

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2ND SPECIAL SESSION

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. The hour of eleven having come and gone, the Senate
3. will come to order. Prayer by Reverend Mason Finks, of
4. the First United Methodist Church of Springfield. Reverend
5. Finks. Will the guests in our galleries please rise.

6. REVEREND MASON FINKS:

7. (Prayer by Reverend Finks)

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. Reading of the Journal, Senator Johns.

10. SENATOR JOHNS:

11. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval
12. of the Journal, of Wednesday, September the 5th, in the year
13. 1979, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

15. You've heard the motion. Those in favor indicate by
16. saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion
17. carries. Committee Reports.

18. SECRETARY:

19. Senator Johns, Chairman of the Committee on Committees
20. pursuant to Senate Resolution 4 of the 2nd Special Session of
21. the 81ST General Assembly, appoints the following members
22. to the committee to wait upon the Governor, and inform him
23. that the 2nd Special Session of the Senate, the 81ST General
24. Assembly is duly in Session. Senators Donnewald, Vadalabene,
25. Johns, Shapiro, and Weaver. Signed, Senator Gene Johns, Chairman.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

27. Senator Rock.

28. SENATOR ROCK:

29. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
30. Senate. I've conferred with the Speaker and the Majority Leader
31. and the Majority Leader of the Senate. The House is currently
32. arguing Amendment 49 to Senate Bill 889. There are fifty-
33. eight amendments, and they fully expect that once 49 is disposed

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1. of one way or the other, that the balance of the amendments
2. will go rather quickly. So, we are at a point now, where
3. there is frankly little or nothing before us. We do have
4. the Resolutions Consent Calendar, and in order to expedite
5. the paperwork some of the members have indicated they wish
6. to take the resolutions back with them. I would ask that
7. everybody take a look and if there's no objection, there
8. is one Senate Joint Resolution, which also has to be sent
9. over to the House. If nobody has any objection, I would
10. like to move adoption of...of that Consent Calendar and then
11. ask the Senate to stand in recess until the hour of 1:00
12. o'clock.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

14. Senator Graham. At Weaver's...Senator Weaver's desk.

15. SENATOR GRAHAM:

16. I would like to announce that there will be a Republican
17. caucus immediately in Senator Shapiro's office. We hope
18. it will be brief, but that I doubt.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. Senator Grotberg.

21. SENATOR GROTBORG:

22. On the Order of Resolutions, is it appropriate to speak
23. to one of them, Mr. President?

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25. I think if you have objection at this time, you might...

26. SENATOR GROTBORG:

27. No, I don't have any objection, but I would like for the
28. Body to take note of Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, which is..
29. because it's No. 1 it must mean it's a rare congratulatory
30. resolution, but September 30th, the old YMCA Hotel at eighth
31. and Wabash, you Chicago guys, and everybody in Illinois, is
32. closing its doors, and having spent nineteen years working
33. in that establishment of two thousand rooms, having been there

1. to register the thirty-five millionth guest of that
2. distinguished old work horse hotel. This resolution
3. takes note of its demise and of its service and I would
4. challenge if anybody is listening in this room, a show
5. of hands to indicate everybody that ever spent a night
6. in that hotel. Its gone downhill the last few years,
7. but when you see thirty-five million young people from
8. all over the world having been taken care of in a
9. clean healthy place with good food and a great staff.
10. I personally want to commend the service of the YMCA of
11. metropolitan Chicago for keeping it alive until its
12. demise and for hopefully finding a new program that will
13. serve the near southside of Chicago, with a half of
14. square block that's involved in this old building. This
15. congratulates that board of directors for their service,
16. and I certainly wanted to make note of the demise of one
17. of the hardest working organizations in the State of Illinois,
18. in its sixtieth year.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. Mr...Mr. Secretary, are there any objections to the Consent
21. Calendar?

22. SECRETARY:

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

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25. All right, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the
26. resolutions on the Consent Calendar. Those in favor indicate
27. by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. The re-
28. solutions on the Consent Calendar are adopted. The Senate
29. stands in recess until 1:00 p.m. this afternoon.

30. RECESS

31. AFTER RECESS

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. The Senate will stand at ease until 2:30 this afternoon.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. The Senate will come to Order. Is Senator Egan on
3. the Floor? Is there leave to go to the Order of Conference
4. Committee Reports? Leave is granted. Senator Berning.

5. SENATOR BERNING:

6. Well, thank you, Mr. President. Inasmuch as the
7. leadership members on this side of the aisle are temporarily
8. absent in a conference, I would respectfully request that
9. this matter be deferred until...or withdrawn until they
10. are in attendance.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

12. Senator Rhoads.

13. SENATOR RHOADS:

14. I will yield to Senator Walsh, in just a minute, but
15. Mr. President, I think it is the feeling of a majority on
16. this side, that this ought to really be the last order
17. of business, rather than be brought up at this time. So,
18. I object to...to leave.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. Senator Rock.

21. SENATOR ROCK:

22. Thank you, Mr. President. I...in deference to Senator
23. Berning's...before I walked on the Floor I spoke with Senator
24. Shapiro who assured me that he was on his way out here. We
25. would not ever attempt anything like that, but additionally
26. I am reliably informed, and as a matter of fact, have heard,
27. and Representative Bradley the...the Majority Whip was just
28. over here, that we are playing Alphonse and Gaston it appears
29. to me. The House is waiting for this message, and we attempted
30. in...in order to expedite the proceedings to send the message,
31. or at least get it into position to send it to them yesterday,
32. and we deferred, at the request of your side of the aisle.
33. Now, it seems to me that the flow of paper back and forth

1. we ought to...we ought to send the piece of paper of over there
2. and get the thing in process. The bill undoubtedly will be
3. the last one called, if that's your wish, but we...we have
4. a procedural problem here, and we just can't defer much
5. longer, if, in fact, we want to get finished today.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. Senator Berning.

8. SENATOR BERNING:

9. Well, thank you, Mr. President. I must disagree with
10. the President's position on this, and for this reason. In
11. my opinion, and I think it is shared by many on this side
12. of the aisle. We ought not to be putting ourself in the
13. position of having no recourse, so to speak. This appropri-
14. ation bill ought to be held until such time as we know, un-
15. equivocally what we are confronting in the way of an ul-
16. timatum, so to speak, with the other two bills involved.
17. There is no...there will be no derth of time, if we can
18. assume that the House is almost finished with Senate Bill
19. 889. Then there is little delay in acting both on those
20. two bills from there and on this one and all that this one
21. has to do is be called up and action taken to concur or
22. not, and then the House will be able to act, and it can
23. all...we can finish this all up within a matter of an hour
24. with all three of them, but I feel strongly that we ought
25. not to be in a position of defense, so to speak, by having
26. this bill in the hands of the Senate...in the hands of the
27. House.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. Senator Walsh.

30. SENATOR WALSH:

31. Well, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. Just
32. further on the question, the...the mechanics of course would
33. be that the second Conference Committee be appointed and the

1. membership thereof named by the respective leadership, and
2. the concern that some of us who...who want some product
3. of...out of this Session, but...but do not approve of what's
4. been recommended by the Governor and others, is that this
5. second Conference Committee which is appointed by the
6. leadership would come up with the...the program that
7. has been suggested or recommended, and then we would be
8. at a loss to subsequently come up with any kind of an
9. alternative. I don't think we should take this basically
10. ...final action on a bill that is one of the three that
11. is the subject matter of the call. We're putting in the
12. hands of the Conference Committee just what the end product
13. will be, and put ourselves in a position of either approving
14. or not approving this second Conference Committee and of
15. course we all know that there can not be a third Conference
16. Committee. So, why should we take this final step on a
17. Conference Committee, when the other bills haven't even
18. come over here, and if those other bills do not get to...
19. the thirty-six votes, this Conference Committee would
20. presumably arrive at a different conclusion then...and if those
21. bills do get thirty-six votes. So, I would hope that
22. we would postpone further consideration of this action until
23. the Senate has demonstrated that it will concur in the House
24. Amendments to the other two bills.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

26. Senator Rock.

27. SENATOR ROCK:

28. Well, I... the only...the only ones I've heard from are those who
29. wish to offer a viable alternative. What I am suggesting
30. here is this is a procedural step that, in my judgment, in
31. order to move the process along has to be taken. Now, what
32. the conferees come up with, in their duly called meeting,
33. frankly, remains to be seen, but the House is now in the position

1. where they are on a roll call on 889, and its been indicated
2. that they are awaiting this message so that the...procedurally
3. the Conference Committee can, in fact, be called together.
4. I...I think to delay further at this point is...is simply
5. not in anybody's best interest, and I would suggest that
6. we go to this order of business, reject the first Conference
7. Committee, and I'm sure that Senator Egan will request the
8. appointment of a second Conference Committee, and that
9. message should be sent to the House.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. Senator Walsh.

12. SENATOR WALSH:

13. Then I wonder Senator...I don't agree with you that
14. we should get this thing moving, because if we don't act
15. favorably on those other two bills, what the program is
16. for this Conference Committee, of course, would have to
17. be changed, but if Senator Egan is to be the Chairman of
18. that Conference Committee, and he would not call a meeting
19. of that Conference Committee until after final action on
20. those other two bills, that would be agreeable as far as
21. ...as far as I...I am concerned. The problem is...that
22. we face is, if that Conference Committee meets, adopts
23. a report and files it, then that Conference Committee is
24. out of business, and we're out of business on that bill.
25. We only have the one course of action, either approve or
26. disapprove, and I would like to keep that bill open as
27. of...as a viable alternative, if the Senate does not
28. take favorable action on those other two bills, which are
29. now pending in the...in the Senate, or I guess one of
30. which is over here. So, if...if Senator Egan will...can
31. assure us that he's not going to file a Conference Committee
32. Report prior to final action. I think that would be satis-
33. factory.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
2. Senator Egan, you wish to respond?
3. SENATOR EGAN:
4. Yes, I said I'd do that yesterday.
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
6. Senator Walsh.
7. SENATOR WALSH:
8. Excuse me, Senator, you said you'd do what?
9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
10. Senator Egan.
11. SENATOR EGAN:
12. That which you just have requested. I said yesterday
13. that I would do precisely that, I'd wait.
14. SENATOR WALSH:
15. Okay, then you will wait until final action on those
16. other two bills, before filing the Conference Committee
17. Report on these...on this bill?
18. SENATOR EGAN:
19. Yes. I told you that I'd...that I'd do that yesterday. That...
20. let's get on with it, I'm...what...what...what?
21. SENATOR WALSH:
22. If...if you said that, I didn't understand you to say
23. that, but that's...that's fine.
24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
25. All right the Chair recognizes, Senator Egan...or just
26. a moment. Senator Grotberg, did you wish recognition?
27. SENATOR GROTEBERG:
28. Yes, only to ask what Conference Report. I've never seen
29. it...is this just a procedural thing? Is it the vehicle
30. we're using to get over there?
31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
32. Senator Egan.
33. SENATOR EGAN:

1. Yes, Senator Grotberg, what I'm going to do is
2. move that we concur in the Conference Committee Report
3. on Senate Bill 669, with the expectation and the hope,
4. that that motion will be defeated. I will then request
5. a second Conference Committee to be appointed, that message
6. will go to the House, when they finish, we'll meet and
7. then we'll decide on what to do.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. All right, the question for the Body is, shall the
10. Senate adopt the first Conference Committee Report on
11. Senate Bill 669. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
12. Nay. The voting is open. Have all those voted who wish?
13. Have all those voted who wish? Have all those voted who
14. wish? Sergeant-at-Arms. We'll recognize it. Take the record.
15. On that question, the Ayes are 4, the Nays are 43. 3 Voting
16. Present. The Senate is not...the Conference Committee on
17. Senate Bill 669, is not adopted, and the Secretary shall
18. so inform the House. Senator Daley requests that had
19. his voting devise or his key been in the proper position
20. he would have voted No. Senator Newhouse, for what purpose
21. do you rise?

22. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

23. Mr. President, I think that's known as the old lost key
24. caper.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

26. That's right. Senator Egan. Senator Egan.

27. SENATOR EGAN:

28. Yes, I would...I would then at this time ask that we have
29. leave of the Body to appoint a second Conference Committee.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

31. The motion is, to have a second Conference Committee
32. appointed. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those
33. opposed. The Ayes have it. Second Conference Committee will

1. be formed. The Senate will stand at ease moment...for
2. a few minutes, then go to the Order of Resolutions, they're
3. all congratulatory. Resolutions.

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Resolution 19, offered by Senators Lemke, Savickas,
6. Daley, Jeremiah Joyce, and all Senators. Senator Resolution
7. No. 20 offered by the same sponsors, and it's congratulatory,
8. and Senate Resolution No. 21 offered by Senator Berning,
9. and it's congratulatory.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. Senator Berning, do you wish to move for the suspension
12. of rules for the immediate adoption of these three Congratula-
13. tory Resolutions? Is there...is there leave? Leave is
14. granted. The motion is now, to adopt the three resolutions
15. just read. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those
16. opposed. The Ayes have it. The Congratulatory Resolutions
17. are adopted. The Senate will come to order. On the
18. Order of Resolutions.

19. SECRETARY:

20. Senate Resolution No. 22, offered by Senators Nedza,
21. Nega, Nash, Rock, Lemke, and all Senators, and it's a Con-
22. gratulatory Resolution.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

24. Senator Nedza.

25. SENATOR NEDZA:

26. Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to suspend the
27. rules to consider this resolution.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. You've heard the motion. Those in favor indicate by
30. saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. The rules are
31. suspended. Senator Nedza...Nedza.

32. SENATOR NEDZA:

33. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this is a resolution

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1. which dealing with the impending visit of His Holyness
2. the Pope in coming to visit...not holding our illustrious
3. State, but the City of Chicago, and I think it behoves us
4. as a Body, in order to pay him some homage, with regards to
5. his visit.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. The question is, shall the Senate adopt resolution...Senate...
8. Senate Resolution 22. Those in favor indicate by saying
9. Aye. Those opposed Nay. The voting...motion carries.
10. Senate will come to order. Messages from the House.

11. SECRETARY:

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

13. Mr. President-I am directed to inform the Senate
14. the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate
15. in the passage of a bill with the following title, to-wit:

16. Senate Bill 889, together with House Amendments
17. 5, 9, 24, 26, 45, and 57. A like message on Senate Bill
18. 890, with House Amendment No. 1.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. Senator Shapiro, as to Senate Bill 889.

21. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

22. Well, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
23. Senate. I think everyone here is aware of what Senate Bill
24. 889, in its amended form is. It is the Transportation Finance
25. and Administration Act of 1979. I do intend to explain the
26. amendments that were added in the House, in a very cursory
27. manner, and then ask...open it up for questions, and attempt
28. to answer them. House Amendment No. 5, rewrites the bill to
29. provide the administrations latest proposal for funding...high-
30. ways in the RTA mass transportation and capital. House Amendment
31. No. 9, requires an annual audit by the Auditor General for the
32. CTA as well as the RTA. House Amendment No. 24 provides for the
33. appointment of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Council

1. within sixty days after the Acts' effective date. A Chairman
2. would be appointed by the members serving and the business
3. conducted without regard to vacancies. House Amendment 26,
4. would provide that the Auditor General shall conduct an annual
5. audit of all the RTA subsidized carriers, as well as the
6. RTA. Specified provisions regarding the audit would apply
7. to all subsidized carriers. House Amendment No. 45, provides
8. that Motor Fuel Tax Funds, obtained by counties may be used
9. by county boards, for the maintenance of non-dedicated subdivisions
10. roads established prior to July 23, 1959. These roads would
11. then become part of the County Road System, if it meets county
12. standards. Matching contributions from the effected property...
13. be spent...let's see...from the effected property owners would be
14. required. It imposes a limited...a limited of amount to be spent on
15. non-dedicated or private sub-division county and township roads,
16. to the increase in allocations, 1.5 percent of the Sales Tax
17. transfer to locals to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Amendment No. 5,
18. plus twenty percent of funds otherwise allocated through the
19. Motor Fuel Tax Formula. House Amendment No. 57, requires that
20. the RTA to provide that all transportation agencies provide
21. half fare transportation for students, if anyone of the RTA
22. carriers provide half fare student transportation. Those are
23. the amendments that were added in the House to Senate Bill 889.
24. I would like to make the motion that the Senate concur in
25. House Amendments No. 5, 9, 24, 26, 45, 57, to Senate Bill 889,
26. and I would ask now, if there are any questions, I will attempt
27. to answer them.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. Senator Rock.

30. SENATOR ROCK:

31. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I don't
32. mean to interrupt Senator Shapiro, but I would ask at this time,
33. leave to suspend the rules so that we may afford all the members

1. full opportunity to fully discuss this matter, including
2. and not limited to their right to explain ones vote. I
3. think it's only appropriate. We have had, frankly, this
4. matters been under discussion, in my judgment, since February
5. when the Transportation Study Commission held its first
6. public hearing. There are some newer elements that have
7. been injected, and I think a full discussion is in
8. order, and I would seek leave to temporarily suspend those
9. appropriate rules.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. The Chair might ask of the...Senator Rock, you...you
12. mentioned explaining your vote, and of course I realize
13. that the House does, in fact, do this. Is it your desire to...to
14. conduct it in the same manner in which the House does?
15. Senator Rock.

16. SENATOR ROCK:

17. It's...it's my fond hope and desire that the Senate
18. of Illinois never acts like the House does, but I think it's
19. only appropriate that we afford the membership a full opportunity
20. to discuss the matter, including the right to explain ones
21. vote.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

23. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Senator Rhoads.

24. SENATOR RHOADS:

25. Thank you, Mr. President. First of all on a point of
26. parliamentary inquiry. The motion has been made to concur
27. with all House Amendments. Would a motion to divide the
28. question be in order, so that we could vote on these amendments
29. separately?

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

31. That would be up to the Body itself. It would take a
32. majority of those voting to determine whether it would be divided
33. or not.

1. SENATOR RHOADS:

2. Thank you, Mr. President, then my question to the sponsor
3. is this. Senator Shapiro, in the call of the General Assembly
4. for the Special Session, which was issued by the Governor
5. eariler this week, the statement was made to the news media
6. that the reason this Session had to be held prior to the
7. 15th of September, was that the State was in danger of losing
8. seventy million dollars in Federal matching funds, unless
9. some action was taken on this particular proposal. My first
10. question to you, is that a true statement or a false statement?

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

12. Senator Shapiro.

13. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

14. Senator Rhoads, September 15th is the date to the best
15. of my knowledge, but it doesn't necessarily have to be funded
16. in this manner.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

18. Senator Rhoads, just...just a moment. The Chair did state
19. that it would take a majority of those voting. That is not correct.
20. On our Senate rules, I might quote "if a bill or resolution is
21. received back in the Senate with amendments added by the House
22. shall be in order to present a motion to concur or not to concur,
23. and...and ask the House to recede with the respect of those
24. amendments," reading further, "any two members may demand a
25. separate roll call of any such amendments". You may proceed.

26. SENATOR RHOADS:

27. Thank you, Mr. President, then my follow up question, Senator
28. Shapiro, is given the fact that all that is really necessary for
29. this General Assembly to do, by September 15th, is come up
30. with fourteen million dollars, which of the House Amendments
31. contains that provision?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

33. Senator Shapiro.

1. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
2. Senator Rhoads, it will not be in 889 or 890, it will
3. be in the appropriation bill.
4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
5. Senator Rhoads.
6. SENATOR RHOADS:
7. Then it isn't in this bill at all?
8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
9. Senator Shapiro.
10. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
11. This is a substantive language bill.
12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
13. Senator Rhoads.
14. SENATOR RHOADS:
15. Then I ask you again, is it a true statement or a
16. false statement, that action must be taken on this partiucular
17. bill, by September the 15th?
18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
19. Senator Shapiro.
20. SENATOR SHAPIRO:
21. True statement.
22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
23. Senator Rhoads.
24. SENATOR RHOADS:
25. Well, then speaking to the merits of the bill. I submit
26. it obvious from the question and answers just given, that it
27. is, in fact, a false statement. It has been a false statement
28. all the way along. I would remind the membership that on
29. approximately June the 29th the Senate Appropriations Committee,
30. offered the Governor and offered the Secretary of Transportation
31. an opportunity to include fourteen million dollars in the
32. Conference Committee Report on the DOT budget. That opportunity
33. was declined, specifically, by the Secretary of Transportation at

1. that time. So, then for the Governor to call us back down
2. here in a Special Session, and to use that seventy million
3. dollar Federal match as the hammer, as the excuse, as the
4. reason for calling us here prior to September 15th, seems
5. to me to be a very clearly, a misleading statement. My
6. remarks will be directed strictly to the...at this time to
7. the merits of the bill, as it effects my district and the
8. manner in which this bill has been brought before the General
9. Assembly at this time. If you will recall on June the
10. 22nd, the Governor and the Mayor appeared here in Springfield
11. at a joint press conference, outlining a...approximately
12. seventeen point program, tying in mass transit for the
13. City of Chicago, and for the northeastern region, tying in
14. the downstate road program, and tying in a Federal matching
15. funds. None of these concepts need to be linked to one
16. another. They don't have to be considered in one bill or
17. one proposal. The Mayor of Chicago, and the Governor of the
18. State knew at the time that they appeared here, that the
19. Transportation Committees of both Houses had met, the
20. Revenue Committees of both Houses had met, and the Appropriations
21. Committees of both Houses had met. Our deadlines had passed.
22. I respectfully submit to you that this was by design. It was
23. a deliberate attempt to circumvent the legislative process,
24. a deliberate attempt to shortcircuit the committee system,
25. a deliberate attempt to prevent public testimony on the most
26. divisive, the most controversial, one of the most complicated trans-
27. portation bills that has been submitted in quite some time. I happen
28. to represent a district which overlaps both Cook and DuPage
29. County. I have stores literally only hundreds of years
30. apart, some of which, under this bill, would be required to
31. charge a Sales Tax of six cents on the dollar while stores
32. only a few hundred years away, would be required to charge a
33. Sales Tax of five and one quarter cents on the dollar. I ask

1. you, where would you shop, if you lived in that area? Obviously
2. it's going to hurt my district, but beyond the parochial
3. concerns of my district, is this a good bill for the
4. State? Is it necessary? We are told that we need this
5. money, that a solution from the General Assembly has
6. not been forthcoming. I submit that several solutions
7. were proposed by Senator Shapiro, by Senator Regner, and
8. others, during the Spring Session. I didn't see the
9. Governor and the Mayor overly anxious to investigate the
10. feasibility of those proposals, or overly anxious to support
11. them.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

13. Just a moment, Senator Rhoads. I know you would appreciate
14. the request of the TV stations NBC, ABC, CBS, and the local
15. stations, so you're on TV. Do we have leave for the TV to
16. photograph? Leave is granted. Senator Rhoads my continue.

17. SENATOR RHOADS:

18. Mr. President, I would object to that, only for this
19. reason. I don't want to be accused of personally going on
20. for TV time. Why don't we turn on the camera afer I'm through.
21. Is that in order?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

23. That...that is in order. I've already done an interview
24. for my district.

25. SENATOR RHOADS:

26. Mr. President.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

28. You may proceed.

29. SENATOR RHOADS:

30. The point...the point is this. The State of Illinois does
31. have serious transportation problems, which need good and
32. deliberate study. We have an excellent Transportation Committee
33. chaired by Senator Chew, with Senator Coffey, our Minority Spokesmen

1. They ought to have had an opportunity to evaluate this.
2. There should be an opportunity for the public to give test-
3. imony on this. Not to bring down a hundred and seventy-seven
4. colleagues in the other Chamber, and fifty-nine colleagues
5. here, into an unrealistic pressure cooker environment, whereby
6. we can be hammered, have our votes lined up and simply ignore
7. the...deliberative process that the legislature is supposed
8. to be. There are so many things wrong with this bill, I
9. scarcely know where to begin. It has been stated by some
10. in the Executive Branch that there are no alternatives. I
11. respectfully submit that there are a great many alternatives,
12. and that those alternatives can be explored for the betterment
13. of all the State, in fairness to all the State, before we need
14. to penalize one section of the State for the benefit of some
15. other section of the State. Thank you.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

17. Senator Geo-Karis.

18. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

19. Mr....Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
20. Senate. I'm not going to castigate Mayor Byrne, and I'm
21. not going to castigate Governor Thompson. I'm going to
22. castigate the Director of Transportation, John Kramer because
23. John Kramer is obviously not acquainted with the feelings
24. of the people of my State and my district who are absolutely
25. just terrified of anymore tax increases. With inflation going
26. up to nineteen and a half percent, the energy question being
27. as bad as it is, and we want to put another tax on. Tax on
28. six counties and my county. I never supported that RTA bill,
29. but I'll tell you why, because if you have any complaints about
30. it from my county you got to go to the courts in Chicago to
31. file your complaints, and you know what'll happen to those
32. complaints. Number two, if all we need is fourteen million
33. dollars of our appropriation to the RTA in order to get the seventy

1. million dollars Federal Funds, then why couldn't Mr.
2. Kramer listen to David Regner, from our side of the
3. aisle, who had a very meaningful plan of making a good
4. road package without taxing the people. No, because
5. he wanted to do it his way. If he want's to aggrandize
6. himself with the other bureaucrats in Washington, because
7. he's got a masterminded, great road plan, that's fine, but
8. he's doing it at the expense of my county, and that's
9. one of the six collared counties. I submit that Senator
10. Shapiro has a job to do, and I respect him very highly.
11. I will vote for 890. I will absolutely oppose this bill
12. and I ask you, Ladies and Gentlemen, remember you are really
13. taxing six counties to pay for the roads of all a hundred
14. and two. Why did Mr. Kramer say, well if you will help
15. with the increase of one and a half cent in the Gas Tax
16. and three dollars for the license fees increase, maybe
17. we can switch this thing around, 'cause at least that would
18. be State-wide, but no, he stuck to his own plan, and I sub-
19. mit he does a disservice to my Governor and he...does a dis-
20. service to the people of my county, and therefore I oppose this bill.
21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

22. Senator Netsch.

23. SENATOR NETSCH:

24. Thank you, Mr. President. First a parliamentary inquiry.
25. Senator Rhoads had raised the question of division of the...the
26. various amendments for concurrence. I don't think there
27. was a final resolutuion of that, and I would like to know
28. on which amendment we are now?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

30. He...he asked the question, the request was not made.
31. The Chair did state...the Chair did state that it take...
32. it requires two members to make that request for a division,
33. and there was no such request made. We are discussing the bill

1. in total, as I understand. Senator Shapiro. Senator Rhoads,
2. for what purpose do you arise?

3. SENATOR RHOADS:

4. I think perhaps we ought to have discussion on the
5. general bill, and we can renew that request for division
6. later on.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

8. I believe that would be in order. Senator Netsch.

9. SENATOR NETSCH:

10. Yes, thank you, then I...then I will speak to the merits of the
11. bill. I think I would characterize it as the demerits of
12. the bill. I am a Chicago legislator, and perhaps unlike
13. some of my suburban and collar colleagues, although we may
14. end up in the same place, I am totally committed to public
15. support of mass transit, including specifically the RTA and the
16. CTA. My concern, which is a very deep concern, that has been
17. expressed by some of us in Chicago, and I suspect felt by
18. a great many others, is that the Governor's proposed trans-
19. portation package is imminently unfair to us. In fact, I think
20. I would characterize it as probably the worst deal that Chicago
21. has ever gotten out of the Illinois General Assembly. It
22. is unfair to Chicago and to Chicagoans. It is unfair to
23. suburban Cook County and it is somewhat less, but never the
24. less unfair to the collar counties. It imposes a twenty
25. percent Sales Tax increase on us at the same time that it takes away
26. the entire State subsidy for RTA operations. It now in its
27. present form retains the five million dollar contribution
28. that Chicago and Cook County were required to make when
29. RTA was first created in order to get the State subsidy.
30. That is now back in the package, and on top of it, the
31. latest proposal includes a ten percent fare increase for
32. CTA and the other operating carriers, exactly the opposite
33. of what we were told was the purpose of the original funding

1. package. In addition, of course, we now have a promise from
2. RTA that this package is not enough and that our fares
3. will again go up next year, and probably the next year, and
4. the next year, until we can look forward to a fifty percent
5. fare increase on top of all of this. The plan is not a
6. long range plan to take care of the fiscal needs of mass
7. transit in the Chicago Metropolitan Area, and that is why
8. it will continue to involve fare increases. We have urged
9. the Governor the...publicly, the Mayor and the legislative
10. leaders, please to look at some different proposals, and
11. indeed there are alternatives, that would make it more
12. palatable for us. As far as I can figure out the only
13. thing that RTA gets out of this entire package is an
14. agreement, which may or may not be honored, that the State
15. will pick up the local match on our capital projects. That
16. is an arrangement that the rest of the State has always
17. had, and it doesn't seem to me to be a very great contribution
18. and apparently in return for it, we have had to agree to give
19. up more than a proportionate share of the some two billion
20. dollars that will be freed by the dedesignation of cross
21. town and the Franklin Street subway. This proposed transportation
22. package will cost us in Cook County, two hundred and twenty
23. million dollars in new taxes and fare hikes this year alone,
24. and that money does very little more than simply replace
25. the State subsidies that we fought so hard to get when RTA
26. was first created in 1974. Downstate will pay nothing additional.
27. It will get the subsidies that used to go to RTA and will end
28. up with a several hundred million dollar road program and
29. increased State support for their downstate transit systems.
30. I don't begrudge downstate their road program and, in fact, would
31. support it. They have had it coming for a long time, but all we
32. ask is fairness. I, for one, accept the obligation as a Chicago
33. legislator, to help the depleted Road Fund and to help the

1. downstate road system, so that they can have that which
2. are their lifeline roads. I think I have a right to insist
3. that the State help our lifeline, which is mass transit meet
4. its operating deficits. We in the six county area are some
5. sixty-four or sixty-five percent of the States population,
6. and we're the only part of the State that is being required
7. to pay for its own public transportation system. There
8. are alternatives, and some of them were offered in good
9. faith, in the House proceedings that have recently concluded.
10. All of those amendments were summarily rejected. In fact, I would
11. use a much harsher word than that. Certainly the Sales
12. Tax increase would be more palatable if we are able eventually
13. to remove the tax on food and medicine. Will we do that?
14. I have a sneaking suspicion we will not, and that again means
15. one cent across the board on food and medicine, for all of
16. my constituents and all the people in Cook County, but even
17. if we were able to override the Governor's veto, this would
18. still be a bad deal for Chicago. The State subsidy which
19. we fought so to get, is a...an integral part of the financial
20. support of mass transit in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.
21. We are giving it away now, and Chicagoans, we will never get
22. it back or if we do it will be at such a price that we will
23. wonder why we ever did it in the first place. I'm afraid we
24. are trading one year at most two years of reprieve for the
25. Regional Transportation Authority and the CTA in return for
26. the long range health of mass transit in the metropolitan
27. area, and one year for the long range health and future of
28. mass transit, my friends, is not a good deal. I'm ashamed at
29. my fellow Chicagoans that they are willing to vote for this
30. kind of a package. And Governor Thompson and Mayor Byrne
31. this is your Sales Tax and your CTA fare hike and you're
32. cutting off of our State subsidy from mass transit. I hope
33. the trains run on time this year and next year and the next
year.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. Senator De Angelis.

3. SENATOR DE ANGELIS:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to hold my
5. question, however, we may not get to dividing the question,
6. so I'm going to ask it now. I would like to have a ruling
7. from the Chair, on the germaneness of Amendment No. 5, which
8. goes beyond the original Chapter of the original bill and
9. 889. Under Amendment 5 it does, in fact, include amendments
10. to Chapter 111 and two thirds which were not included in
11. the original bill.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

13. You'll give the Chair a moment or two to determine the
14. germaneness. Just a moment, Senator Bowers.

15. SENATOR BOWERS:

16. While you're ruling on that, Mr. President, I would also
17. like to point out to the Chair that this is a Special Session
18. subject to call by the Governor. I've read the call very
19. carefully, I would suggest the Chair read it very carefully.
20. It...it is called for the purpose of a State-wide road program.
21. There is nothing in the call concerning funding of the RTA. I
22. think an additional reason why this amendment is not germane..
23. to this Session, is because it is not covered by the call of
24. the Governor.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. The Chair will review the call as Senator Bowers suggested
3. and make a ruling shortly. Senator DeAngelis, did you wish to
4. continue or just a Parliamentary Inquiry? Senator Collins.

5. SENATOR COLLINS:

6. Thank you, Mr. President and members of this Body. I
7. guess I somewhat rise..my remarks is on the nature of a point of
8. personal privilege as well as the merits of this bill because what
9. I have to say and what I...what I think the issue...one of the fun-
10. damental issues before us today has little to do with the substance
11. of the transportation package itself. I'm very much concerned that
12. there has been a challenge to the fundamental principles and the
13. integrity of this Body. The issues I would like to discuss at this
14. point is political expediency of the most oppressive nature versus
15. the fundamental principles of our governmental process. While the
16. tactics used in the development and the soliciting of votes...

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

18. Just a moment, Senator. You may proceed.

19. SENATOR COLLINS:

20. The tactics used in developing and soliciting votes for the
21. transportation package motivated me to address this issue at this
22. time. The principles involved here are far more important than what
23. we will do here today to resolve the mass transit problem. The chal-
24. lenge before us is whether or not we who have been duly elected by the
25. people and have sworn to uphold the Constitution and protect the wel-
26. fare of our constituency will truly function in the future and now in
27. that capacity or will we be manipulated, intimidated, demoralized by
28. outside forces including Governor Thompson and Mayor Byrne of the
29. City of Chicago. Can the people of this State truly trust us to
30. look after their welfare? I do not wish my remarks to be misconstrued
31. as sitting in judgment of my colleagues because I understand the
32. difficulty involved in resisting the kind of threats and the arm-
33. twisting used on some of you. Although I had no direct political

1. threats myself, I am fully aware that my vote today could have serious
2. consequences on my political future. However, the choice is a very
3. simple one for me. It is whether or not I prefer to represent my
4. constituency and whether or not I am concerned that my constituency
5. judge me and that history judge me on the basis of the quality of my
6. representation rather than the time I spend here in the State Senate.
7. I am appalled at the kind of political shenanigans that went into the
8. formation of this transportation package. It is inconceivable today
9. that anyone would use their public office to reward or punish indi-
10. viduals who fail to cater to their own selfish whims. Such tactics
11. can be compared to the time of King Herod when the Queen's daughter...
12. ordered that John the Baptist be beheaded simply because he failed to
13. befriend her. I take personal offense to the Mayor's threat to...
14. work to defeat any legislator who votes against this package. I am...
15. I feel that...and I welcome that challenge. I also resent the Gover-
16. nor's statement that those of us involved in the Coalition was lying
17. about State subsidies to mass transportation. If the Governor is
18. looking for untruth then I suggest he re-examine his own statements
19. and reference to State subsidies. I also resent the fact that the
20. Governor and the Mayor tried to deceive and sell this package to the
21. public as the only viable alternative to the transportation problem.
22. We all recognize in this Body that there are other alternatives. Such
23. alternatives as increasing the Sales Taxes on non-essential items
24. such as cigarettes, license plate fees, registration fees, liquor fees,
25. cost of liquor and other luxury items that has no...as much impact
26. on the poor and those who can least afford a Sales Tax. I also
27. resent the fact that my colleagues can be coerced into voting for a
28. Sales Tax or any other tax like the Sales Tax that is, in fact,
29. most regressive and the most demoralizing tax of any kind. In addition,
30. the principle factors used in putting the package together was based
31. on political expediency rather than sound judgment. Governor Thompson,
32. Mayor Byrne and to some extent, the Secretary, Alan Dixon were more
33. concerned about unrealistic campaign promises and consequences of their

1. future election. I hope that the members of this Body will not decide
2. their vote on the basis of political expediency. I ask and I urge all
3. of you to vote against this package.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

5. Senator Berning.

6. SENATOR BERNING:

7. Thank you, Mr. President. I'll try not to be redundant. Thank
8. you, I sometimes follow your lead, but Mr. President, I think there
9. are a couple of points that ought to be made that are relevant to
10. the whole issue here and among them is...is this statement of fact
11. which I would like to read into the record for the benefit of any
12. who may not have caught the Bureau of Labor...U. S. Bureau of
13. Labor release of August 24th where the Consumer Price Index for July
14. of 1979 reported that Chicagoans were hit with a 1.8 percent in-
15. crease in inflation, far above the one percent of the natural...nation-
16. al pace. In other words, the northeast Illinois area is already
17. experiencing an inordinantly high inflation rate and for us now to
18. compound that or contemplate compounding that by some additional
19. tax increases it appears to me is totally indefensible as well as
20. unwise. Let me remind you who may have forgotten or who may not have
21. been that interested at the time the RTA was established several
22. years ago that very nearly the first thing that occurred by the new
23. agency RTA was to immediately grant a blanket wage increase for all
24. employees. This amounted to a great deal of money and I submit to
25. you that in the event this package is adopted, one of the very first
26. things that will occur will be another blanket salary increase and
27. when you realize that a part of this salary structure now is such
28. things as a sixty-five thousand dollar salary for the Chairman of the
29. Board of the CTA, a current one hundred eighty...eighty thousand
30. dollar a year salary for the out going President of the Board of the
31. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific and a generally accepted as
32. fact statement that the average...and I say average, recognizing as
33. you do, that this takes in the lowest as well as the highest, the

1. average salary under the RTA is twenty-seven thousand dollars plus
2. annually. To those of us then who have constituencies...constituents
3. whose average salary is considerably less who must buy the gasoline
4. for their automobile to go to work and are now subsidizing the RTA
5. for these salaries who will be paying if, in the event this bill passes,
6. an increase in the Sales Tax on food, drugs and everything else they
7. buy to pay these salaries and increased salaries, I submit is a galling
8. fact to have to accept. You and I wouldn't accept this gracefully
9. and my constituents are adamantly opposed to any tax increase. There
10. is this little discussed aspect of this package which to me is a
11. further galling aspect. Envision if you will, your son or daughter
12. having worked during the summer and perhaps bought a little old car
13. to go back and forth to work and now wants to sell it so as to get
14. some of his or her money back to go back to school. This bill would
15. require that that sale then contribute thirty dollars to the State
16. in the way of Sales Tax. That is not going to be paid by the buyer
17. of your son or daughter's little old automobile. No, your son or
18. daughter is going to have to absorb that loss and consequently, will
19. have that much less money and that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is estimated
20. to run a total of thirty million dollars in additional revenue. I
21. submit that that is unfair and unrealistic. Now, let me refresh your
22. memory about one or two other things that may have escaped you. Our
23. current Department of Transportation budget is 2.2 plus billion dollars.
24. In there is three hundred and sixty-four million dollars for new
25. construction and you couple that with the reappropriation of five
26. hundred and some odd million and we have a total of eight hundred and
27. ninety-five million dollars for construction of roads in this fiscal
28. year. I submit that is not...I say is not denying the citizens of
29. the State of Illinois an effective road construction program. Now,
30. you add to that the two hundred sixty million dollars which is in
31. that appropriation for local governmental highway construction plus
32. the two hundred and seventy million for DOT operation which includes
33. pothole patching and other such things and we have a substantial road

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1. program. So to make the allegation that we are destroying the
2. Illinois Road Program is totally unrealistic and I think that ought
3. to be carefully and clearly understood. There is...there is one
4. thing also that I think some of us would like to have emphasized.
5. Part of our problem stems from a shortage of motor fuel...various
6. kinds and a major contributing factor to that is the Federally
7. mandated busing program for students. It would occur to me and
8. I plead with you for us to join in a concerted demand to the Federal
9. Government and the U. S. Supreme Court to reconsider this unwise,
10. ill-advised decision and contribute thereby to a greater equinimity
11. of our communities and a saving in costs as well as a saving in fuel.
12. One final parting comment, Mr. President. The concern over the
13. deterioration of our roads is valid. Most of us recognize there is
14. some road work necessary, but in the event that we do not have
15. adequate funds to do everything we want to do, there is still another
16. alternative other than those that will be presented for funding. It
17. is simply this. In my opinion, the road deterioration to a very
18. large extent, is the result of overloading and heavy loading of
19. transport trucks. If we were to reduce the limits on them by about
20. twenty or thirty thousand pounds our highway system would last in-

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

22. Senator Knuppel.

23. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

24. Well, Mr. Chairman and members of the Body, most of you will
25. recall...

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

27. Just...just a moment...just a moment, Senator. Will the members...
28. will the members please be in their seats?

29. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

30. Most of you will...

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

32. Just a moment. You may proceed.

33. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

1. Most of you will recall my Ho Chi Minh Trail speech here about
2. the transportation budget on the last night of the Session and I
3. hear all these people standing up here talking about how unfair this
4. road package is. Well, let me tell you, if you live in West Central
5. Illinois where you go in by swinging vine, there is nothing fair
6. about the road programs we have had in the past and there is nothing
7. really very fair about this. As a boy on the farm, I used to use
8. a pitch fork to spread it around and then we got a little better off.
9. We bought a manure spreader and that scattered it rather evenly and
10. that's what this program does. If you'll look at District 6 and
11. District 4 and you look at each county and you'll see that this...
12. that this program spreads it a little better. You know, this is...it
13. reminds me of that old song, Thompson/Byrne had a farm E-I-E-I-O
14. and on this farm they had a bull with a chip, chip here and a chip,
15. chip there. Here a chip, there a chip, everywhere a chip, chip.
16. Thompson/Byrne had a farm E-I-E-I-O, but I guess that the only
17. way you're going to get anything out of here, if any chips is to vote
18. for it. As Confusious say, man who throws chip will get some on
19. his hands.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)
21. Senator Graham.

22. SENATOR GRAHAM:

23. Mr. President and members of the Senate, that...Senator Knuppel
24. is always a hard act to follow and I don't know too much about those
25. chips, but if we are talking about the spreaders, I would like to say
26. that perhaps they invented a new kind for the Second Legislative
27. District. As some of you are agonizing over your situation here, I'd
28. like to point out to you, outside of being philosophically opposed to
29. this, I am geographically in a hell of a bind. My home base is in the
30. northwest passage of Cook County. I am surrounded on the south by
31. Dupage, on the north by Lake, on the west by...by Kane and on the
32. northwest portion, McHenry County is only an iron shot away, nine
33. iron too and if it will hold, we got it made. I think we get caught

1. up in the problems down here and we get over sold sometimes. We
2. get concerned. We get caught up in the glamour here and sometimes
3. we get a disease known as political puffiness and when we go home,
4. we have a little trouble getting rid of that. I'd like to suggest
5. to my colleagues that as we agonize over this and figure what we
6. are doing for ourselves that just outside of Springfield is a place
7. called Illinois.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. Senator Wooten.

10. SENATOR WOOTEN:

11. Thank you, Mr. President. This is a...a surprising situation.
12. I think it comes from the fact that this bill is not the product of
13. the legislative process and if there is anything that has been
14. discouraging over the last several years there is more and more
15. as a legislature we are not asked to work things out, but to ratify
16. judgments that others have made and certainly that is true of this
17. program. But I think what surprises me is the fact that my colleagues
18. in Chicago who put such enormous pressure on me not too many years
19. ago for State funding for RTA are now...now want to give it up. I
20. suppose it would be foolish of me to refuse to do that, but I don't
21. know that it's wise for Chicago to take that position. As a downstater,
22. I suppose I have to leap to the opportunity to take that money back,
23. but I think a point that Senator Netsch made is...is important to
24. Chicago is that that money will never be forthcoming again. I voted
25. for that because I figured it was what was needed to put RTA in motion.
26. I believed in the concept. I have been critical of it. I have stood
27. with some of my colleagues who have attacked it on various grounds,
28. but by and large, I have believed that the State has a role to play.
29. We're now being asked by colleagues from Chicago as well as the
30. Governor to back out of that. All right. Fine. I guess I'm willing
31. to do that, but it is a surprising move to make because we are going
32. to be increasing the Sales Tax for most of the people in Illinois.
33. Now, I'll tell you why, as a Democrat, I think I can buy that. That's

1. something Democrats ought never to do, is to vote for a Sales Tax, but
2. I believe if we pass this the pressure on my colleagues from Chicago
3. and from the collar counties to override the Governor's veto of
4. the elimination of Sales Tax on food and medicine becomes inexorable.
5. We will do it. We have to do it. We couldn't possibly pass this
6. increase just in that northeastern part of the State and then refuse
7. to grant relief for food and medicine. I must admit in all candor
8. that what some of my colleagues from Chicago say is true. We are
9. shifting the burden on to the poor and that's something a Democrat
10. ought never do, but I guess I'm going to have to go along with this
11. because as I say it's...it is an appealing program for downstate and
12. I don't know how I could justify to the folks back home not taking
13. this State money away from the RTA. I must say that, in all candor
14. once again, I believe this is designed for the next election or two
15. and whatever happens after that is left to those of us who survive in
16. this Chamber, but let me tell you, I'm not going to vote for the
17. bond authorization. I'm not going to swamp the boat and bankrupt the
18. State. I can't do that. I feel unhappy going along with this. I am
19. surprised at the people who want me to vote for it. It is a strange
20. situation and I suggest to you that if there is any lesson to be
21. carried away from it is we've got to stop doing this sort of thing.
22. We have got to stop making rapid judgments on packages handed us by
23. the Governor or anyone else and do the work that we were elected to
24. do. Put these things together with some care. No matter how rosy it
25. may look and I, for the life of me, I can't imagine how there is any
26. prospect of happiness for this bill in the northeastern corner of the
27. State, but no matter how good this looks, I tell you that it's going
28. to create real problems. It's not going to be the panacea that some
29. people apparently think it is up in the northeast. You are going to
30. be back down here for more State aid and you will not get it.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

32. Senator Regner.

33. SENATOR REGNER:

1. Mr. President, members, some of the things Senator Wooten said
2. I am in total agreement with and that is the method in which this
3. package was put together. This certainly is a package that should be...
4. with public hearings. It should be debated. We sit here in the
5. Senate today with a take it or leave it package. I think it was a
6. very underhanded way that it was put together and I don't blame
7. anyone in particular, but I...blame a lot of people collectively,
8. including the Governor and some of the leaders. We did not have the
9. opportunity to debate this bill. We did not have opportunity to
10. offer amendments to this bill and there are a tremendous amount of
11. shortcomings, not just for the suburban area which I represent, for
12. the City of Chicago and for downstate in the future because we are
13. going to have continuing problems with mass transportation in the
14. northeastern area, the Regional Transit Authority, because of the
15. way that Authority is operating. There are a tremendous amount of
16. reforms that are absolutely necessary. I have had an analysis of
17. the budget for the RTA. They are claiming they are going to have
18. a fifty-six million dollar deficit this year. We can show where
19. there's about a hundred million dollars with simple reforms that
20. should take place. We know a new Director of the CTA was appointed
21. at an astronomical salary. The reason he got that salary that high
22. is because he couldn't go to work cheaper because there are twelve
23. people on that payroll making over fifty thousand dollars a year.
24. Senator Bowers mentioned earlier the so-called rich areas of Dupage
25. County have an average salary of eighteen thousand dollars a year and
26. they are going to be asked to subsidize an average salary of twenty-
27. seven thousand dollars a year for CTA employees. That's secretaries,
28. messengers, busdrivers and so forth. It's a high average salary. I
29. don't see how any of us can support that. An alternate plan was
30. proposed to the Governor, to various members of his Cabinet in the
31. past couple of weeks and just...a short time ago that could solve the
32. situation right now until we get those reforms. There's a great
33. hue and cry about seventy million dollars potentially being lost on

1. Federal Mass Transit Funds. Those can be very easily achieved and
2. saved if that's what we have to use by putting fourteen million
3. dollars in a direct subsidy and that's very cheap to this State.
4. Back in 1973 when Mass Transit Bill..the RTA passed, it passed with
5. downstate votes. It did not pass with northeastern Illinois votes
6. and the concept at that time was the mass transit should have State
7. subsidies and have State-wide fundings. This package takes all of
8. that away. There is no more subsidy at all, to the RTA area. Those
9. total about a hundred and seventy million dollars right now. The
10. Governor says that in his package a hundred and fifty million dollars
11. of General Revenue monies will be put into the Road Fund. When
12. you take those two numbers and put them together do you know what
13. that means? Actually they are getting a twenty thousand dollar
14. profit by ending subsidies to mass transit, putting it in the Road
15. Fund. They are asking area in the State to pay for mass transpor-
16. tation in that area, to continue mass transit subsidies downstate
17. and also to pay for downstate roads. I think it's the most unfair,
18. most...the most ludicrous thing that I have ever heard. I think it's a
19. terrible piece of legislation and I think we should defeat this bill
20. now, come back in the Fall or in the Spring and look at the entire
21. problem, but I do think that in Senate...Senate Bill 669 that we will be
22. looking at, the Conference Committee should at that time, in that
23. bill provide a fourteen million dollar subsidy to the RTA so they
24. don't lose those Mass Transit Funds. So far as roads are concerned
25. we're sitting with almost six hundred million dollars if you count
26. the untransferred transfers in the checkbook balance right now...
27. highest amount in the history of the State of Illinois. We're going
28. to have a wind fall profit in our General Revenue Fund on the Sales
29. Tax on gasoline. The revenue projection from last March out of the
30. Bureau of the Budget has about a hundred and thirty million dollars
31. projected for Sales Tax on gasoline sales when, in fact, that amount
32. of money is going to be about two hundred and twenty-six million
33. dollars. That's ninety-six million dollars of windfall profit in

1. the State Treasury that should be put in the Road Fund. In fact,
2. I think the entire amount should be put in, the whole two hundred
3. and twenty-six. I'll settle for the ninety-six. Why should the
4. State Government benefit by inflation? I think this is a terrible
5. proposal and should be defeated although I do agree that we should
6. do something in the Conference Committee on 669 to provide the subsidy
7. for mass transit at this time and also to end diversions of another
8. hundred and twenty million because the State Treasury certainly can
9. afford it.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. Senator Davidson.

12. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

13. Mr. President and members of the Senate, many people today who
14. have spoke on this are saying they have people in their area who are
15. opposed to this or someone who has an axe to grind who's going to
16. benefit from either work or be workers. I want to just share with
17. you one of the petitions which I received from Montgomery County
18. which is not known for being a liberal thinking group of people as
19. Senator Donnewald knows from...used to be part of his district before
20. reapportionment and now mine. It says, "We, the undersigned legal
21. voters from Montgomery County hereby petition that the State Legislature
22. provide additional fund for road and bridge purposes and hold a Special
23. Session as soon as possible." One, additional revenues generated
24. for road program either by transferring some existing funds or an
25. increase in taxes, should be placed in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for
26. distribution to all agencies...State and local agencies by the present
27. formula. Two, a thing which this package does, an orderly elimination
28. of the diversions and money currently diverted be returned to the funds
29. from which they originated. Three, another part of this package,
30. fifteen million dollars for the Township Bridge Program. Four, and
31. I think this is the most important thing that all of you listen to.
32. We support...we support any additional increase in taxes required to
33. adequately fund all transportation systems including State and local

1. agency. The fifth, we support a Special Session which we are now in.
2. I urge you all to vote Aye, to concur on these amendments and this
3. program and just for general information, quick arithmetic, the
4. present RTA Tax on gasoline in the suburban area is five percent.
5. A hundred dollars worth of gasoline costs them five dollars. A
6. hundred dollars worth of merchandise under this program will cost
7. them twenty-five cents. There's a net saving to those people who
8. live in that area.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

10. Senator Walsh. Just a moment. Will the members please be in
11. their seats. The noise level is rising. Senator Walsh.

12. SENATOR WALSH:

13. Mr. President and members of the Senate, the basic elements of
14. this bill are the elimination of the...of the State subsidy of three
15. thirty-seconds of the Sales Tax collected in the RTA area, elimination
16. of that subsidy and imposition in replace thereof the one cent Sales
17. Tax. That's basically what we are being asked to do and it just
18. amazes me to see my...my colleagues from the City of Chicago jumping
19. aboard to support this proposal. In the fifteen years that I have
20. been representing the western suburbs of Cook County in Springfield,
21. I have yet to see the Democrat Party so enthusiastically support a
22. Sales Tax, especially when it's being imposed on the area that they
23. represent to the exclusion of the rest of the State of Illinois. They
24. were so anxious last June to remove the Sales Tax on food and medicine
25. and even more anxious today to impose an additional penny Sales Tax
26. on that same food and medicine after the Governor had vetoed the bill
27. which was passed in June. The inconsistency of their position is
28. obvious to all. It...it just is one of the most devastating bills
29. for another reason. It...it establishes, if it passes, a region of the
30. State of Illinois that is going to be taxed in excess of the remainder
31. of the State. There will be an additional tax on sixty-five percent
32. of the citizens of this State that will not be borne by the thirty-
33. five percent of the State and I suggest to my downstate colleagues

1. that what you do to us today will be done to you tomorrow because
2. there is absolutely no way that those of us who are being asked to
3. bear this tax today will not seek a way to impose it on you tomorrow
4. and you are in the minority and believe me, it will happen to you as
5. sure as we are sitting here and it can be...

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. Just a moment. Senator Rhoads, for what purpose do you rise?

8. SENATOR RHOADS:

9. Senator Walsh, I apologize to you. I bring a point of order.
10. There are people on the Floor who I don't...don't think are entitled to
11. the Floor and I...

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

13. The Sergeant-at-Arms will remove all unauthorized persons from the
14. Floor.

15. SENATOR RHOADS:

16. I'm not referring to House members. I'm referring to other...

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

18. Oh, you better not be. You may continue.

19. SENATOR WALSH:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. But I just say is a...is a word of caution
21. that you can expect that this...this regional distinction that you choose to
22. establish today will continue through the Legislative Chamber until
23. it is eliminated once and for all and I share the concern of Senator
24. Netsch that possibly that will never take place. I would also like
25. to remind you that by removing this State subsidy for the six county
26. area, northeastern Illinois, you are discriminating against that
27. area since there are some twelve municipal...municipalities in the...in the
28. State which do receive a share of the Sales Tax that is collected in
29. that area in the form of a State subsidy. Why should those areas be
30. subsidized for mass transportation and the six county area be ignored?
31. Consider the...the problems in some areas, Senator...Senator Graham pointed
32. out, as a citizen of Barrington, that that town is in both Cook County
33. and in Lake County. There will be a penny Sales Tax in Cook and a

1. quarter of a cent in Lake. In Elgin, which is in both Cook and Kane,
2. and Hinsdale in Cook and DuPage, and in Park Forest in Cook and Will.
3. It is...it is...ridiculous to ask the citizens of those communities
4. to remain on one side of the street rather than cross the street so
5. that they would pay a tax that their neighbors would not. Mr. President,
6. members of the Senate, this is a bad proposal. I...I have been down
7. here for some time. I have seen Republican Governors negotiate with
8. the Mayor of Chicago. They have done it here...both citizens of the
9. City of Chicago. They did it to the detriment of the City of Chicago
10. and the entire County of Cook and the six county region. I would
11. hope that we not ratify their action. We can still address ourselves
12. to the problem, but let's not divide the State of Illinois into first
13. and second class citizens. I urge a No vote.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

15. Senator Mitchler.

16. SENATOR MITCHLER:

17. Mr. President and members of the Senate, the November election
18. of last year carried on it an advisory referendum indicating that
19. some eighty to eighty-five percent of the people that voted on that
20. expressed an opinion of no new taxes, no increase in taxes and in
21. this bill I find that we are putting on what I feel to be a new tax
22. and that is a new tax in the form of an increase in the Sales Tax
23. in the six collar...in the six county area in the northeastern section.
24. Be a one cent increase in Cook County and a quarter cent increase in
25. the five collar counties around Cook County. Now, you say no, this
26. is a replacement tax and I believe one of my colleagues referred that
27. as a replacement tax it was a better deal because it was a lesser tax
28. than the one that was being taken off and the one tax being taken off
29. was the five percent RTA Gas Tax that is imposed by the RTA Board
30. and will expire October 1 unless the RTA Board extends it. I say to
31. you that if this bill passes you will have that increase in the Sales
32. Tax in the six county area, but I say to you that the day that Sales
33. Tax goes on you know and I know that the service stations, the gas

1. stations...we don't have service stations anymore, you serve your-
2. self...the gas stations in the six county area will not lower their
3. price from one dollar per gallon to ninety-five cents per gallon
4. to reflect the fact that that gas has been taken off. Now you know
5. that and I know it and in this period when Gas Tax is fluctuating
6. as it is up and down it will be an absorbed tax so you've got a new
7. Sales Tax. Now, the tax that I'm really concerned about and I want
8. to sort of alert all of you. There's going to be a roll call on this
9. bill and the tax that is a new tax in this bill involves a new
10. thirty million dollar State-wide tax and that new State-wide tax...
11. and it affects each and every one in this Chamber, not only the
12. Legislators representing the six collar counties in the northeastern
13. area where we have the RTA and the CTA and that involves the
14. transaction of the sale of an automobile between two individuals.
15. That is outside of a used car and a new car dealer who already
16. require a Retailer Occupational Tax and when one person sells another
17. person a car in the State of Illinois, before a title can be issued
18. to that car under the new ownership, proof will have to be that
19. Sales Tax will have to be paid on the transaction of that sale for
20. the purchase of that car. Now, the news media has mentioned that
21. in some articles but it does not do that consistently and I tell you
22. and warn you that the people of the State of Illinois do not know
23. about that tax, but let me tell you, when that tax goes in and for
24. those of you that are on the affirmative side of this roll call
25. and when they sell somebody a car...it may be next year, six months
26. or two years from now and they have to pay that tax and they send
27. their title down...request for a title and the Secretary of State
28. sends it back...says no, you owe a five percent Sales Tax, they are
29. going to say who...who did that to me and then they are going to go
30. to the roll call and they are going to find out. I warn you about
31. that because the people sometimes aren't listening to everything that's
32. going down in Springfield like you and I are. We think the eyes of
33. the State are focused here...that they...you know they'll give about

1. a bloop-bloop tonight on television they they will go into more of
2. this who raped who and who murdered who and how the foreign policy
3. is getting along and all that stuff. They don't really get to
4. know what's going on down here, but they will when they pay that Sales
5. Tax, I'll have you know. Now, I want to conclude by saying that we
6. did propose during the Regular Session that we transfer from the
7. General Revenue Fund to the Road Fund the Motor Fuel Tax...the Motor
8. Fuel Sales Tax and when we were debating that during the Regular
9. Session it was estimated that in January of this year...in January,
10. 1979, the estimated Sales Tax paid on the purchase of motor fuel was
11. equal to .031 cents per gallon...about three cents per gallon. In
12. August of this year, because of inflation and the cost of gasoline,
13. the Motor Fuel Sales Tax now brings in .0487 cents per gallon and
14. by the end of next year it's going to bring in excess of five cents
15. per gallon. Now, if you want a user fee type of tax that you don't
16. have to put on or take off all you do is transfer that money from
17. General Revenue into the Road Fund and as Senator Regner pointed out
18. that will bring in a sufficient amount to provide the needs of our
19. Road Fund because we can couple that with the matching funds we get
20. from the Federal Government. I can't understand why the Administration
21. and Kramer and Company turned that down. It's been proposed to Mr.
22. Kramer, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and he
23. has turned his head and his back to that proposal. Now, that's
24. logical. You say, well, I know the Governor will say you're taking
25. that out of General Revenue. Well, let's look at the bank balance
26. of the State of Illinois today and it's not of any of our doing. It's
27. because of inflation, Sales Tax, the price of food, everything goes
28. up, we get more money. Wages go up, we get more Income Tax. We've
29. to a bank balance...and everybody argues about this, but it's five
30. hundred to six hundred billion dollars from about three hundred
31. ninety-six on June 30 and it's going to continue to rise in the State
32. of Illinois because we are a productive State. We can't go backwards
33. and if we do, then we are in a depression, not a recession. So we have

1. the money that we can afford to transfer from the General Revenue
2. into the Road Fund, if Road Fund needs that money. Now, I want to
3. ask a question as I close and I'd like to have either the sponsor
4. of the bill or somebody answer this. If, in fact, when we come
5. back in the Veto Session in October and the Illinois General Assembly,
6. the House and Senate did override Governor...the Governor's veto
7. of the bill that took off in a phase-in period the Sales Tax on food
8. and medicine, would the new RTA Sales Tax in the six county area
9. in Northeastern Illinois...would that involve the elimination of the...
10. that portion on food and drug or would that mean that on food purchased
11. in the six county area and the County of Cook they would have to pay
12. a Sales Tax on the purchase of food and drugs and in the collar
13. counties at a quarter percent...pay that amount on food and drugs
14. and if the answer is in the affirmative to that, then it would mean
15. that in the five collar county area at the food stores they'd have
16. to assess a quarter percent Sales Tax on food and I say that probably
17. the administration of that would be in excess of the amount collected.
18. Now, I'd like to have an answer on that and perhaps even a ruling of
19. the Chair if that would be. May I have an answer on that, please?
20. Thank you.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

22. Senator Schaffer.

23. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

24. It's regrettable that we are here at this point in the delibera-
25. tions with a bill which is, in my opinion, patently unfair because I
26. think the overwhelming, vast majority of the members of this Body and
27. of the other Body are prepared to support a reasonable program for
28. the highways of this State. The regrettable part is that that has been
29. thwarted by the inclusion of additional funds for the Regional
30. Transportation Authority. Coming from my district, it won't sur-
31. prise anyone to know...anyone who doesn't know that I have some real
32. reservations about that Authority...the way it was created, the way
33. it's run today. I'd ask each of my colleagues to ask themselves, are

1. we really prepared to put this vast tax increase which will probably
2. be one of the biggest in terms of dollars tax increases in the
3. history of this State...it's hard to tell, by the way, that we are
4. talking about a tax increase of this proportions because our
5. media, particularly in Chicago, hasn't seemed to see it that way.
6. I don't fully understand that. I'm sure if we were talking about
7. a one percent increase in the Sales Tax to run State Government or
8. help the schools or mental health that they wouldn't have been any-
9. where near as charitable as they seem to want to be for the RTA.
10. I guess they feel a certain sense of guilt which causes them to
11. protect this particular Authority...well they might. It's a shame
12. that we have to do this in such a way and it looks like that's what
13. we're going to do...that will permanently divide this State. I think
14. that this is going to lay the groundwork for some ramifications that
15. will alter our form of revenue collection in this State in the weeks
16. and months ahead that could seriously jeopardize the financial
17. security of our very important State Government. I would only point
18. out to you that a State divided cannot stand. This bill will divide
19. this State as long as this inequity continues and I guess I can only
20. echo Dick Walsh's sentiments and remember Senator Partee's favorite
21. expression, what goes round, comes round, Gentlemen.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

23. Senator McMillan.

24. SENATOR McMILLAN:

25. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I think I'm about to
26. cast the first vote that I have cast since I have been a Senator
27. which I am totally ashamed of. I think this bill stinks. I think
28. the proposal stinks. I think the way it's been dealt with with the
29. Governor's Office and with Legislative Leaders and everybody else
30. is something that no one in this State ought to really be a...proud
31. of and I extend at this time an apology to people in the suburban
32. areas who are going to have imposed upon them a burden that I don't
33. think anybody who believes in good government feels they ought to

1. have imposed upon them. An apology to people that are going to be
2. selling automobiles, incidental sale of automobiles and who are
3. going to have a special tax imposed upon them. They can sell a piano,
4. they can sell an antique, they can sell anything else, but all of a
5. sudden, we have to whack a tax on the incidental sale of automobiles.
6. I also want to offer an apology to all of those people who have some
7. respect for a legislator who will stand up for his conscience and vote
8. No when his constituents happen to be wrong because that's one of the
9. things I've always prided myself in doing, but, I, frankly, believe
10. that there's not much courage in...in the Body in trying to come up
11. with another alternative. I've talked till I'm blue in the face to the
12. Governor and he believes there is no other alternative even though,
13. frankly, I don't think Republicans in the Senate were consulted about
14. trying to come up with another alternative and I'm going to admit right
15. here that I'm just a big chicken to vote against the people in my dis-
16. trict who thing they are going to get roads out of this program cause
17. it is good for downstate, but I'll tell you, our district gets schnook-
18. ered every time by the Director of Transportation who promises one thing
19. and does another and that makes me even more ashamed of what I'm about
20. to do.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

22. Senator Newhouse.

23. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, Senator. I think everybody in this As-
25. sembly wants a road program of some sort. The roads in my district in
26. Chicago are probable in worse condition than they have ever been pre-
27. viously because of the bad winter that we have had. Downstaters want
28. a road program, Chicagoans want a road program. Before we adjourned, we
29. passed out a bill that would have taken the Sales Tax off food and med-
30. icine. A lot of us worked very hard because we wanted to present the
31. kind of relief to the aged, to those on fixed income and others that
32. they desperately need in these days of inflation. Now we come along with
33. a road program that incorporates in it a Sales Tax on top of the failure
to abate the taxes on food and medicine. We have a Slaes Tax which
applies to Cook County only. We're going to have a

1. fare increase. There was a threat some time back from the CTA folks
2. that there...might be a fare increase of fifty percent if something
3. desperate wasn't done...well, that's a lot of hogwash. There would
4. have been a fare increase and it might have been thirty percent. Well,
5. according to this bill and according to all projections we are going
6. to get that fare increase anyway so what we are going to get as a
7. result of this bill is a fare increase which over the next five years
8. may be the fifty percent that someone was speaking about earlier. We
9. are going to get a Sales Tax and we are going to lose a subsidy in
10. Cook County. It seems to me that certainly we ought to be able to
11. come up with a package that gives some relief to the poor who again
12. are going to pay more, the fixed income people, those who are unfor-
13. tunate enough to be on...social welfare...Social Security...all the
14. rest of that. They are going to pay for it. Going to cost a lot of
15. money. I would be willing to vote for this package in the event that
16. there was an abatement of the tax on food and medicine. Somehow
17. we've got to give relief to some people who are literally starving
18. during this time of inflation and in this land of plenty. It doesn't
19. make sense. I'm going to oppose this bill. I dislike having to do
20. that, but certainly I think that the assessment that I've just
21. given and the perspective which I have of this bill dictates no other
22. course. I'm opposed to this bill.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

24. Senator Johns.

25. SENATOR JOHNS:

26. Thank you, Mr. President. I really am...am just...not in ecstasy,
27. but I'm very, very pleased at this legislation. It's been a long time
28. since southern Illinois ever got much of a program. Glad to see you
29. men have come around to realize that we are in need of highways. We
30. are in need of such a program. I'm pleased with Mayor Byrne and the
31. Governor. You know, I've watched you and I have been a part of it
32. of criticizing the Governor for not taking leadership in various programs
33. and yet here he comes with one and yet we stand here and chastise him

1. for having a program. I'm pleased that Mayor Byrne is making sorteets
2. into Southern Illinois and getting to realize what we really need
3. and supporting it and if we have failed in some way here, if there's
4. new money coming for our road programs and the collar counties are
5. being hurt, it's a rare occurrence. I have watched here for seven
6. or eight, nine years. I've voted for Chicago for just everything in
7. the world...port authorities, to build your port to make it the number
8. one port in the nation...I've always supported that. I...I can't
9. think of much that I've failed to support the northern..collar counties
10. in. I have even watched the per capita income of your...your region
11. Your schools are not suffering like ours for building funds. In fact,
12. you have excess and we know that downstate and as far as bonding...
13. I've heard some people say well, I can't go for bonding because you
14. know that just puts us in jeopardy for years to come. Well, let me
15. tell you. I used to work for the Highway Department when I was in
16. college. I worked my way through as a draftsman and I know the basic
17. elements of highway building. That's land. It's going up every day.
18. The legal fees, going up every day. Labor, concrete, steel, where's
19. it going to put us if we don't put forth this program. It's going
20. to put us in a very, very bad position. I asked Doc Shapiro yesterday
21. if I could join him as a co-sponsor in this legislation because it's
22. high time that the rest of this State had a piece of the pie and we
23. are getting it in this legislation. I'm kind of shocked, I'm kind
24. of pleased. Like I said, I'm ecstatic, but I going to only tell you
25. that where...we're really supporting this bill because it means
26. thousands of jobs throughout this State in a year which we know we
27. need the jobs and with this flow of money into the economy, I'm sure
28. that in the long run you'll find Senator Gene Johns right here support-
29. ing...if this is an inequity to the northern collar counties, you'll
30. find that I'll be willing to make it up to you in the long run, but
31. I feel this program has to have this momentum and must go on and I'm
32. going to support it and I got some real dear friends here that pro-
33. bably will chastise me for it later on on one side here, but I know

1. that this is good for us now because we can't afford to wait any
2. longer.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

4. Senator Sangmeister.

5. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

6. Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a question
7. or two?

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. The...the principal sponsor is not present. Just...he's indisposed
10. at the moment, Senator.

11. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

12. It's been commented here that he's ashamed of the bill and he's
13. left this stinky bill as...as Senator McMillan said. I didn't think it
14. was that bad, but I do...I seriously think...I'd like to make an
15. inquiry of him for the purposes of in this debate establishing what
16. is going to be his intent or what his understanding of the bill is
17. if we do override on the removal of the Sales Tax from food and drugs...
18. Senator Shapiro is back. Senator, I have a...a question. If we do this
19. Fall override the Governor's veto to remove the Sales Tax on food
20. and drugs, what is the posture as far as this bill is concerned? Will
21. that affect the increase that we were doing with this bill on the
22. Sales Tax on food and drugs or what is your understanding of what
23. we are doing with this legislation?

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25. Senator Shapiro.

26. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

27. Senator Sangmeister, this bill will place the one percent
28. Sales Tax and the quarter percent in the collar counties on all goods
29. and services in the...in the RTA area. And I have just been corrected...
30. authorizes that the Board...to impose the tax. The override on the
31. food and drug would affect RTA revenues to the tune of about eighteen
32. to twenty percent per year.

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(End of Reel #2)

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. Senator Sangmeister.

3. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

4. Well, so that I understand you clearly then, what you're saying
5. is that if we do override in the fall, it will affect the revenues
6. of the...the RTA. Well it also, as far as the increase is concerned
7. here, do away with that increase.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. Senator Shapiro.

10. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

11. In other words, is the...the one percent going on in
12. Cook County and the half percent that's going to go on...the
13. quarter percent that's going to go on in the collar counties,
14. will that then come off as it relates to food and drugs?

15. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

16. No, Senator, because that tax will still remain on other
17. goods and services that are not food and drug related.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

19. Senator Sangmeister.

20. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

21. I thought it was important that we establish that clearly
22. in the debate on this bill. Then I would like to just make a
23. few comments. I think most has been said that can be said on
24. the bill. I...I do feel as Senator McMillan does, that it is
25. a stinky bill from the standpoint that you know it's going to
26. happen with the one quarter percent increase that is being placed
27. on us so we're going to be back here very shortly as the deficits
28. continue to grow at the RTA and the argument, of course, is going
29. to be well, you know, Cook County has already got one percent...
30. certainly the collar counties ought to be picking up more so the
31. one forth is going to go to one half and then it's going to go
32. to three quarters until we get up to the one percent with Cook
33. County. So I guess we can see it coming and I wish to make

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1. it a record right here now, it will come. As I said when we
2. passed the RTA Act, that was a day that would live in infamy and
3. certainly this day will also. I further find it very difficult
4. and I don't wish to admonish my party or anyone else for it,
5. but I...I just find it very difficult to understand how, in one
6. time we can say we want to remove the Sales Tax off of food and
7. drugs and then in the next breath, turn right around and increase
8. that same percentage. It...it just doesn't make sense, it doesn't
9. make sense to the people in the State of Illinois, when the Governor,
10. of course, also went out and promised some kind of limitation on
11. spending or tax relief. We give him one bill, he decides to Veto
12. that and now I am also suspicious of what may happen in the fall
13. override and if we don't override at that time, the people of
14. the State of Illinois unbelievably, and I mean unbelievably, end
15. up with a tax increase and no tax relief at all. That kind of
16. a proposal I can't understand how anyone can support and on that
17. basis it certainly ought to be defeated.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

19. Senator Washington.

20. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

21. Well thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I...I
22. detected a note of sorrow...I...I hope I'm phrasing it correctly
23. in Senator Sangmeister's voice, that...what has happened on our
24. side of the aisle and the same feeling of...of regret and remorse,
25. I suppose, is detected in the voices of Senators Collins, Netsch and
26. Newhouse and others. You know I have a strong...the more I read
27. this bill and study it and the more I hear comments about it, the
28. more I begin to appreciate just how great our late Mayor Daley
29. was. I don't want to insult anybody, but I...I would presume
30. to say that he wouldn't be caught dead endorsing this kind of
31. an operation which would rip off the people of the City of Chicago
32. to the extent that this blatantly does so. I don't want to be...doing
33. a disservice to our Mayor, she's sort of green in this business
34. and has no legislative experience, she hasn't been through the

1. crucible and doesn't understand these things, but I must assume
2. she's been poorly advised. How could anybody possibly say to
3. three and a half million people in the City of Chicago, I've
4. got a deal for you, listen to this now, you'll love it. Let's
5. put this two hundred million dollars back subsidy that the
6. State gave us by virtue of the RTA, which is a moral responsibility
7. connected with the passage of RTA. Let's put that money on back
8. in the pot. In order to get the fifty million dollars we want,
9. let's increase the Sales Tax on our people by one penny or
10. twenty percent and just to make certain that we do it right, let's
11. increase the rates by ten percent or five cents a ride. What
12. could possibly be wrong with such a person's mind. I have to
13. assume that Big Jim simply sold her a bill of goods. She's
14. talking about snow, this is the most massive snow job ever
15. come across this State. The most massive, the most flagrant,
16. the nastiest, the stinkiest, kind of an operation I have ever
17. heard in my life. Even my good friend, Don Wooten, who stands
18. to benefit from it, said this is a bad, bad, bad, bad, bad bill,
19. but if you want to give it to us we'll take it. I mean, that ought
20. to tell us something. You represent people in the City of Chicago
21. and you find Democrats and you mean to tell me you're going to
22. vote for this package? It's ludicrous. How in the devil can
23. she tell people, vote for this bill or were going to have the
24. same problem with the CTA. When the only rejoinder you need,
25. is yes, we need to improve the CTA. But we shouldn't have to
26. pay in this bill. Let's spread it around, and whatever we
27. do, hold what we got. Knuppel says spread the manure, I said
28. they have shredded the manure, they have shredded it on us.
29. I am just totally and completely, not sorrowful, but disgusted...
30. disgusted that we would even be given serious consideration
31. to a bill which would go into the pockets of the poor people
32. in the City of Chicago and empty them with the fare-the-well
33. and gone and spread the money downstate for some road I don't

1. know anything about and care less. I just don't understand that
2. at all. Senator Netsch explained it clear as you could possibly
3. make it. She delineated the alternatives which would be fair
4. to everybody in the State. There is a surplus there, everybody
5. knows it. What are we building it up for? He can't use that
6. money to run for President, that's our money. I don't understand
7. this at all. I know I talking up a wind-tunnel, but I would
8. be remiss in my responsibilities to my...voters and to you, if
9. I didn't simply say in conclusion that this is a horrible bill.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. Senator Rhoads.

12. SENATOR RHOADS:

13. Mr. President, I apologize for rising for the second time,
14. but will be brief. But I was somewhat shaken by Senator McMillan's
15. speech and I have to respond to it. I have in mind, six downstate
16. colleagues in both parties who apparently have had understandings
17. from the Department of Transportation that certain things will
18. be done for their districts. Gentlemen, let me remind you, there
19. have been highway directors and governors going back to Dwight
20. Green who have promised the same highways to the same districts
21. and those highways still haven't been built. You know, every
22. fall, Charles Schultz runs a "Peanuts" cartoon in a lot of newspapers
23. and it shows Lucy holding a football for Charlie Brown and every
24. fall Charlie Brown comes running up to kick that football and
25. every fall Lucy yanks the football away and Charlie goes...on
26. his derriere. You're just about to kick John Kramer's football
27. for him and you're going to wind up the same place Charlie Brown
28. does.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

30. Senator Rock.

31. SENATOR ROCK:

32. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the
33. Senate... Having listened at some length to the lengthy debate,
34. I would like to make briefly, a few remarks as I stand in support

1. of the Concurrence Motion in these House Amendments to Senate
2. Bill 889. Having now listened to some of the remarks, it would
3. seem that all of a sudden we woke up this morning and here's
4. a transportation package or proposal that nobody in the world
5. every heard of. On February 20th of this year, we all received
6. a copy of a...phamplet or a booklet called, Illinois Transportation
7. Needs, Resources and Funding Options. And many of us read that
8. with some interest because at that time, as you know, under the
9. law, the Regional Transportation Authority has to submit to the
10. leadership and the Governor of this State a proposed budget
11. and proposed balance or deficit and the proposed deficit was
12. quite in evidence. And we were looking for other options.
13. Additionally there was a hue and cry across this State to fix
14. up the roads and get on with the road program. And so this
15. was one alternative and in there they provided five or six or
16. seven or eight different ways of funding, starting really from
17. the bottom line, how much money is needed to do what should
18. be done in this State and given that amount of money, how do
19. we get there? In March, the Monday before the budget presentation
20. itself, the Governor proposed a nine hundred million dollar road
21. program, most of which is contained in these amendments. Many
22. of us reacted that that's fine, but you fail to say anything about
23. mass transit. What about the CTA? What about the RTA? How do we
24. move all those millions of people to their work and to their
25. leisure? And many of us suggested that there would not be, there
26. should not be a comprehensive road proposal unless it included
27. mass transportation. And the Legislative Study Commission came
28. out in the subsequent weeks, as a matter of fact, about two weeks
29. later, having had nine or ten public hearings and having received
30. testimony from across this State and made some recommendations
31. to the General Assembly. And in April, Senate Bill 889 was
32. introduced at the Governor's request by Senator Shapiro and
33. others and that was heard in the Senate Transportation Committee.

1. And in May we debated that on the Floor when I presented an
2. amendment calling for a one percent Sales Tax across the entire
3. six county region. And the hue and cry came up from the same
4. people who are making the hue and cry, we can't live with that,
5. we have to have a differential. And I suggested that a differential
6. really shouldn't be done, but in the spirit of compromise this
7. does provide for a differential. But we are still dealing
8. with reality. We need X amount of dollars to adequately fund mass
9. transit. We need X amount of dollars to adequately maintain and repair and rebuild
10. the highways of this State. How do we get there? The membership was heard to say,
11. not in a unanimous voice, we are seldom unanimous around here, but many of the
12. members were heard to say we will not stand for a gasoline tax
13. increase. Many of us said we will not stand for a...an increase
14. in the motor vehicle plates...charges. Not after one year
15. ago, we said to the people of this State, we're...embarking
16. on a five year plate program to save everybody some money.
17. Many of us said, there are...there are alternatives, let's...
18. let's explore some of the alternatives. Representative Garmisa
19. introduced a series of bills over in the House. These bills
20. went over to the House and were heard in the House Transportation
21. Committee. And there were alternatives offered. I've heard
22. of the McClain plan and the Giorgi plan and the Kane plan
23. and there are innumerable plans. And so there has been an awful
24. lot of legislative input, legislative activity in the past months.
25. And late in June, finally after months of negotiation after the
26. election that happened in Chicago, after months of negotiation
27. with the Federal Department of Transportation, we were finally
28. able to strike an agreement whereby that amount of money that
29. was coming from the Congress of the United States for the purpose
30. of the Crosstown Expressway and the Franklin Street Extention,
31. could, in fact, be kept here in Illinois and could, in fact,
32. be utilized for purposes other than the Crosstown and the Franklin
33. Street. And the Mayor secured that commitment for the dedesignation

1. of those monies with the full assurance that the monies would,
2. in fact, remain in here in this State and not go to Massachusetts
3. or New York or California or somewhere else. And so a proposal
4. was struck between our Illinois Department of Transportation
5. and the Governor's Office and the Office of the Mayor of Chicago
6. and many of us here in the Assembly. And that plan never got
7. called. And then we all went home and heard from the people
8. in our district, saying what in the world are you guys doing?
9. We have only committed three hundred million dollars to what
10. was supposed to be a nine hundred million dollar road program.
11. The RTA is suffering a deficit. They have publicly notified
12. the people and are holding public hearings that there's a
13. proposed thirty to forty percent fare increase, we have to do
14. something. Additionally, we're confronted with a letter from
15. the Department of Transportation saying that if you don't do
16. something by the 15th of September, that seventy million bucks
17. is going elsewhere. It's going to Boston, Massachusetts or
18. it's going to New York City. And so in an attempt to put all
19. these pieces together we are back down here. And to say that
20. we have not had input or have not studied or have not conversed
21. about the various elements in this program simply is inaccurate.
22. And I would point out additionally, we are not mandating a
23. fare increase. There is no mandated fare increase in these amend-
24. ments in Senate Bill 889, as amended. What we are suggesting to
25. the RTA Board, is here's the amount of money we feel on a
26. projected basis, will be available. You had better live within
27. that and in the event that you cannot, then you have your sworn
28. duty to adequately fund the system, to provide the services that
29. the people demand. And if it demands a fare increase, so be it.
30. We're not mandating that, we're calling for an appeal of the
31. five percent gasoline tax. Now since the imposition of
32. that tax, I have heard from everybody in the collar counties is
33. just how...how bad that is, that we, in Cook in particular, have
34. the highest priced gasoline in the world or at least in this country.

1. I've...not been out of the country. And we're calling for the repeal of
2. that. We're saying to those same folks who were yelling about
3. it, we're going to take that six...five or six cents right off
4. the top, they can no longer have that. We're not going to give
5. them the authority to impose that. We are providing for the
6. differential and we are suggesting, as we have suggested in
7. the past, that the amount of money raised in the area, that
8. amount of money will be spent in that area. What I am suggesting,
9. very simply and in conclusion, Mr. President and Ladies and
10. Gentlemen, is that we have before us the opportunity to
11. embark on a four year program for major road repair and maintenance
12. across this State for the benefit of all the people of this State.
13. And we also provide, rightfully so, a long term financing plan
14. for the Regional Transportation Authority without which, frankly,
15. the City of Chicago and the County of Cook, cannot exist.
16. I urge everyone to vote Aye.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

18. ...Senator Shapiro.

19. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

20. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This
21. has been a long debate. I think most of the members of the Senate
22. have had ample opportunity to explain their feelings, ask questions.
23. I think everyone is aware of how they are going to vote. I think
24. everyone is aware of the philosophy, the dichotomies that exist the
25. differences that exist between the RTA and downstate. So I would,
26. therefore, ask for a favorable roll call on the adoption of this
27. amendment. Now, Mr. President, it's my understanding that this
28. amendment would be separated.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

30. Well, there has not been a request at this time for a
31. severance of the amendment. I presume there will be one, but
32. before that happens, Senator Regner asked for recognition and
33. I failed to see him. Senator Regner, the Chair does recognize

1. you at this time.

2. SENATOR REGNER:

3. Thank you, Mr. President. I apologize for...rising a second
4. time, but I just have...had a comment on one item that Senator
5. Rock said and we're certainly good friends, Phil, but when you
6. made the statement that this bill..this amendment provides for
7. a differential and for the earmarking that the funds be spent
8. in the area raised,it's just not a completely true statement.
9. There is no differential for the suburban area of Cook County,
10. which currently,prior to this amendment, was considered a
11. separate district in the RTA and it calls for earmarking,
12. currently. This amendment does not call for that. There is
13. no differential and it does not call for any earmarking of the
14. money being spent where raised, which probably will mean a
15. hundred and forty-eight million dollars out of the Cook County
16. suburban area with eighty to ninety percent of it going to the
17. CTA, the City of Chicago and the suburban area of Cook County
18. gets the shaft as they've been doing for many, many years down
19. here.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. All right. Now the Chair will rule on the request of
22. Senator DeAngelis as to the germaneness of Amendment No. 5.
23. The Chair rules that that Amendment No. 5 is germane in that
24. Senate Bill 889 is for the financing of the transportation
25. needs in the State of Illinois and the Chair does so rule.
26. Now, as to the request of Senator Bower as to the call of the
27. ...the proclamation called or issued by the Governor...in...on
28. page 1 of that proclamation in paragraph three,it is for our
29. public transportation systems and if you would refer to the
30. last paragraph,it also refers to increasing certain highway
31. user fees and taxes and phasing out diversionary uses of road
32. ...fund monies and partially offsetting resulting
33. increased General Revenue Fund Expenditures. The Chair rules

1. that the call...that the particular pieces of legislation are
2. within the call of the...the proclamation. Senator DeAngelis.
3. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. I do not chose to appeal the
5. ruling of the Chair since I consider the Chair wiser than I.
6. However, if there are other people here who see fit to be
7. wiser than the Chair, either inside or outside of this Body,
8. I would like to have the...the Chair's decision recorded.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

10. It is recorded electronically, forever. Senator Bowers.

11. SENATOR BOWERS:

12. Thank you, Mr. Chairman or Mr. President. I, too will not,
13. of course, appeal although I disagree with the...the ruling of
14. the Chair with respect to the call because you were reading from
15. a preamble and not from the call at all. I would like to make one
16. other point, Mr. President, for the record and ask for a ruling
17. of the Chair and I now quote from Article IV, Section 8 of the
18. Constitution, it said, "a bill shall be read by title on three
19. different days in each House." I suggest to the Chair that the
20. bill we have...we have before us is a totally different title and
21. has not been read three times in this House and I would ask for
22. a ruling of the Chair.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

24. The Chair rules that it is...it has been read the required
25. three times. Senator Rhoads.

26. SENATOR RHOADS: .

27. Just to explain on my colleagues on this side, after
28. consultation with...our colleagues in the House, so we will
29. not ask for a division of the question. Just vote it up or down.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

31. All right. Senator Washington.

32. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

33. A motion of the President, we did agree to explain votes.

1. How do you propose to handle that...or...do you wish to handle
2. that?

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

4. Well, the only way that the Chair can see to...to
5. make that arrangement is to leave the voting open and as you
6. request recognition, I will have to recognize you for explanation.
7. Senator Washington.

8. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

9. Well, perhaps no one's in the same boat I'm in. I don't
10. want to labor the point, but I do think, notwithstanding the
11. fact that the Senate...President Rock's chronology and explanation
12. was (Machine cut-off) and I have no basic argument with it. The
13. central fact is that this House, this Senate, has had no chance
14. to amend this bill and so, therefore, there is total and complete
15. unreadiness on my part. I don't want the public to get the
16. impression that we have had time to give it thorough consideration
17. to this bill in the entire process by which we've been elected
18. to perform, which includes the amendment process, because had
19. we gone through a 2nd reading on this kind of a bill, I am
20. certain that the result might well be different. I just wanted
21. to raise that point in...as a gloss upon Senator Rock's remarks.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

23. The mechanics...the mechanics that we will follow, would
24. be to take the vote, lock the board, there will be no changing
25. of the votes. Then the opportunity will be given to explain
26. the votes. The question is shall the Senate adopt the Conference
27. Committee Report...just a moment...just a moment...wrong card.
28. The question is shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 5,
29. 9, 24, 26, 45 and 57. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
30. Nay. On...on Senate Bill 889. Those in favor vote Aye. Those
31. opposed Nay. The voting is open. Have all those voted who
32. wish? Have all those voted who wish? Take the record. Now...
33. on that question the Ayes are 37, the Nays are 19. Just a moment.

1. The Senate does concur in House Amendments 5, 9, 24, 26, 45
2. and 57 on Senate Bill 889. And the bill having received the
3. required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator
4. Rhoads, for what purpose do you arise?

5. SENATOR RHOADS:

6. To request a...verification of the affirmative vote.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

8. There is a request for a verification. Will the members
9. please be in their seats. Secretary will call the affirmative
10. votes.

11. SECRETARY:

12. The following voted in the affirmative; Berman, Bloom, Bruce,
13. Buzbee, Carroll, Chew, Coffey, D'Arco, Daley, Davidson, Demuzio,
14. Donnewald, Egan, Gitz, Grotberg, Hall, Johns, Jeremiah Joyce,
15. Jerome Joyce, Knuppel, Lemke, Maitland, Martin, McLendon, McMillan,
16. Merlo, Nash, Nedza, Nega, Rupp, Savickas, Shapiro, Sommer, Vadalabene,
17. Weaver, Wooten, Mr. President.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

19. Senator Rhoads. The roll has been verified and for the
20. purpose of the record, the bill having received the affirmative
21. vote of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately
22. upon its becoming a law. Senator Johns.

23. SENATOR JOHNS:

24. The vote by which Senate Bill 889 was...

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

26. Senator Johns moves to reconsider. Senator Vadalabene moves...
27. that lie on the Table. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those
28. opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. Does anyone
29. seek recognition for explanation of votes? Thank you. Messages
30. from the House. I'm sorry, that...that has been read in. Senate
31. Bill 890, Senator Shapiro. Just a moment. Senator Egan, for what
32. purpose do you arise?

33. SENATOR EGAN:

1. Yes, I would request of Senator Walsh, if this is the
2. appropriate time for the Conference Committee to meet? And
3. if it is, Senator Walsh, we'll meet in Senator Rock's office
4. immediately. John Matijevich is here, I know that Representative
5. McPike was here. If you can hear me, we're meeting in Senator
6. Rock's office immediately.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

8. Senator Walsh.

9. SENATOR WALSH:

10. Just to respond to Senator Egan. There is no appropriate
11. time for any of the things we're doing down here today.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

13. All right. Senator...they're...Amendment No. 1 to...House
14. Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 990..890, I'm sorry. Senator
15. Shapiro.

16. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

17. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
18. Senate Bill 890 is before us with one House Bill. It increases
19. the bonding authority for highway and mass transit construction
20. and capital bonds. The overview of the amendment allows for the
21. four hundred million dollar increase in transportation...not A
22. Bonds, which are used strictly for highway construction. This
23. will raise the authorization to 1.362 billion. Two hundred
24. million is the earmark for the counties and the RTA area and two
25. hundred million is earmarked for the ninety-six counties outside
26. the RTA area. In addition...

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Excuse me, Senator Shapiro. May we have some order please.
29. Will...you please clear the aisles. Will we please take our caucuses
30. off the Floor. We're certainly happy to have many of the House
31. members here, but will you please not engage the Senate members
32. in conversation till we conclude our business. Senator Shapiro.

33. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

1. In addition, it also provides for increased bonding authority
2. in the form of Transportation B Bonds for mass transit capital
3. and construction. It increases by two hundred million to four
4. hundred and seventy-five million for mass transit capital and
5. construction. A hundred and eighty million is earmarked for
6. counties in the RTA area, twenty million is earmarked for the
7. ninety-six counties outside the RTA area. In summary, this
8. increases the bonding authority by six hundred million, from
9. 1.237 billion to 1.837 billion. If there are any questions, I'll
10. be more than happy to answer them. It is purely a bonding
11. authorization increase.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. Is there discussion? Senator Buzbee.

14. SENATOR BUZBEE:

15. Thank you, Mr. President. More as...of an explanation
16. of my vote beforehand, rather than speech against or for. I'm
17. kind of hooked on the horns of a dilemma here because...

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. Can we have some order, please. Gentlemen would you...
20. can we clear the center aisle. Can we clear the aisle on
21. the Democratic side.

22. SENATOR BUZBEE:

23. ...thank you, Mr. President.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. Senator Buzbee.

26. SENATOR BUZBEE:

27. Thank you. Assuming that the votes on this bill hold firm
28. ...if the affirmative votes all for the most part vote Aye again
29. and the negative votes vote No again, Senator Wooten has already
30. expressed his intention to vote No on this bill and it is my
31. intention to vote No on this bill, even though I voted Aye
32. on the other one. In the early days or sometime during the
33. Oglivie administration, some of our predecessors voted for a

1. six hundred million dollar highway bonding program to build
2. supplemental freeways. The Legislators in my part of the
3. State were absolutely assured that the supplemental freeway
4. from southern Illinois into St. Louis was number one priority
5. on that list. We found out later, of course, that almost every
6. supplemental freeway in the State had been promised as the
7. number one priority and that they would...theirs would be
8. built first. As a result, almost none of them were built.
9. We increased the bonding authority for Series A Highway
10. Bonds by two hundred million and I think in 1974 we increased
11. it again by another hundred and fifty or a hundred and sixty
12. million, whatever it was, a few years later. And all of that
13. money has been expended...and the construction of...of airports
14. and repair and maintenance of highways, very, very few new
15. highways were, in fact, built. Now we were a part of that
16. decision in that we voted later to allow the Department of
17. Transportation to issue those bonds for those purposes other
18. than for building supplemental freeways. We were told at the
19. time that we had to do that to be able to capture Federal
20. dollars. We are always capturing Federal dollars by issuing
21. more and more bonds. Bonding...rather government of the
22. bonding houses by the bonding houses and for the bonding houses
23. started under the Oglivie administration. It got much worse
24. under the Walker administration and now we've seen it come
25. full circle under the Thompson administration to the point where
26. every bit of capital construction we do in this State is now
27. bonded. We got to the point in Capital Development Bonds of
28. even bonding carpeting for twenty-five years, some cases light
29. bulbs and so forth. And when those light bulbs wear out and
30. that carpeting wears out, we're going to continue paying for
31. them for twenty-five years. I am convinced that the time has
32. come in this State when we've got to start paying for some
33. of these Capital projects...out of current revenue and not,

1. bonded all the time. Now, I'm also bright enough to understand that
2. you can't build all the highways that we want to build or do
3. all the repair and maintenance and do all of the mass transit
4. things that we need to do without some bonding. If this bill
5. were stated in...in terms of a hundred and thirty million
6. dollars of bonding authorization for this Fiscal Year, which
7. is my understanding is the amount that is needed for Fiscal 1980,
8. I would vote Aye on this bill, even though I still think that
9. we've got to start doing some of our...we've got to start doing
10. some of our construction out of current revenue, but I would...
11. would have support it. The total bonding authorization that's
12. needed in this Fiscal Year had the bill been stated that way,
13. but it's been stated, in effect, for the four Fiscal Years.
14. It's my opinion the Department of Transportation ought to come
15. back to us each year and say these are the amounts of bonds
16. that we need. The debt service on bond issuance this year,
17. in the State of Illinois, is something like two hundred and
18. seventy million dollars. That's how much we're paying in
19. debt service. We've simply...it's very, very easy for any
20. current Governor or any current Legislator to make these kinds
21. of decisions because we get the benefits immediately and we
22. tell our children, but you have to pay for them when you grow
23. up and become taxpayers. By then the facilities will be worn
24. out or at least in need of major repair and maintenance, but
25. you'll still be paying for them. It just seems to me that's
26. not the right way for us to continue going. I think a...a very
27. good parallel could be drawn between...a very good analogy
28. could be drawn between what we do in bonding and what we do
29. with the pension systems of this State. It's very easy
30. for us to ignore those needs right now and to put off paying
31. the bill for several years. I just think we've got to stop
32. this. I am expressing that philosophical hang-up today by
33. a No vote on this bill. Thank you very much.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Knuppel.

3. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

4. Well, Mr. Chairman and members of the Body and particularly
5. Senator Wooten and Senator Buzbee. Don't act so shocked and
6. indignant gentlemen, as Senator McMillan has told you, you have
7. already been compromised. We're merely now dickering for the
8. price. That's that old Bernard Shaw joke, you know, but it's
9. true. Don't expect a chip to come in unless you send a chip
10. out.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Further discussion? Senator Berning.

13. SENATOR BERNING:

14. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to elaborate a
15. little bit further on the points made by Senator Buzbee. I think
16. it's important to point out that our present bonded indebtedness
17. under the A Series is almost one billion dollars, nine hundred,
18. sixty-two million dollars. Now it's very nice to add to that
19. this proposed four hundred million dollars, if you have no
20. conscience, and say all right we'll pass this and benefit from
21. road programs and we don't have to face the voters when the
22. time comes to pay the freight. I think it's totally unconscionable
23. to increase that bonded indebtedness at the expense of future
24. generations. We have already burdened the future generations
25. with an inordinate amount of bonded indebtedness in both the
26. Series A and Series B. Series B is somewhere in the neighborhood
27. of two hundred and twenty-five million dollars, now we want to
28. add two hundred to that. The Series A, as I said, is almost
29. a billion dollars, we want to add four hundred million to that.
30. That is morally wrong. We ought not to do that, we ought not
31. to be mortgaging the future of our children, grandchildren and
32. their children. I urge everyone to reject Senate Bill 890 as
33. amended.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. There's been a request by the Associated Press, United

3. Press International to shoot some still photographs. Is there

4. leave? Leave is granted. Senator Geo-Karis.

5. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

6. Will the sponsor yield to a question?

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. ...Senator Shapiro. Senator Shapiro. Senator Geo-Karis

9. asks if you will respond to a question. Indicate...

10. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

11. Would...would...this, the passage of this bill be necessary

12. in order to obtain the vast Federal funding that's to be allocated

13. to Illinois?

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

15. Senator Shapiro.

16. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

17. Yes, it would.

18. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

19. So, if we do not pass this bill, we will not get the

20. funding. Am I correct, Senator?

21. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

22. That's right.

23. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

24. In that case, I have to speak in favor of this bill 'cause

25. I certainly have been...we've been raped long enough by the

26. Federal Government and we better get some of the fruits back.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. Further discussion? Senator Wooten.

29. SENATOR WOOTEN:

30. Thank you, Mr. President. I think the point needs to be

31. made again that we don't need an authorization of this size.

32. The amount that we're...we're talking about if we want to lock

33. up'the Federal funds of something like fourteen million dollars,

1. I believe. The Secretary of Transportation has not expressed
2. it to me, but I've heard it said and...that he is worried that
3. he couldn't get the additional authorization next year nor
4. in years preceding reapportionment and so on. But I hope
5. you listen to the facts given you by Senator Buzbee. We are
6. paying a fearsome price for building highways by bonding and
7. the price if going to accelerate. Now what we did in the last
8. bill was to put some money back in to the General Revenue
9. Fund that we've been spending in RTA, it's doesn't necessarily
10. follow that we have to bond ourselves beyond all reason. Now
11. once again, this is a splendid example of short term legislation.
12. We are not dealing with what we need in the short term. We are
13. trying to get things set up for the future so that we don't
14. have to make painful decisions. But I tell you, I realize a
15. goodly number of...of us, decide not to run from one year to
16. the next and the problem is no longer ours. But there are some
17. of us who would like to stay around for awhile and the prospect
18. of having to deal with paying off these bonds, not having a road
19. program, and that's our problem right now. It's costing us so much
20. on bonds, we don't have money left for a road program. Well if
21. it's that bad now, think how bad it's going to be. Not for the
22. next election, you're safe there, but think past that election
23. and the kind of trouble we will be in. I just don't think it's
24. a wise move to authorize this amount. If you want to call it back
25. and cut it down, I'm interested, but not this amount.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Further discussion? Senator Rock...for what purpose does
28. Senator Buzbee arise? Senator Buzbee.

29. SENATOR BUZBEE:

30. I...I wanted to speak a second time, Mr. President.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Okay, Senator Rock.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
2. Senate. I rise in support of the motion to concur in House
3. Amendment No. 1. What we are doing here is, firming up our
4. commitment to a four year road program and mass transit program.
5. And by virtue of this commitment, we will be insuring that
6. we will not lose the 1.1 billion in formula highway funding
7. grants that the Federal Government would otherwise have given
8. us. We will not lose, which we could without this, three hundred
9. million in discretionary highway funding grants. We will not
10. lose six hundred million in formula transit funding for replace-
11. ment of buses and rolling stock. And we will not lose 1.2 billion
12. dollars in interstate transfer funds. It just seems to me that
13. given this embarcation on a four year road program, this is
14. a vital part of it. And to suggest as some have, that we somehow
15. lose the accountability factor, simply isn't...isn't quite accurate.
16. Each and every year there is an appropriation bill that comes
17. before this Assembly, which appropriates these bond funds. And
18. if, in fact, we find that they are not being utilized for the
19. purpose which was represented initially, then it's...I suggest
20. to you that we can do something about it. But I think in terms
21. of the massive restructuring of our road program financing, this
22. is an integral part of it and I would urge an Aye Vote.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24. Further discussion? Senator...Senator Buzbee.

25. SENATOR BUZBEE:

26. Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor, Mr.
27. President. Senator Shapiro.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. ...Senator Buzbee.

30. SENATOR BUZBEE:

31. Yes. Senator Shapiro...let's assume for a minute that
32. thirty-six votes are not...attained on Senate Bill 890. If
33. that were to happen, would it, in fact, not be possible for

1. you to put the bill on postponed Consideration, bring it back
2. to 2nd reading to put an amendment on to make the amount one
3. hundred and thirty million dollars, which is my understanding
4. is the amount needed for this Fiscal Year, then return it to
5. 3rd, vote it out of here, send it to the House for their
6. concurrence with the one hundred and thirty million. All
7. I'm saying is, that I'll vote for that. I won't vote for
8. six hundred million.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Senator Shapiro.

11. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

12. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I
13. think the problem is that the bill is on Concurrence and I think
14. it would be difficult to get it into a Conference Committee
15. to accomplish this.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Senator Buzbee.

18. SENATOR BUZBEE:

19. Well...a...yes...parliamentary. From a parliamentary point
20. of view I was incorrect and...and you are correct, of course,
21. it would have to go to a Conference Committee rather than back
22. to 2nd. However, I don't understand why it would be difficult
23. for us to get into a Conference Committee, we do that all the
24. time. I'm just giving you an alternative in the event that you
25. don't get thirty-six votes.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Is there further discussion? Senator Shapiro may close
28. the debate.

29. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

30. Roll call.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. The question is shall the Senate concur in House Amendment
33. No. 1 to Senate Bill 890. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed
34. vote Nay, The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have

1. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the Ayes
2. are 39, the Nays are 17, none Voting Present. The Senate does
3. concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 890 and the bill
4. having received the required constitutional majority is declared
5. passed and having received the affirmative votes of three-fifths
6. of the members elected is effective immediately upon its becoming
7. a law. Senator Johns.

8. SENATOR JOHNS:

9. ...having voted on the prevailing side...

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

11. Senator Johns, having voted on the...prevailing side
12. moves to reconsider the vote by which...

13. SENATOR JOHNS:

14. ...Senate Bill 890...

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

16. ...the Senate concurred in House Amendment No. 1. Senator
17. Vadalabene moves that that motion lie upon the Table. On a
18. Motion to Table all in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes
19. have it. The Motion to Table prevails. For what purpose does
20. Senator Rock arise?

21. SENATOR ROCK:

22. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of
23. the Senate. I understand that the conferees on the Second
24. Conference Committee on Senate Bill 669 have met in my office
25. and the report is, in fact, being printed for distribution
26. to the membership. So I would suggest it should be here in
27. about two minutes. And if we could just stand at ease for a
28. minute or two, we'll get it distributed to everybody and then everybody
29. will have an adequate chance to look it over.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

31. The Senate will stand at ease for...two minutes. The...
32. will come to order. For what purpose does Senator Vadalabene
33. rise?

1. SENATOR VADALABENE:

2. Yes...yes, thank you Mr. President and members of the
3. Senate. While you're getting some order and everybody is
4. getting back to their seats, I think I have something that's
5. germane to transportation and I would like at this time to
6. make an announcement that since I've seen my colleagues that
7. Senator Sam has...run twice. He's won once and...and came in
8. forth. So it looks like transportation has a bright future,
9. not only in the State of Illinois, but also at the race tracks.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

11. For what purpose does Senator Newhouse arise?

12. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

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

14. PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR BRUCE)

15. State your point.

16. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

17. And I...I wish the Senate...the Senators would...there's a
18. message I think you...you would all like to hear, at least be
19. notified of. I talked to Senator Fred Smith's wife a few minutes
20. ago to find that the Senator has fell and broke his hip and
21. apparently had been hospitalized for more than thirty days.
22. I thought you'd all like to know so that you can send whatever
23. kind of message you'd like to send individually to him, but I
24. want to share that with you. He's at home now...he is at home
25. presently recuperating. ...Well, apparently so, it's a broken
26. hip result and he's at home now and...his wife, I told his
27. wife I would made the announcement on the...on the Floor.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. What purpose does Senator...what purpose does Senator
30. Nash arise?

31. SENATOR NASH:

32. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
33. Would you please let the record show that Senator Maragos is

1. absent today due...because of illness.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. The record will...the Journal will so reflect. Senator
4. Berman.

5. SENATOR BERMAN:

6. On that same subject, I thought I would bring the Senate
7. up-to-date. Sam had a...a heart attack, as you recall, on the
8. day of our Special Session. It's a mild one, he was kicked out
9. of the hospital after two weeks and I talked to him today. He
10. sends his best to all of you. He'd be down here, but his wife
11. chained him to the bed pursuant to doctor's orders, but he's
12. doing just fine. He expresses his best regards to all of us.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. For what purpose does Senator Walsh arise?

15. SENATOR WALSH:

16. Mr. President, just to have the Journal reflect that
17. Senator Ozinga is absent because...of illness.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. The Journal will so reflect.

20. SENATOR WALSH:

21. And...and Senator Keats as well because he is on military
22. duty.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24. The Journal will so reflect. Senator Keats is absent due
25. to military duty. Senator...for what purpose does Senator
26. Wooten arise?

27. SENATOR WOOTEN:

28. Mr. President, I would like to alert the members of the
29. Senate to the scheduled meetings of the Executive Committee.
30. If you'll recall, last spring I asked all members to defer
31. hearings on Constitutional Amendments because of the press of
32. legislation. I indicated at that time, we would hold committee
33. hearings on Constitutional Amendments during the Veto Session.

1. I have scheduled four such meetings on the 16th and 17th of
2. October, on the 30th and 31st of October. Senate Joint
3. Resolution 25 on merit selection will be heard on the 16th.
4. I would like to group...hearing...I'd like to group proposed
5. amendments on structure of the General Assembly...the initiative.
6. I'd like to have special meetings on those, but I do not wish
7. to schedule a meeting if you do not want one called. I would
8. appreciate it very much if you would let me know. Some people
9. have told me, quite frankly, they do not intend to call their
10. Constitutional Amendment for hearing at this time. If you
11. would let me know soon, then we can accommodate everyone. I
12. will not put out the committee meeting notice until the 3rd
13. of October. The only one I'm scheduling for certain, is
14. merit selection, Senate Joint Resolution 25, after Session
15. on October the 16th. Those of you who have Constitutional
16. Amendments to be heard, please let me know what your wishes
17. are and I'll get them scheduled in that four day period.
18. Thank you, Mr. President.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. It is my understanding that the Conference Committee
21. Report has been signed and filed and is on the...is on the...
22. the members desk at this time, so you might want to take a
23. look at it. We will get to it momentarily. For what purpose
24. does Senator Nash arise?

25. SENATOR NASH:

26. Since we're reading the report right now, I'd like to
27. make an announcement, most of you have noticed this. Next
28. Thursday, a week from tonight, our Senate baseball team was
29. challenged to a baseball game by Chicago Sun Times. It will
30. be played up in Chicago, it's a night game. It's 7:30 p. m.
31. at Thillins Stadium. All of you received notices, but in
32. case someone didn't see their notice, don't forget to attend.
33. We were challenged by the Sun Times, now we got to win this game.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
2. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions? Resolutions.
3. SECRETARY:
4. Senate Joint Resolution No. 2 offered by Senator Donnewald.
5. (Secretary reads SJR 2)
6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
7. Senator Donnewald.
8. SENATOR DONNEWALD:
9. I move for the adoption of that resolution.
10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
11. The motion is to adopt. Is there discussion? All in
12. favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it, the resolution
13. is adopted. Further resolutions?
14. SECRETARY:
15. No further resolutions.
16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
17. Consideration of Conference Committee Reports.
18. SECRETARY:
19. Second Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 669.
20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
21. Senator Egan is recognized as Chairman of the Conference
22. Committee. Senator Egan.
23. SENATOR EGAN:
24. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I
25. would move that we concur in the Conference Committee Report
26. signed by all of the members. An explanation has been circulated.
27. It dovetails completely with Senate Bill 890. It is the appropriation
28. for that bill and the explanation is quite complete. I would suggest
29. that rather than explain it vocally now, you take a look at that,
30. if there are any questions, I'm happy to answer them.
31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)
32. Is there discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.
33. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

1. I was look...thank you, Mr. President. I didn't have a
2. copy of the explanation. Would you give us a few minutes to
3. just look at it, please.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

5. Is there discussion? Senator Regner.

6. SENATOR REGNER:

7. Mr. President and members, just an observation. This
8. was put together, I assume, about a week or so ago with no
9. public hearings, maybe just ten members of the General Assembly
10. knowing about it, knowing what's in it. And just...the only
11. observation I have, so much for open...government, and I'm
12. sure the Governor was involved in it. So I hope he gets the
13. message that we would like to see more open government coming
14. from the second floor.

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

16. Further discussion? Senator Berning.

17. SENATOR BERNING:

18. Thank you, Mr. President. Just another brief observation.
19. In a sense, the members of the Senate have been stampeded into
20. accepting what has been touted as a very, very, necessary road
21. building program and I point out to the members of the Senate,
22. that while this does represent a substantial amount of money
23. in terms of the total need for highway construction, it is
24. minuscule and, therefore, the damage we are doing is in no way
25. commensurate with the expense that we are in...saddling our
26. citizenry with. I think we made a serious mistake and I regret
27. the action of the Senate.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Further discussion? Senator Netsch.

30. SENATOR NETSCH:

31. I have a question of the sponsor.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. Indicates...Senator Egan? Indicates he will yield, Senator
34. Netsch.

1. SENATOR NETSCH:

2. Is there somewhere buried within this bill, the approximately
3. fourteen million dollars that is necessary for local match to
4. capture the famous seventy-million dollars that we are about
5. to lose?

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Senator Egan.

8. SENATOR EGAN:

9. Yes.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

11. Senator Netsch.

12. SENATOR NETSCH:

13. Would you tell me where?

14. SENATOR EGAN:

15. Yes, it's in the Series B Bond, Mass Transit Bonds. It
16. increases them by forty million to fifty-five million to reflect
17. the increased program. The section...

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. (Machine cut-off)...Egan.

20. SENATOR EGAN:

21. I...this is kind of fun, Mr. President. We get along very
22. well sitting next...side by side. We normally have no trouble
23. talking one to the other, but this is fun. It's on...it's on page 3,
24. Senator Netsch...on about line 6.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

26. Further questions, Senator Netsch?

27. SENATOR NETSCH:

28. I have no further questions. I guess my only comment is
29. that a part of this bill is the only thing we really had to
30. do today.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. Further discussion? Senator Egan my close.

33. SENATOR EGAN:

1. I ask for your vote...and then we can go home, gentlemen.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. The question is shall the Senate adopt the Conference

4. Committee Report on Senate Bill 669. Those in favor vote Aye.

5. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted

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

7. question the Ayes are 44, the Nays are 11, 1 Voting Present. The

8. Senate does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to

9. Senate Bill 669 and the bill having received the required consti-

10. tutional majority is declared passed and having received affirmative

11. votes of three-fifths of the members elected is effective immediately

12. upon...upon its becoming a law. For what purpose does Senator

13. Donnewald arise?

14. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

15. Well, yes, pursuant...if there's no other business to come

16. before the Senate and pursuant to the Adjournment Resolution,

17. I move...I now move that the Second Special Session adjourn

18. sine die.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. The motion is to adjourn. Is there discussion of the motion?

21. Senator Rock.

22. SENATOR ROCK:

23. No, not on the motion, I'm certainly in favor of that. I

24. would just remind the members that we will again meet in Regular

25. Session on October the 3rd at the hour of noon and we will meet

26. on the 16th and 17th and the 18th of October to handle the

27. Governor's Messages.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. On the motion to adjourn...are there further announcements?

30. Motion by Senator Donnewald to adjourn, sine die. Is there discussion?

31. All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion

32. to adjourn prevails.

33.