and 413.

3. Senator Demuzio, Chairman of the Committee on Finance
4. and Credit Regulations reports out Senate Bill 179
5. and House Bill 277 with the recommendation Do Pass.

6. Senator Netsch, Chairman of the Committee
7. on Judiciary II, reports out Senate Bill 216 and House
8. Bill 276 with the recommendation Do Pass.

9. Senator Smith, Chairman of Public Health, Welfare
10. and Corrections, reports out Senate Bill 300 with
11. the recommendation Do Pass as amended. Senate Bill No.
12. 301 with the recommendation Do Pass.

13. Senator Egan, Chairman of the Committee on
14. Revenue, reports out Senate Bill 157 with the recommendation
15. Do Pass, Senate Bill 229 with the recommendation Do Pass
16. as amended, House Bill No. 217, with the recommendation
17. Do Not Pass.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. If I may have your attention, please. We have a
20. special guest with us today, Elizabeth Ann Curren
21. of Park Ridge, Illinois, who is Miss Illinois Universe
22. and will represent Illinois in the Miss U.S.A. Contest
23. in Charleston, South Carolina. And I'd like to ask her
24. to greet the members of the Senate. Elizabeth.

25. ELIZABETH CURREN:

26. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Mr. President; Ladies and
27. Gentlemen of the Senate. During the great debates of the
28. summer Session of 1975, you selected the monarch butterfly
29. as our official insect. Senator John Grotheberg said, "I think
30. we should leave the bill in tact with the monarch butterfly
31. as our State insect because it seems to be the only insect
32. in the State of Illinois that has the brains enough to go to
33. South America while the General Assembly is in Session.

1. Since I am going south to South Carolina on May 14th
2. to represent this great State of Illinois in the Miss
3. U.S.A. pageant and since I must wear a costume depicting
4. Illinois during a costume competition, I chose to dress
5. as a monarch butterfly. In the past four years
6. two of my predecessors have won the title of Miss U.S.A.
7. I hope I can continue an Illinois tradition and
8. bring the title back for a third time in five years.
9. Thank you, very much for your time.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. I'd also like to introduce Joanne and Tony Salerno
12. who are here with us today. Senator Nimrod.

13. SENATOR NIMROD:

14. Yeah, Mr. President and fellow Senators. The Senate
15. passed Senate Resolution No. 54 here last week,
16. which was commending Elizabeth for her achievement and
17. wishing her and her court well and especially for her
18. trip to South Carolina in the Miss Universe Contest
19. and at this time, Liz, I would like to present to you
20. Senate Resolution from all the members of the Senate and
21. I'm very pleased and proud to be your Senator with...
22. from the 4th district and you living in Park Ridge.
23. We're very pleased and happy and the President...this is
24. signed by the President of the Senate and the Secretary
25. and by all members of the Senate. We present this to you
26. and wish you Godspeed and good luck. Thank you.

27. ELIZABETH CURREN:

28. Thank you, very much. This means very much to me.
29. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. For what purpose does Senator Shapiro arise?

32. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

33. Mr. President, I'd like to address a question to Senator
34. Nimrod. Senator Nimrod, how are you able to beat Senator

1. Mitchler out of introducing a resolution?
2. SENATOR NIMROD:
3. Mr. President, thank you. Senator Shapiro,
4. it seems that as Senator Mitchler is aging, he's mellowing.
5. And, I want to publically say that I thank Senator
6. Mitchler not only on my behalf, but several of
7. us Senators. He is alert. He prepares these resolutions
8. and he hands them to each of the Senators who are
9. responsible. So, I do think he needs some public
10. recognition on that.
11. PRESIDENT:
12. Message from the House.
13. SECRETARY:
14. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.
15. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the
16. the Senate that the House of Representatives passed
17. bills with the following titles in the passage of which
18. I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate,
19. to-wit:
20. House Bill 51, 53, 187, 235, 279, 381, 510,
21. 534, 540 and 616.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
23. Introduction of Bills.
24. SECRETARY:
25. Senate Bill 415...14, introduced by Senator Davidson,
26. Shapiro, Schaffer and Glass.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 1st reading of the bill.
29. Senate Bill No. 415, introduced by Senators
30. Morris, Smith, Lane and others.
31. (Secretary reads title of bill)
32. 1st reading of the bill.
33. Senate Bill No. 416, introduced by the same sponsors.

1. (Secretary reads title of bill)
2. 1st reading of the bill.
3. Senate Bill 417, introduced by Senators Regner,
4. Moore, Graham, and others.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. 1st reading of the bill.
7. Senate Bill No. 418, introduced by Senator Harber
8. Hall.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. 1st reading of the bill.
11. Senate Bill No. 419, introduced by Senators Berman,
12. Glass, Kenneth Hall and Davidson.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 1st reading of the bill.
15. Senate Bill No. 420, introduced by the same sponsors.
16. (Secretary reads title of bill)
17. 1st reading of the bill.
18. Senate Bill No. 420, introduced by Senators
19. Merlo and Rupp.
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 1st reading of the bill.
22. Senate Bill No. 422, introduced by the same sponsors.
23. (Secretary reads title of bill)
24. 1st reading of the bill.
25. Senate Bill 423, introduced by the same sponsors.
26. (Secretary reads title of bill)
27. 1st reading of the bill.
28. Senate Bill No. 424, introduced by Senator Rock.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. 1st reading of the bill.
31. Senate Bill No. 425, introduced by Senators
32. Maragos, Kosinski, Mitchler and others.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
3. For what purpose does Senator Maragos arise?
4. SENATOR MARAGOS:
5. Mr. President, I would like to have leave from the
6. members of the Senate to show that because I was excused
7. yesterday on a...committee work for the Senate and I was
8. not on the Floor, that I would like to state for the
9. record that I would have voted Yes on several bills if
10. I'm given leave at this present time.
11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
12. Go ahead and state it for the record, Senator...
13. SENATOR MARAGOS:
14. Yes,...
15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
16. ...and it will be so recorded.
17. SENATOR MARAGOS:
18. The...they were Senate Bills 33, 101, 108, 120,
19. 302, and then House Bill 49, I would have voted...let the
20. record show that I would have voted Yes if I were on the
21. Floor yesterday.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
23. The record will so show. Senate Bills, 2nd reading.
24. Senate Bill 100, Senator Knuppel. Senate Bill 164, Senator
25. Hickey. Senate Bill 166, Senator Regner. Call the bill.
26. SECRETARY:
27. Senate Bill 166.
28. (Secretary reads title of bill)
29. 2nd reading of the bill. Committee on Transportation
30. offers one amendment.
31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
32. Senator Regner, will you explain the committee
33. amendment?

1. SENATOR REGNER:

2. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I'm
3. going to move to Table the committee amendment because
4. I have another amendment clarifying some other things
5. that will incorporate it that's contained in Committee
6. Amendment No. 1 and this is agreed on with the committee.
7. So I move to Table Committee Amendment No. 1.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

9. Heard the motion. All those in favor say Aye.
10. Opposed Nay. Committee Amendment is Tabled.

11. SECRETARY:

12. Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Regner.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

14. Senator Regner, now offers Amendment No....which
15. number is that, Senator Regner? Number 2? Senator
16. Regner.

17. SENATOR REGNER:

18. Yes, Mr. President. I'd like to withdraw that
19. amendment. That was prepared by our staffs and we found
20. errors in it and I just sent another amendment up that
21. clarifies the whole thing.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

23. Senator, will you explain this amendment? Wait a
24. minute, Senator. Just a moment. Could we have a little
25. order, please, or a whole lot of order. Go ahead, Senator.

26. SENATOR REGNER:

27. Okay, the one I just sent up there, what it does, it
28. incorporates Committee Amendment No. 1 which just reversed
29. the order that the bill was presented in. It has the
30. explanation or description of headset receivers in the
31. first paragraph rather than at the end which is the
32. normal order for legislation. And then it also further defines
33. the term "headset receivers." There was some question
34. in committee that it was talking about ear plugs and such and

1. this totally defines the description of headset receivers
2. and it was prepared in conjunction with both staffs,
3. Republican and Democrat and I would now move the adoption
4. of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 166.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

6. Senate will be at ease just a moment. Is there any
7. further discussion for Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 166.
8. before adoption? All those in favor of the adoption of the amendment say
9. Aye. Opposed. The Ayes have it. And Amendment No. 2
10. is adopted. 3rd reading. Senator Hickey, would you like
11. to go back to Senate Bill 164, first?

12. SENATOR HICKEY:

13. ...for that and I want to hold 193.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

15. What about one...

16. SENATOR HICKEY:

17. Till tomorrow. 164, I'm waiting for an amendment to
18. come up, if we could come back to it later.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

20. You want to hold them both?

21. SENATOR HICKEY:

22. Yeah, hold them both right now.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

24. All right. Okay. Senate Bills, 3rd reading.

25. Senate Bill 62, Senator Moore. Read the bill.

26. SECRETARY:

27. Senate Bill 62.

28. (Secretary reads title of bill)

29. 3rd reading of the bill.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

31. Senator Moore.

32. SENATOR MOORE:

33. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.

1. Senate Bill 62...Senate Bill 62 and 63, the Synopsis
2. correctly describes what they do. Senate Bill 62
3. authorizes the Capitol Development Board to convey a
4. ten foot strip of land on either side of a sewer that
5. connects to the Grissom Junior High School in Tinley Park.
6. to the village of Tinley Park so that the village can
7. properly maintain the sewer. There's no cost involved
8. to the State. This project was done all at one time
9. and it's for that reason that we are now trying to get
10. a easement now for a sewer and the following bill which
11. is a thirty-three foot strip of land for a road. If there
12. are no questions, Mr. President, I move for a favorable
13. roll call on Senate Bill 62.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

15. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate
16. Bill 62 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
17. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
18. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 54,
19. the Nays are none, those Voting Present are none and the
20. members...and five members are recorded absent. Senate Bill
21. 62 having received the constitutional majority is declared
22. passed. Senate Bill 63, Senator Moore.

23. SECRETARY:

24. Senate Bill 63.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. 3rd reading of the bill.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

28. Senator Moore.

29. SENATOR MOORE:

30. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.
31. Senate Bill 63 authorizes the Capitol Development Board to
32. convey a thirty-three foot strip of land adjacent to a road
33. now serving the Kirby School in the village of Tinley Park

1. to the village of Tinley Park. This road is going to be
2. improved at the...at no cost to the State. The village will
3. put in the road. It will maintain it. I know of no
4. objection to the bill and I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

6. Any further discussion? The question is shall
7. Senate Bill 63 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those
8. opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Take the record.
9. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,
10. the Ayes are 52, the Nays are none, those...none Voting
11. Present. Senate Bill 63, having received the constitutional
12. majority is declared passed. Senate Bill 93, Senator
13. Donnewald. Read the bill.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Bill 93.

16. (Secretary reads title of bill)

17. 3rd reading of the bill.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

19. Senator Donnewald.

20. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

21. Yes, Mr. President. Senate Bill 93 is...it just adds
22. coal and coal testholes to the section which refers to the
23. application for drilling holes. You presently have to have
24. a permit to drill water wells, oil wells and so on
25. but you do not have to have a permit to drill a test
26. core hole for coal. This merely adds coal to the list
27. that I have enumerated and the permit would be applicable
28. to drilling test core holes for coal. I would ask your
29. favorable support. The Department requested this legislation.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

31. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate
32. Bill 93 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
33. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

1. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 54, the
2. Nays are none, none Voting Present. Senate Bill 93
3. having received the constitutional majority is declared
4. passed. Senate Bill 99, Senator Knuppel. Senator Knuppel.
5. Senate Bill 182, Senator Davidson. Call the bill.
6. SECRETARY:
7. Senate Bill 182.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. 3rd reading of the bill.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
11. Senator Davidson.
12. SENATOR DAVIDSON:
13. Mr. President, members of the Senate, this bill
14. allows the Water and Sewer districts, which are not part
15. of a municipality and voluntary opportunity participate
16. in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. It has the
17. favorable support of the Pension Laws Commission. I'll
18. answer any questions. Appreciate a favorable vote.
19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
20. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate
21. Bill 182 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
22. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
23. Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 45,
24. the Nays are 4, 2 Voting Present. Senate Bill 182, having
25. received the constitutional majority, is declared passed.
26. Senate Bill 198, Senator Grotberg. Read the bill.
27. SECRETARY:
28. Senate Bill 198.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. 3rd reading of the bill.
31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
32. Senator Grotberg.
33. SENATOR GROTBURG:

1. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
2. Senate. Senate Bill 198 does exactly as the Synopsis
3. suggests in the case of the County Zoning Act, it requires
4. that the zoning notices be published in a newspaper
5. closest to where the zoning matter is, rather than in a
6. newspaper of general circulation at a larger level. It
7. simply states, shall be published in general circulation,
8. in the newspaper within a township or road district
9. where the land affected is located and then if there's
10. no newspaper there, it escalates to a general circulation
11. in the county where it's located. I would ask for a favorable
12. roll call, answer any questions.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

14. Any further discussion? Senator Maragos.

15. SENATOR MARAGOS:

16. Will the sponsor yield to a question, please?

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

18. The sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator.

19. SENATOR MARAGOS:

20. Senator Grotberg, how does this differ from the present
21. Statute, I don't have the Statute in front of me. What is
22. the...how does it change it?

23. SENATOR GROTBERG:

24. The present law states that the notice requirements
25. of zoning shall be in four conspicuous places, you know,
26. post...nail them to the school house door for one thing,
27. and this changes that to a publication factor rather
28. than the posting of the notices.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

30. Senator Maragos.

31. SENATOR MARAGOS:

32. Well, aren't there other requirements that the
33. present law states before any hearings can be held on

1. these variations? Don't they have to notify the
2. adjoining property owners?
3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
4. Senator Grotberg.
5. SENATOR GROTBORG:
6. Yes, it's a new...it presently states as a newspaper
7. of general circulation in the county. This starts at a
8. smaller unit of government in the case of a local weekly
9. paper, et cetera.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
11. Senator Maragos.
12. SENATOR MARAGOS:
13. What confuses me, Mr. President and members of the
14. Senate, is the fact that most of the zoning requirements
15. ...notice requirements of the zoning statutes today,
16. state that you have to give the adjoining owners notice
17. by certified mail or registered mail and those are the ones
18. who are immediately concerned. Now, is this the additional
19. notice to municipalities or is it an additional notice to
20. the public at large?
21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
22. Senator Grotberg.
23. SENATOR GROTBORG:
24. This amends only the county zoning processes. The next
25. bill is on municipalities. This has only to do with the
26. counties, Senator Maragos, and has nothing...the meetings
27. of the Zoning Commission on the matter at hand. It has
28. nothing to do with notifying the neighbors by registered
29. mail, et cetera.
30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
31. Senator Maragos.
32. SENATOR MARAGOS:
33. Why...why is this requirement even needed if the
34. adjoining property owners and the adjoining municipalities

1. are informed, why do we need this additional requirement,
2. that's why I'm asking.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

4. Senator Grotberg.

5. SENATOR GROTBORG:

6. This requirement is needed because there's a tendency
7. for instance, in my district, it's possible now in Kane
8. County to run a zoning notice of something in St. Charles,
9. out of the Aurora...Senator Maragos, it is legal to run a
10. notice about St. Charles, fifteen miles away, in the
11. Aurora newspaper whereas this would mandate it to the
12. newspaper closer to the action, the St. Charles newspaper.
13. It would be where more people read it.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

15. Senator Maragos.

16. SENATOR MARAGOS:

17. I don't want to be...make it a point but there's
18. a lot of other questions here: that by making this
19. requirement does this in any way also include home
20. rule units and other municipalities have to abide by this.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

22. Senator Grotberg.

23. SENATOR MARAGOS:

24. Even though it...

25. SENATOR GROTBORG:

26. We...we did not strike the home rule clause. We,
27. in fact, we put it back in in committee for the counties.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

29. Senator Maragos.

30. SENATOR MARAGOS:

31. Yeah, the reason why I'm asking because I'm
32. sorry, I wasn't here when this was on 2nd reading yesterday,
33. evidently, but my concern is that this may put additional
34. burdens on the bodies or the...the county boards that

1. are hearing these zonings when there are adequate
2. requirements, I know in the Cook county which I'm
3. familiar with, and I don't know whether this is needed.
4. Now, if you feel that it's needed outside of Cook county,
5. then I have no objection, but I don't know whether
6. Cook county itself will be affected by this.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

8. Senator Grotberg.

9. SENATOR GROTBERG:

10. As I stated, we restored in the language the home
11. rule provision by amendment on 2nd reading.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

13. Any further discussion? Senator Wooten.

14. SENATOR WOOTEN:

15. Thank you, Mr. President. If the sponsor would
16. yield for a question.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

18. He indicates he will yield.

19. SENATOR WOOTEN:

20. Senator, just to clarify, I read through the bill while
21. the discussion was going on and I am assuming that I am
22. correct in saying that all you have done is change the
23. notice from posting in four public places to publishing
24. in a newspaper, Senator?

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

26. Senator Grotberg.

27. SENATOR GROTBERG:

28. We did two things. We deleted the posting in four
29. public places...

30. SENATOR WOOTEN:

31. All right.

32. SENATOR GROTBERG:

33. ...and went to publication in the newspaper closest to

1. the zoning matter.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

3. Senator Wooten.

4. SENATOR WOOTEN:

5. I would think the elimination of the posting
6. is a perfectly acceptable thing. I...might be some
7. quibble about which paper you would chose, but you
8. are not adding an additional requirement, in other
9. words, you have to post in the newspaper, you have to
10. post in four public places. This simply says it will be
11. the closest newspaper and eliminate the four public
12. postings, is that correct?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

14. Senator Grotberg.

15. SENATOR GROTBORG:

16. You stated the exact purpose of the bill, Senator.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

18. Any further discussion? Senator Bower.

19. SENATOR BOWERS:

20. Mr. President, would the sponsor yield to a question?

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

22. Wait just a minute. Let's have a little order, please.

23. He indicates he will, Senator.

24. SENATOR BOWERS:

25. Senator Grotberg, you've explained, it seems to me,
26. half of the bill, but the provision on page five which says
27. that any time the Zoning Board shall consider any matter
28. referred to it apparently under the Administrative Review
29. Procedure, there has to be a notice...a notice published.
30. Now, that's totally new language and I take it that
31. requirement has never been there before, is that correct?

32. I'm speaking to page five, now.

33. SENATOR GROTBORG:

1. Give me a moment to read it too, will you, Senator
2. Bower. Right.
3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
4. Senator Bower.
5. SENATOR BOWERS:
6. So that if I make a...an application for a building
7. permit and the Building Department turns me down and
8. I appeal that decision, that's now going to require
9. publication in a newspaper, is that correct?
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
11. Senator Grotberg.
12. SENATOR GROTBORG:
13. That's correct.
14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
15. Senator Bower.
16. SENATOR BOWERS:
17. Then, it would appear to me that you might as
18. well publish then, everytime I apply for a building
19. permit. It seems that this is going to be a rather
20. onerous requirement in terms of publication in that
21. ...that I question whether or not it's necessary and I'm
22. just wondering, what is the example that makes this
23. kind of a requirement necessary?
24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
25. Senator Grotberg.
26. SENATOR GROTBORG:
27. I think the example is that the traditional strong
28. role of the Board of Appeals in a county brings this kind of
29. a matter into the publication area for...for the public's
30. right to know.
31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)
32. Senator Bower.
33. SENATOR BOWERS:

1. Well, Mr. President, I certainly have no objection
2. to publishing every time we're talking about rezoning
3. or anything that's going to seriously affect any of the
4. surrounding property owners. I think that's a valid requirement
5. but many times there is in the Zoning Board of Appeals
6. jurisdiction certain appeals processes which are minimal
7. in nature. For instance, if the building commissioner
8. decides that the...let's say, the rafters need to be six
9. inches instead of two inches, or something of that nature,
10. the...the general administrative procedure of relief to
11. the applicant is an appeal and the appeal process
12. goes to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Now, we're going
13. to say that we have to publish so I know what's going to
14. happen, everytime I want to appeal, there's going to be a
15. hundred or two hundred dollar fee attached to it to pay
16. for the publication cost. And this seems to me to be
17. directed against the small property owner and I'm opposed
18. to it. Thank you.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

20. Is there any further discussion? Would you like to call...
21. close, Senator Grotberg?

22. SENATOR GROTEBERG:

23. Mr. President, I would like to close saying that these
24. bills are the result of the work of the Illinois
25. Press Association and they have worked long and hard trying
26. to create a public right to know situation regarding
27. zoning matters and bringing them closer to the people and
28. I think that as this legislative Body's prerogative and
29. responsibility to let the people know through every legal
30. course that we can. And I move...encourage an Aye vote
31. on this bill.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

33. The question is shall Senate Bill 198 pass.

1. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay.

2. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator

3. Grotberg. Have all voted who wish? Take the record.

4. On that question the Ayes are 43, the Nays are none,

5. 9...none Voting Present. Senate Bill 198 having

6. received a constitutional majority, is declared passed.

7. Senator Donnewald. Senator Donnewald.

8. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

9. Yes, Mr. President. I wonder, our rules provide

10. that we're not allowed to introduce anybody from anywhere,

11. is that right or wrong? Well, I'd like to introduce...

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

13. Who is...introduce, Senator?

14. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

15. ...I'd like to...the people that are not supposed

16. to be introduced are immediately in back of me from

17. Bond County Democratic Women's Club. Would they please

18. rise and be recognized.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

20. Would the...would the people please rise and be

21. recognized by the Senate. Senator Mitchler.

22. SENATOR MITCHLER:

23. Yes, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Sitting

24. with the Democratic women from Senator Donnewald's county,

25. in his district and hoping to influence them, are the

26. Kendall County Farm Bureau Women's Group and you know that's

27. the tiger county as far as Republicanism is concerned and

28. they're here to witness Senator Grotberg pass his first

29. bill. Would the ladies from Kendall County Farm Bureau

30. please stand.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

32. Would you please stand...

33. SENATOR MITCHLER:

1. These are Republicans.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

3. ...and be recognized by the Senate.

4. SENATOR MITCHLER:

5. And Mr. President, as long as you have been so kind

6. to give the microphone, in the President's gallery,

7. is the Blazeck family from Batavia, Illinois. Would they

8. please stand and be recognized.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

10. Would you please stand and be recognized. Senate

11. Bill 199, Senator Grotberg.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Senate Bill 199.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 3rd reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

17. Senator Grotberg.

18. SENATOR GROTEBERG:

19. This does the same thing for municipalities, Ladies

20. and Gentlemen, Mr. President. I would just take the same

21. roll call.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

23. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate

24. Bill 199 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed

25. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

26. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question

27. the Ayes are 40, the Nays are 12, none Voting Present.

28. Senate Bill 199, having received a constitutional majority

29. is declared passed. Senate Bill 201, Senator Bruce.

30. Read the bill.

31. SECRETARY:

32. Senate Bill 201.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 3rd reading of the bill.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

3. Senator Bruce.

4. SENATOR BRUCE:

5. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 201 corrects
6. a small problem that has developed with the office of the
7. new Comptroller relative to office expenditures. There
8. are some number of us who are interested in the outcome
9. of this legislation. It will allow a member who is a
10. member of, in this particular interest, a member of the
11. 79th General Assembly and the 80th General Assembly to
12. encumber or spend the total twelve thousand dollars
13. for your office account within the fiscal year. It would
14. still make the restriction of six thousand in the first
15. six months, but it will allow you to encumber or spend
16. the full twelve thousand in a twelve month or fiscal year
17. period. If there are any questions, otherwise, I would
18. ask for a favorable roll call.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

20. Any further discussion? Senator Rhoads.

21. SENATOR RHOADS:

22. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

24. He indicates he will.

25. SENATOR RHOADS:

26. Senator Bruce, as I understand this affects House members
27. coming over to the Senate and vice versa?

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

29. Senator Bruce.

30. SENATOR BRUCE:

31. Well, that is my understanding. I hope it is eventually
32. the Comptroller's understanding. I had some degree of
33. difficulty making sense out of this whole matter, but

1. they say that this will solve the problem. I hope that
2. it does.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KENNETH HALL)

4. Any further discussion? The question is shall Senate
5. Bill 201 pass. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
6. vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
7. Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 53,
8. the Nays are 1, none Voting Present. Senate Bill 201,
9. having received a constitutional majority, is declared
10. passed. Senate Bill 219, Senator Netsch.
11. Senate Bill 280, Senator Morris. Call the bill.

12. SECRETARY:

13. Senate Bill 280.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 3rd reading of the bill.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Senator Morris.

18. SENATOR MORRIS:

19. Thank you very much, Senator Hynes. This bill deals
20. with a problem that has come up this past year. As you'll
21. recall, last year, we passed legislation granting special
22. hunting and fishing license fees and free camping to senior
23. citizens. The problem is in Illinois, we grant those
24. benefits to all senior citizens regardless of where they
25. reside. Many other states don't offer those benefits and this
26. proposal would make the benefits in Illinois reciprocal
27. to people from out of state. An example might be that I could
28. use, is last August, we had two thousand, six hundred
29. senior citizens camp in our state parks. Under our laws
30. they were able to camp free. That cost the State of Illinois
31. approximately forty thousand dollars for the month of August
32. and overall last summer we lost about a hundred and eighty
33. thousand dollars. This bill would say that senior citizens

1. from Illinois would receive the benefits of free camping
2. and receive the benefits of the benefits in hunting and
3. fishing licenses, but senior citizens from other states
4. would have to pay the fee that their state charges our
5. senior citizens or pay full fee according to Illinois.
6. I'll answer any questions you might have and I'd
7. appreciate a favorable roll call.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Ozinga.

10. SENATOR OZINGA:

11. Yeah. Would the sponsor yield to a question?

12. PRESIDENT:

13. He indicates that he will yield.

14. SENATOR OZINGA:

15. How will this affect reciprocity with other states
16. surrounding us?

17. SENATOR MORRIS:

18. At this time, Wisconsin charges full fare to
19. senior citizens from Illinois. Indiana and Kentucky and
20. Missouri as I understand it, do not give the free benefits
21. that our state has. What this bill would say that either
22. they will give benefits equal to Illinois or people from
23. their state will pay the full fare when they come into
24. Illinois. Hopefully, it will motivate the Legislatures
25. in the other state to grant benefits similar to ours. If they
26. don't their senior citizens will begin to put pressure
27. on them to give the benefits that we give. I don't think
28. it's fair for the taxpayers of Illinois to subsidize
29. this type of benefit for people from Wisconsin when in fact,
30. people from Wisconsin won't give our senior citizens a
31. similar break.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Is there any further discussion? Senator Savickas.

1. SENATOR SAVICKAS:

2. Yes, Senator Morris, wasn't this part of a proposal
3. from the Economic Development Commission at one time to
4. promote tourism in the State of Illinois?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Morris.

7. SENATOR MORRIS:

8. Not that I'm aware of, Senator Savickas. Last year
9. it was a proposal that came from some legislators on the
10. hunting and fishing licenses and the camping bill was introduced
11. by some House members from, I believe, I can't remember
12. Decatur, I think John Dunn and I had a bill in the Senate
13. that gave half price, but it wasn't proposed by the
14. people from Business and Economic and they didn't testify
15. for or against the bills last year or this bill this year.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Further discussion? Senator Lemke.

18. SENATOR LEMKE:

19. This...wasn't this bill...didn't this bill come out
20. of there because I think this was a Governor's...Governor
21. Walker's bill and they proposed it and the sponsors of it
22. was my running mate, Representative Terzich and we held
23. that bill up here and the Governor insisted he wanted it
24. and we passed it out as it is. And this is to create tourism.
25. I...I mean this is a type of bill that sometimes creates
26. problems. We're taking some benefits away from senior
27. citizens and...and we could deny them some benefits they
28. might receive someplace else. And I don't know if we can
29. do this.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Harber Hall.

32. SENATOR HALL:

33. Well, you know, we have compassion for those on fixed

1. incomes and those in the retired status, over sixty-five
2. and now we're saying that if they live out of the state
3. we lose some of that compassion. I...I question that a little
4. bit and also the fact that if they want to come to Illinois
5. and enjoy our parks they probably are bringing their
6. families and spend money here, which increases
7. our sales tax and we benefit in that way. I think to drive
8. them out by saying we're not giving you...we're not
9. extending to you the courtesy and the privilege that we
10. do other people of your like situation, I think may be wrong.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. For what purpose does Senator Morris arise?

13. SENATOR MORRIS:

14. I...I think that there's been a misunderstanding of the
15. bill. You know, I put in the bill last year and it wasn't
16. put in by Economic and Fiscal, it wasn't...or by Business
17. and Economic Development. It was put in by Bill Morris and
18. a group of other people. As for the...the compassion
19. for people from other states I can sympathize with that.
20. But, when a senior citizen from Illinois takes his
21. or her camper into Wisconsin or into Missouri or into any
22. other state, they pay full fare. And yet, when people
23. come in from other states to our state, they don't pay
24. full fare. We're losing a hundred and fifty to two hundred
25. thousand dollars a year income because of that, number
26. one, and number two as Senator Johns has pointed to a
27. problem in his district where Illinois residents or non-
28. senior citizens who would pay full fare cannot get into the
29. parks because all of the camping spaces are taken because
30. of out-of-state senior citizens who will come to this
31. state and use the benefits. The fact that in August
32. we drew twenty-six hundred senior citizens from other
33. states, I think, points to that. And I'd like to point

1. out Senator Hall, you're a cosponsor of the bill.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Schaffer.

4. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

5. I'm not sure if I'm a cosponsor of the bill, Senator
6. Morris, but if I'm not, I'd like to have leave to have
7. my name added. I have a district that borders the Wisconsin
8. line and my residents have been very upset about the fact
9. that we have graciously offered these benefits to Wisconsinites
10. and that they have not reciprocated and I think fair is fair
11. and I think this is a good bill and I would suggest that
12. there are probably a lot of people, particularly, in the
13. northern part of the state in the Chicagoland area who
14. feel very strongly about it because they go up to Wisconsin
15. and they aren't...they don't get similar treatment as
16. we give the people from Wisconsin. I'd like to urge
17. support of this bill and I hope it does pass.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Schaffer has requested leave to be added as
20. a cosponsor. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Is there
21. any further discussion? If not, the question is shall
22. Senate Bill 280 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye.
23. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
24. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
25. Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 51, the
26. Nays are none, none Voting Present. Senate Bill 280,
27. having received a constitutional majority is declared
28. passed. Have an announcement to make. The Secretary
29. is about to prepare the Consent Calendar for resolutions.
30. Any member having a resolution that would go on that Consent
31. Calendar or should go on it, please bring it up to the
32. Secretary's Desk in the next few minutes. If you do not,
33. you will have to wait until next week in order to have the

1. resolution adopted. Bring those resolutions up now if you
2. would. With leave of the Body, we'll return to the order
3. of Introduction of Bills. Is leave granted? Leave is
4. granted. Introduction of Bills.
5. SECRETARY:
6. Senate Bill 426, introduced by Senators Smith, Moore,
7. and Lane.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senate Bill No. 427, introduced by Senators Schaffer,
10. Ozinga, Moore, and others.
11. (Secretary reads title of bill)
12. Senate Bill No. 428, introduced by Senators Graham,
13. Shapiro, Weaver and others.
14. (Secretary reads title of bill)
15. Senate Bill No. 429, introduced by Senators Berman,
16. Guidice, Maragos, and Clewis.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. Senate Bill No. 430, introduced by the same...no
19. introduced by Senators Guidice, Berman, Newhouse and
20. Clewis.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. Senate Bill No. 431, introduced by Senators Clewis,
23. Berman and Newhouse.
24. (Secretary reads title of bill)
25. Senate Bill No. 432, introduced by Senators Demuzio,
26. Hynes, Kenneth Hall and others.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. Senate Bill No. 433, introduced by Senators Carroll,
29. Netsch and Newhouse.
30. (Secretary reads title of bill)
31. Senate Bill No. 434, introduced by Senators Carroll,
32. Joyce, Netsch and others.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. Senate Bill No. 435, introduced by Senators Weaver,
2. Vadalabene, Carroll and others.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. Senate Bill No. 436, introduced by Senator Shapiro,
5. Carroll, Weaver and others.
6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
7. Senate Bill No. 437, introduced by Senators Vadalabene,
8. Buzbee, Weaver and others.
9. (Secretary reads title of bill)
10. Senate Bill No. 438, introduced by Senators
11. Carroll, Weaver, Vadalabene and others.
12. (Secretary reads title of bill)
13. Senate Bill No. 439, introduced by Senators
14. Washington, Shapiro, and Netsch and others.
15. (Secretary reads title of bill)
16. Senate Bill No. 440, introduced by the same sponsors.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. Senate Bill No. 441, introduced by the same sponsors.
19. (Secretary reads title of bill)
20. Senate Bill 442, introduced by the same sponsors.
21. (Secretary reads title of bill)
22. ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)
23. Senate Bill...Senate Bill 443, introduced by Senators
24. Washington, Shapiro and Netsch and others.
25. (Secretary reads title of bill)
26. Senate Bill 444, by the same sponsors.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. Senate Bill 445, by the same sponsors.
29. (Secretary reads title of bill)
30. Senate Bill 446, by the same sponsors.
31. (Secretary reads title of bill)
32. Senate Bill 447, by the same sponsors.
33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. Senate Bill 448, by Senators Shapiro, Graham,
2. Philip, Glass and Mitchler.
3. (Secretary reads title of bill)
4. Senate Bill 449, by the same sponsors.
5. (Secretary reads title of bill)
6. Senate Bill 450, offered by Senator Egan, Berning,
7. Shapiro, and Merlo.
8. (Secretary reads title of bill)
9. Senate Bill 451, by the same sponsors.
10. (Secretary reads title of bill)
11. 1st reading of the bills.
12. PRESIDENT:
13. House Bills, 3rd reading. House Bill 24, Senator
14. Carroll. Read the bill.
15. SECRETARY:
16. House Bill 24.
17. (Secretary reads title of bill)
18. 3rd reading of the bill.
19. PRESIDENT:
20. Senator Carroll.
21. SENATOR CARROLL:
22. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.
23. House Bill 24 is a supplemental appropriation to DOT to
24. pay to the RTA. This is at the agreed figure of what will
25. be in the Public Transportation Fund which is a special
26. distributive fund. As you will recall, we reduced the
27. appropriation last year based on a lack of anticipated
28. revenues. We have found the money is now there and available
29. to be appropriated and this is money basically used for
30. suburban transportation carriage. I'd be willing to answer reasonable
31. questions and would ask for a favorable roll call.
32. PRESIDENT:
33. Is there any discussion? Senator Berning.

1. SENATOR BERNING:

2. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.
3. This, House Bill 24, seeks to replace dollars for the RTA
4. which this Body in its wisdom elected to remove from the
5. budget last year partly from a conviction that they did
6. not need the dollars and also from a conviction that if one
7. of our obligations, namely to schools, were to be
8. subjected to an arbitrary curtailment of full entitlement
9. at approximately six percentage points, other obligations
10. and namely the RTA should be subjected to the same type
11. of equal treatment. Mr. President and members of the Senate,
12. I submit to you that the RTA in spite of its protestations
13. of carrying out its obligation, has not in any way
14. provided additional mass transportation in the County
15. of Lake. It has failed repeatedly to respond to the
16. inquiries, yes, the requests and the demands for some
17. kind of action from the citizens of the 32nd district.
18. And I say to you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,
19. there isn't anything that can be said to justify granting
20. additional allocations of dollars to that body at this
21. time. I would respectfully request that the Senate
22. reconfirm its position of last June and deny this request
23. for supplemental appropriation.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Schaffer.

26. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

27. Well, I'd just like to echo Senator Berning's comments.
28. I will restrain myself from saying anything about the RTA
29. and it's lack of operation in my particular legislative
30. district or the rather strong feelings that you all know I
31. have on the RTA. This Body, individually and collectively,
32. has repeatedly talked about priorities. And I think most of us
33. have arrived at the conclusion that education should be the

1. number one priority in this State and yet we choose to
2. fully fund the RTA while only funding education at about
3. eighty-seven percent. It's my impression that if the RTA
4. was denied this money, if this money was transferred into the
5. Education Fund as would be possible, by the way, if legislation
6. now pending in the House was successful, that we would
7. really be keeping faith with the education community
8. in this State. How can we go back to our districts in
9. Peoria and Cary and Olney and the other parts of
10. the downstate and suburban areas and say that we have
11. made education a first priority when, in fact, we have not.
12. When in fact, we have funded the RTA for every dollar
13. they could find a garbage can to throw it in and yet we have
14. not chosen to fund education. I suggest to you that this money
15. would be better spent on education. I suggest to you that
16. the legislative vehicles to make that possible are at hand
17. and I would suggest to you that now is the opportunity
18. to put up or shut up. If you're telling the people in
19. your district that education is your first priority, there
20. is no way you can in all honesty, vote for this bill.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Hickey.

23. SENATOR HICKEY:

24. Mr. President, would the sponsor yield for a question?

25. PRESIDENT:

26. He indicates that he will yield.

27. SENATOR HICKEY:

28. I would like to ask if this was in the Governor's
29. budget, it seems difficult for me to entertain the idea
30. of this bill out of context.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Carroll.

33. SENATOR CARROLL:

1. Yes, in answer to the Senators question, it's
2. my understanding that it is. This is a special allocation
3. fund. Money is not usable for any other purpose. It's
4. a matter of distributing what comes into the fund which
5. is three thirty-seconds of the sales tax plus fourteen dollars
6. of each annual and seven dollars of each semi-annual
7. motor vehicle registration fee. So, it is my understanding
8. that these figures are thereby allocated in the budget.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. Senator Soper.

11. SENATOR SOPER:

12. Thank you, Mr. President. With the explanation that
13. Senator Carroll just made to Senator Hickey, I...I don't
14. see any reason that we can't support this. I...I rise
15. in support. Our people need transportation. If there
16. was any way to say that we could give the schools more money,
17. I'm for that. But we have a certain budget, we have certain
18. allocations, we've made allocations. We've made
19. a determination by this Body and as to how this money
20. was to be raised and how it was to be spent, this is not
21. any supplemental, this is a part of money that's coming
22. from something we've already designated for this one
23. purpose and you can get up and you can talk about the money
24. should be used elsewhere, there are about fifty other
25. places we can use the money. But, once money is allocated
26. for certain purpose, I don't think we can change that
27. purpose and we're not going to help education by keeping this
28. from transportation. If the citizens in my district wouldn't
29. have transportation, I withheld this money from them and if you...
30. the Burlington riders and the Northwestern riders and the
31. ...and the bus riders throughout the county and the collar
32. counties, I think they would be less appreciative if we took
33. money that was allocated to them and we took it and held it from

1. them and held it in a fund could be used for nothing else.
2. Now, I understand there...we have a lot of Senators here
3. that don't come from Cook County or don't come from the
4. collar counties, but with the understanding that this
5. money can't be used for anything else, I think it would
6. be foolish not to support something or give the...that
7. institution or that...or that purpose the rightful
8. amount that's due to them so, Ladies and Gentlemen,
9. if you're not from the collar counties and if you're
10. not from the...if you're not from Cook County, I want
11. you to realize that when you have a transportation
12. problem in your district, you need roads. If we said,
13. well, there's a road fund and the money is in the road
14. fund, but we're not going to give you that money, it
15. can't be used anyplace else but because you're from
16. another county and not from the county I come from, we're
17. going to withhold it from you. I don't think it would be
18. fair and I don't think it's fair now to withhold this
19. money from the RTA. It can't be used for anything else.
20. Thank you.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Morris.

23. SENATOR MORRIS:

24. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Soper
25. makes a very good argument. To continue the unfair situation
26. which is known as the Regional Transportation Authority.
27. I'd like everyone to realize that this amount of money
28. when it goes to the RTA is then distributed by the RTA
29. Board and the line that this is for suburban transportation
30. is baloney. The fact of the matter is, about seventy-
31. five percent of the money that the RTA spends goes to
32. benefit the Chicago Transit Authority. Those of us in the
33. collar counties who put in anywhere from about two million
34. dollars a year in small McHenry County to as much as twelve

1. to fourteen million dollars a year to this fund from
2. DuPage County and about six million in my county will get
3. back nickels and dimes and a quarter if we're fortunate.
4. I think that as long as you want to continue an unfair
5. distribution of funds within the RTA region, you ought to
6. go ahead and vote for this. But, the fact of the matter
7. is until we can get the RTA Board to be responsive to the
8. transportation needs in all of the region, and not just
9. the small area known as the City of Chicago and some
10. of the immediate suburbs, then we ought not to approve
11. this money and let this bill sit on this Senate Table
12. for a few weeks and let us sit down with legislators
13. who are in support of the legislation and see if we can
14. design a new formula for distribution because, yes the
15. people in Lake County and Kane County and Will
16. County do need transportation. But, our people are
17. sick and tired of putting in five and six million dollars
18. a year to this fund and getting back less than a half
19. a million dollars a year. That is not a good investment
20. and a vote for this bill is a vote to continue that kind
21. of unfairness on several million people who live in the
22. collar counties of Illinois. And also, it votes to punish
23. those people by getting downstate votes for an unfair
24. situation. I would appreciate if this bill would fall less
25. than thirty votes today and I would be happy and I'm sure
26. Senator Schaffer would be and Senator Berning to sit down
27. with Senator Carroll and anyone else interested and redesign
28. a formula for distribution of RTA funds which would be fair
29. to all communities involved and I solicit a No vote on this bill.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Mitchler.

32. SENATOR MITCHLER:

33. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I would hope

1. that the colleagues in the Senate will appreciate the
2. dissatisfaction that the people in the six county area
3. that is served by the Regional Transportation Authority
4. have for the operation of that RTA program. Now, this is
5. a six county area in Northeastern Illinois. And I want
6. to remind you that when the referendum vote was taken,
7. the five collar counties of Lake, Will, Kane, McHenry,
8. and DuPage and suburban Cook County overwhelmingly
9. voted in opposition to the creation of the RTA Act.
10. This does not mean that they are anti-public and mass
11. transportation. But, they realized in the formation
12. of this Act extensive powers were given to an RTA
13. board that was appointed. And a board not necessarily
14. representative of the entire area on equal basis.
15. They recognized that that board was given taxing power,
16. power to tax for parking and power to put a five percent
17. tax on gasoline purchases and use. Their shuddering up
18. there, members of the Senate, their shaking for fear
19. that that appointed board is going to impose a five percent
20. gasoline tax. Now, that's not a five cent a gallon, that's
21. five percent, five cents on every dollar that is paid into
22. the gasoline stations in the six county area. Up in the
23. northern part, they are shuddering and shaking because of the
24. fear of competition with Wisconsin and also over into
25. Indiana and then to the counties outside of the RTA area.
26. Now, what they get for the money that's going into the RTA
27. is unfair. I voted in support many bills...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. For what purpose does Senator Donnewald arise?

30. SENATOR MITCHLER:

31. ...have given...

32. PRESIDENT:

33. Excuse me, Senator.

1. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

2. May I...point of order. Is the clock not working
3. up there, Mr. President?

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Suddenly the clock is in operation. Senator Mitchler,
6. would you conclude your remarks.

7. SENATOR MITCHLER:

8. The people of the area are really concerned. None
9. of my friends in Chicago...let me explain. My vote
10. has been cast many times to provide the CTA with
11. reimbursement for transporting children, school children,
12. as we have the transportation fund downstate. I've gone
13. along with the unreduced rates for licenses, for motor
14. fuel tax, but when you want to give a handout to an
15. incapable board that Pikarsky and Company up there, I wouldn't
16. trust any of them including those that represent the
17. collar counties that are on the board. Now, their spending
18. money like it's going out of style. And to give them
19. sixteen million dollars more it will go down the drain.
20. Why, in the fact of over a hundred million dollar deficit
21. budget, they had the audacity to hire a new man at sixty
22. thousand dollars a year, ten thousand dollars more than the
23. Governor of the State of Illinois gets. Give salary increases
24. of seventy-five hundred dollars per to the executives of the
25. RTA employees. Seventy-seven thousand dollars in increased
26. wages for them. The Chairman of the RTA Board draws a salary of
27. seventy-two thousand five hundred. He was relieved of his
28. chief executive officers responsibilities and all he is now
29. is the chairman of that board where the board members get
30. twenty-five thousand. Until they clean up that mess, don't
31. give them any more money, Senators. Work out a formula,
32. as Senator Morris pointed out so that it's distributed and that
33. RTA Board is run properly. I'm not against mass transportation

1. but, I'm against squandering the money and you downstate
2. Senators outside of the RTA area, I plead with you, don't
3. take the tax dollars out of the General Fund and the
4. Transportation Fund and have it squandered up there in that
5. six county area. You need it downstate for your own
6. areas.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator Rhoads.

9. SENATOR RHOADS:

10. Mr. President, one correction to the previous
11. speaker. Chairman Pikarsky told the suburban legislators
12. in DuPage County about a month ago that his salary will be
13. going to eighty-two thousand within a few months. The
14. district that I represent, the west suburban six district
15. is about seventy-five percent in suburban Cook and about
16. twenty-five percent in DuPage County. With all due
17. respect to the Senate sponsor, this is the first
18. opportunity that we're going to have to send whatever
19. message we can to the RTA for as one previous speaker
20. put it, a lack of responsiveness. Just last September
21. when I was campaigning for office, was not an incumbent,
22. but a candidate, I started receiving heavy mail in opposition
23. to the RTA's proposed reclassification scheme for the
24. Burlington Northern Railroad, a zone classification for
25. fare systems. We have the president's of local villages
26. testify against the plan. They got nowhere. It's just another
27. example of the RTA just plain not caring what the basic
28. laws of economics are in terms of trying to run an efficient
29. operation. So, I certainly will join some of the other
30. speakers in voting No.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator
33. Carroll may close the debate.

1. SENATOR CARROLL:

2. Thank you, Mr. President. Now that we've gotten
3. into our more than annual respeeching on RTA, let's go back
4. to the issue and the issue is how much money is available
5. on a predetermined formula that has been in the law to
6. distribute to an RTA which board members include, which
7. board members include, members of the collar counties,
8. members of suburban areas who apparently do not listen
9. to elected officials whom they have elected, Senators who
10. they are supporting and have supported in the past
11. and I think that is a communication problem between the
12. members who have risen to speak and the board members
13. who represent them. But, this is part of a comprehensive
14. ...comprehensive statewide transportation plan that was
15. developed by the General Assembly, that includes, if you're
16. talking comprehensive plans, includes monies coming
17. from the road funds in other areas of this state for
18. transportation needs such as senior citizens, et cetera,
19. monies for areas like Springfield, Champaign, Rockford,
20. East St. Louis, everywhere where there's mass transportation.
21. All this is is the allocation of the monies that are in
22. the fund for this year which are specifically statutorily
23. earmarked for this purpose and this purpose only. And
24. that is the allocation of the sixteen million dollars
25. there from the three-thirty-seconds of the sales tax
26. and from the seven and fourteen dollars from the registration
27. fees. It's just that simple. This is a predetermined
28. policy. It is the appropriation of the monies needed and I
29. might add that within the RTA and these are internal
30. problems, something like thirty-seven cents of every
31. suburban commuter ride is subsidized by the RTA whereas
32. only seventeen cents of every CTA ride is subsidized
33. by the RTA. Now, I know the percentages are different.

1. But if you want parity, the dollars should be the same.
2. The point is, this money is for this purpose and I would
3. ask for a favorable roll call.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. The question is shall House Bill 24 pass. Those
6. in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote
7. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?
8. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On
9. that question, the Ayes are 30; the Nays are 17,
10. 7 Voting Present. House Bill 24, having received a constitutional
11. majority is declared passed. There has been a request
12. for a verification of the roll. The Secretary will
13. verify the affirmative votes.

14. SECRETARY:

15. The following voted in the affirmative: Berman,
16. Carroll, Chew, Clewis, Daley, Davidson, Donnewald,
17. Egan, Glass, Guidice, Johns, Knuppel, Kosinski,
18. Lane, Lemke, Maragos, Merlo, Moore, Netsch, Newhouse,
19. Nimrod, Rock, Savickas, Shapiro, Smith, Soper, Vadalabene,
20. Washington, Weaver, Mr. President.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Is Senator Savickas on the Floor? Is Senator
23. Savickas on the Floor? Remove his name from the roll.
24. Senator Berman on the Floor? Senator Carroll has requested
25. a verification of the negative votes. The Secretary
26. will verify the negative votes.

27. SECRETARY:

28. The following voted in the negative: Berning,
29. Bloom, Bowers, Buzbee, Graham, Grotberg, Harber Hall,
30. McMillan, Mitchler, Morris, Philip, Regner, Rhoads,
31. Roe, Rupp, Schaffer, Sommer.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. All right. The negatives have been verified. Senator

1. Savickas is on the Floor and his name will remain
2. on the roll call. And the roll call has been verified.
3. House Bill 24 is declared passed. For what purpose
4. does Senator Mitchler arise?

5. SENATOR MITCHLER:

6. Mr. President, you struck the name of Senator
7. Savickas from the affirmative votes. Then we went to
8. the roll call on the negative votes. Now, he was off the
9. Floor and he was stricken and you had announced the roll call.
10. Now, this was a verification and you went to the other.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Excuse me. Senator Mitchler, we were in the midst
13. of verification of the roll call and before we had
14. completed verification, Senator Savickas was on the Floor.

15. SENATOR MITCHLER:

16. I'll have a...I'll have a bill in to write fifty
17. percent off on the CTA.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. House Bill 200, Senator Berning. Read the bill.

20. SECRETARY:

21. ...Bill 200.

22. (Secretary reads title of bill)

23. 3rd reading of the bill.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Berning.

26. SENATOR BERNING:

27. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.
28. House Bill 200, as it has been amended, does only one thing.
29. Raises the allowable compensation rate for the Board of
30. Trustees and the President of the Northshore Sanitary
31. district. They must set the salary scale and it is with
32. their own funds. There is no state money involved.
33. It applies only to the Northshore Sanitary District. If there

1. are any questions, I'll attempt to answer. Otherwise,
2. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call on this single
3. interest bill.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is
6. shall House Bill 200 pass. Excuse me, Senator Carroll,
7. for what purpose do you arise?

8. SENATOR CARROLL:

9. I just wanted to ask Senator Berning, is this the
10. same pay paid statewide or is this only for just one
11. area of the State?

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Berning indicates that he will yield to the
14. question. Senator Berning.

15. SENATOR BERNING:

16. I'm sorry. I couldn't hear the Senator.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Would you repeat the question, Senator?

19. SENATOR CARROLL:

20. I understand this is an increase to the salary of the
21. trustees. Are we increasing the salary of the trustees
22. statewide or only for this one area of the State?

23. SENATOR BERNING:

24. This applies only to this one act which is the Northshore
25. Sanitary District.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Carroll.

28. SENATOR CARROLL:

29. Wouldn't we rather do it statewide so that everybody
30. is treated fairly and reallocate the money statewide?

31. SENATOR BERNING:

32. That cannot be done in this Act. This is a single
33. Act.

1. PRESIDENT:
2. If there's no further discussion, the question is shall
3. House Bill 200 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye.
4. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
5. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
6. Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 46, the
7. Nays are none, 4 Voting Present. House Bill 200 having
8. received a constitutional majority is declared passed.
9. House Bills, 2nd reading. House Bill 23, Senator Bowers.
10. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
11. SECRETARY:
12. House Bill 23.
13. (Secretary reads title of bill)
14. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
15. PRESIDENT:
16. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading.
17. House Bill 736, Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.
18. SECRETARY:
19. House Bill 736.
20. (Secretary reads title of bill)
21. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
22. PRESIDENT:
23. Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading.
24. ...Bills, 1st reading. House Bill 222, Senator Donnewald.
25. SECRETARY:
26. House Bill 222.
27. (Secretary reads title of bill)
28. 1st reading of the bill.
29. PRESIDENT:
30. For what purpose does Senator Vadalabene arise?
31. SENATOR VADALABENE:
32. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members
33. of the Senate. I was away from my desk when House Bill

1. 200 was passed. I would like the record to show had I
2. been here, I would have voted for the bill.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. The record shall indicate your support of House
5. Bill 200. House Bill 242, Senator Morris.

6. SECRETARY:

7. House Bill 242.

8. (Secretary reads title of bill)

9. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.
10. 1st reading of the bill. I'm sorry.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. House Bill 286, Senator D'Arco.

13. SECRETARY:

14. House Bill 286.

15. (Secretary reads title of bill)

16. 1st reading of the bill.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. House Bill 296, Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill.

19. SECRETARY:

20. House Bill 296.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. 1st reading of the bill.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. House Bill 306, Senator Regner.

25. SECRETARY:

26. House Bill 306.

27. (Secretary reads title of bill)

28. 1st reading of the bill.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. House Bill 312, Senator Joyce.

31. SECRETARY:

32. House Bill 312.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

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- 1. 1st reading of the bill.
- 2. PRESIDENT:
- 3. House Bill 462, Senator Lane.
- 4. SECRETARY:
- 5. House Bill 462.
- 6. (Secretary reads title of bill)
- 7. 1st reading of the bill.
- 8. PRESIDENT:
- 9. Any other member desiring to pick up a House Bill on
- 10. 1st reading, please notify the Secretary. A Message from
- 11. the House.
- 12. SECRETARY:
- 13. A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.
- 14. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the
- 15. Senate that the House of Representatives passed a bill
- 16. with the following title in the passage of which I am
- 17. instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:
- 18. House Bill 434.
- 19. PRESIDENT:
- 20. For what purpose does Senator Wooten arise?
- 21. SENATOR WOOTEN:
- 22. Mr. President, Senate Joint Resolution 22 was inadvertently
- 23. left off the call for the Executive Committee meeting today.
- 24. Senator Philip desired that it be heard with others of a
- 25. similar nature and so I would ask that the Six Day Rule be
- 26. suspended so that Senate Joint Resolution 22 may be considered
- 27. this afternoon.
- 28. PRESIDENT:
- 29. You've heard Senator Wooten's motion to suspend the rules
- 30. and waive the Six Day Notice for the purpose of hearing Senate
- 31. Joint Resolution 22 in Executive this afternoon. All those
- 32. in favor of the adoption of the motion signify by saying Aye.
- 33. Opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The rules

1. are suspended. The bill will be heard in...the resolution
2. will be heard in Executive this afternoon. Introduction
3. of bills.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Bill 452, introduced by Senators Wooten, Joyce,
6. Lane and others.

7. (Secretary reads title of bill)

8. 1st reading of the bill.

9. Senate Bill No. 453, introduced by Senators Washington,
10. Newhouse, Chew and others.

11. (Secretary reads title of bill)

12. 1st reading of the bill.

13. Senate Bill No. 454, introduced by the same sponsors.

14. (Secretary reads title of bill)

15. 1st reading of the bill.

16. Senate Bill 455, introduced by Senators Washington,
17. Kenneth Hall, Newhouse and others.

18. (Secretary reads title of bill)

19. 1st reading of the bill.

20. Senate Bill No. 456, introduced by the same sponsors.

21. (Secretary reads title of bill)

22. 1st reading of the bill.

23. Senate Bill 457, introduced by Senators Vadalabene and
24. Donnewald.

25. (Secretary reads title of bill)

26. 1st reading of the bill.

27. Senate Bill 459, introduced by Senators Collins,
28. Washington, Newhouse and others.

29. (Secretary reads title of bill)

30. 1st reading of the bill.

31. Senate Bill No. 460, introduced by Senators Clewis,
32. Kosinski, Daley and others.

33. (Secretary reads title of bill)

1. 1st reading of the bill.
2. I had some bills hooked together and I have to go back to
3. Senate Bill 458, introduced by Senator Savickas, Lemke,
4. and Guidice.

5. (Secretary reads title of bill)

6. 1st reading of the bill.

7. Senate Bill No. 457, introduced by Senators
8. Vadälabene and Donnewald.

9. (Secretary reads title of bill)

10. 1st reading of the bill.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Is there any further business to come before the
13. Senate? If not, Senator Donnewald moves that the Senate
14. stand adjourned until Thursday, March 31st, at 11:30 a.m.

15. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed.

16. The Ayes have it. The Senate stands adjourned.

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