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1. PRESIDENT:

2. All right, the Senate in its 3rd Special Session of the  
3. 81st General Assembly will come to order. Reading of the  
4. Journal. Senator Nega.

5. SENATOR NEGA:

6. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the  
7. Journals of Wednesday, October 31st, Thursday, November the  
8. 1st, and Tuesday, November the 6th, in the year 1979, be  
9. postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. You've heard the motion. All in favor signify by saying  
12. Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered. All right,  
13. if you'll turn to page 2 on the Calendar. The 3rd Special  
14. Session on the Order of House Bills 2nd reading. Mr. Secretary,  
15. on the Order of House Bills 2nd reading, is House Bill 2796.  
16. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

17. SECRETARY:

18. House Bill 2796.

19. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

20. 2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue offers one  
21. amendment.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. For what purpose does Senator Geo-Karis arise?

24. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

25. A point of information, Mr. President. Can you tell me  
26. how many amendments you have on this bill?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. We have one committee amendment, and three Floor amendments.

29. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

30. Thank you.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. For what purpose does Senator Geo-Karis arise?

33. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

1. Mr. President, a point of inquiry. You say there are...  
2. there is one committee amendment, and three Floor amendments.  
3. We have received, at least, my...I have received the committee  
4. amendment, but I have not received any of the copies of the  
5. Floor amendments.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Will those Senators that have prepared their Floor amend-  
8. ments please make their copies available to Senator Geo-Karis,  
9. and all other Senators who request them. Senator Sangmeister.  
10. Senator Sangmeister.

11. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

12. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. One  
13. wonders at this time as to how much debate is necessary on this  
14. amendment, I presume that all of you have a very good idea by  
15. this time as to what's involved, if you haven't been down to the  
16. second floor and found out by now, or if you haven't...haven't  
17. received a call from the City of Chicago to explain to you what's  
18. in this amendment, why you don't rank very high in your respective  
19. parties. I might say that...I might say at this point, I don't  
20. rank that high, because I didn't get that call, but those of us  
21. who are talking over here just a little earlier about what's been  
22. happening today, about, you know, where's the vote stand and who  
23. we are doing for what, and all of us thought that sometime  
24. today with all of the legislation that we've been considering  
25. we ought to do something for the people. You notice I pronounced  
26. that people, I do not pronounce it people, okay, but I do think  
27. that it is time that we do something for the people of the  
28. State of Illinois, and that's why I have offered this amendment  
29. to House Bill 2796. Once you understand there's no magic in  
30. this amendment, because I happen to be presenting it, I was  
31. asked to present this, there was a group of us who sat down  
32. together, and tried to look at a reasonable alternative. Though,  
33. was many of us that felt that we should have given back to you

1. 2564 all over again, and there are still plenty that feel that  
2. that's the course that we should have taken. I have felt that  
3. to do that is just throwing it in the face of the Governor, and  
4. he could then logically say well you're only trying to politically  
5. embarrass me, and as a result I'm going to veto it again. This  
6. is a very viable alternative, and variable..very reasonable  
7. compromise to what the Governor is proposing. The reason we  
8. cannot buy the bill, is the Governor is proposing it, as a penny  
9. and a prayer is not enough. I am very happy, however, that  
10. the Governor has come to the decision that Sales Tax Relief is  
11. the way to go. We've heard a lot from the second floor, as to  
12. where we ought to be putting our emphasis, but now the Governor  
13. has come around to our thinking, that Sales Tax is the method  
14. of doing it, and the only question is now how are we going to  
15. do it. Getting into an explanation of what is in the bill for  
16. those who haven't followed it, very briefly, I want you to understand  
17. that the effective date of this bill is July 1st, 1980. That  
18. was not done without design, very candidly it was done to get  
19. votes, and that's the reason we're making that effective date,  
20. because then obviously we only need 30 votes over here, and  
21. we only need 89 votes over in the...the House. There are  
22. those who will rise on the Floor and say, my goodness, Senator  
23. Sangmeister and his amendment is trying to delay, trying to  
24. delay tax relief to the people of the State of Illinois, because  
25. it's not going to be effective on January 1st, it's only going  
26. to be effective on July 1st. Well, the way this bill is set,  
27. you will get your relief on July 1st, 1980, and you're going to  
28. get a penny then, three months later you're going to get another  
29. penny, and so all you have to wait is six months, and then three  
30. months more, or nine months, and you're going to get twice the  
31. relief in 1980 that the Governor has proposed. From then on,  
32. of course, we phase out the other two cents, on October 1st, 1981,  
33. and October 1st, 1982, and then, of course, all of the State

1. Tax is gone. We have also added into the bill, one Senator  
2. in committee feels that that shouldn't be in there, but  
3. really there's been a lot of talk about we ought to have some  
4. review as we go along from...from year to year. So, in the  
5. bill you will find that the Revenue Committee for the Senate  
6. and the Revenue Committee for the House, each year is to review  
7. to see whether or not the State of Illinois can still financially  
8. afford this kind of tax relief, and, of course, if not, then  
9. they are to make recommendations to this...their respective  
10. Bodies, and we should take action accordingly. Far better that  
11. we proceed with the tax relief being there and reviewing it  
12. rather than give a penny and...and a prayer afterward that we  
13. are going to grant the additional relief. Also, the other  
14. item that's been put in this bill, which really helps, and which  
15. really means is a compromise, is that we were hearing a lot of  
16. comment that local governments were going to be hurting, and that  
17. the State of Illinois couldn't afford to reimburse local govern-  
18. ments for the money that it was going to cost because of the  
19. hold harmless provision we had in House Bill 2564, because  
20. of that we have eliminated that entirely, there is no hold  
21. harmless, there is no repayment to local governments at all,  
22. what this will do, is merely take off the four cents that the  
23. State has levied. That in my opinion means, that local governments  
24. can do their own thing. Pursuant to the Statutory authority  
25. that we give them here, they have levied their own ordinances  
26. and levied their own taxes. So, if local governments back home  
27. want to get in tune with the State of Illinois, and remove the  
28. Sales Tax from food and drugs, then they can do it locally, and  
29. I think it's high time on that issue that we let the people  
30. back home talk to their local officials about whether they want  
31. to do it or not. If they want to preserve it, they can still  
32. preserve it. This is a good compromise, and I know there is a number of  
33. other people that what to speak on this bill. I hope that you're

1. with us. I know that there's been an awful lot of pressure  
2. obviously, and regardless of how the vote comes out on  
3. this I certainly want to commend those who have had the  
4. courage to stand up and actually think and vote for good tax  
5. relief for the people of the State of Illinois.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Is there further discussion? Senator Mitchler.

8. SENATOR MITCHLER:

9. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
10. I think for the record we should have it stated how we stand  
11. on this Sales Tax Relief. In the last part of June during the  
12. Regular Session, Senator Sangmeister, it was your side of the  
13. aisle that rose and made the statement that the only tax  
14. relief for the people of the State of Illinois, to come out  
15. of this Session, was going to be the removal of the Sales Tax  
16. on food and drugs in a phase-out program, as covered by 2654...  
17. 2564. All the other, and there were many of them, types of  
18. tax relief, were to be sent back to committee and held. Now,  
19. I listened to you, and I accepted your plan, you're in the Majority  
20. down here, you've got the votes to do whatever you want. You  
21. must remember though, as I had said earlier in the Session, when  
22. we started this, you've got two aces, you've got control of  
23. the Senate, you've got control of the House. We just got a  
24. pair of duces here, and in the House, but we happen to have  
25. a third duce and that's on the second floor, and three of a kind  
26. beat two of a kind anytime, and you're learning that. I really  
27. didn't want it to be learned in this particular piece of leg-  
28. islation, because I joined with you in having the only tax  
29. relief to go out to the people of the State of Illinois, was  
30. 2564, and I was one of the 37, in this Senate that voted for  
31. that tax relief, which was over the necessary number to over-  
32. ride the Governor's Veto, that I knew would be forthcoming,  
33. because he told us, and even in the light of that, I gave a vote

1. to that for the people of the State of Illinois. I wasn't  
2. bothered about the second floor. Now, the Governor did  
3. veto it, outright, which meant that there was no tax relief  
4. for the people of the State of Illinois, and FY'80, although  
5. we did raise taxes, and I'm not going to allude to all of the  
6. tax increases that we gave to them. Okay, where do we take it  
7. from there. I told the people in my district that I'd cast a  
8. vote to override the Governor, and give them what I promised  
9. them, and I'd hoped that we would, but then you saw a wedding  
10. take place, a beautiful wedding, and I don't think...I don't  
11. think that...I don't think that the Governor has...I don't  
12. think that the Governor has that much control over the General  
13. Assembly, but I know that a certain mayor, of a certain town  
14. up there in Northeastern Illinois, has control, she demonstrated  
15. it by the vote she took off of that bill over in the House, that  
16. was going to be the only tax relief for the people of the State  
17. of Illinois, and I simply say, when the mayor puts a pay check in  
18. your front pocket, she's got you in her hip pocket, and that's  
19. pure and simple what's going on down here. Now, the people  
20. of the State of Illinois know that, there's no way, and I,  
21. Senator Sangmeister, you and I talked about this and both  
22. of us agreed that we both would have liked to have seen 2564 come  
23. out here and put back into whatever bill came out in this  
24. Special Session, what we put through the first time, but the  
25. votes aren't here, they're not here in the House, and even  
26. if we put it on here, it would go over to the House and they'd  
27. knock it off again. The votes simply are not here to do that,  
28. or I'd put in the bill, the amendment into this bill. So,  
29. what do we have to do? Well, you're forced to take a compromise,  
30. but Senator Sangmeister in committee, and you...you and I  
31. talked this over, and I don't just refer to you, because I  
32. understand you have seventeen co-sponsors with this according  
33. to the remarks made in committee, but this amendment that you

1. put on our desks for the Revenue Committee to look at, I  
2. immediately saw some flaws and throughout the committee  
3. vote yesterday, on the amendment, and then on putting  
4. it out on the Floor, I voted Present, and I did that because  
5. I didn't fully understand it, and I had some questions, and  
6. if you people will look in the bill, you have it on your...  
7. on your desks, the amendment, Amendment No. 1, you will notice...  
8. now let me talk on this Senator Chew, will you, you can have  
9. a chance I sat through here, this idea of having...the idea  
10. of having the Senate Revenue Committee meet in February to review  
11. this whole problem. Senator Sangmeister, you and I are both  
12. going to be in primary elections, I don't know if we're going  
13. to have any competition or not, but I know both of us will  
14. be actively engaged, as many others in this Body, and  
15. all of the members of the House, and why should we be meeting  
16. on this, unless you want to get some political hay out of  
17. something...talking about it just before a primary election.  
18. That can be done by a Senate Joint Resolution, it should not  
19. be in the Statutes, we don't have to ask the Governor to sign  
20. anything, whether we can have our Revenue Committees meet to talk  
21. about any subject, and that the superfluous in the bill, and I  
22. ...I don't know why, or whoever drafted this ever thought of  
23. putting it in. Then the point that I really have a problem  
24. with, is the fact that it's no tax relief in FY'80, and when  
25. I go back home after this Session...

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator, could you bring your remarks to a close.

28. SENATOR MITCHLER:

29. All right, if one of the other Senators will yield me a  
30. little time. The...you'll have no tax relief for FY '80. Oh,  
31. you'll say but we're going to give it to you in July, well that's  
32. six months you've got to be standing and stuttering, and stammering  
33. around trying to explain to the people, and I'm not controlled by...

1. down there. I went down, I had a visit with the Governor,  
2. we talked about a lot of things, we talked about this bill,  
3. and I didn't give him any promise on anything, on this I  
4. didn't know what amendments, I don't know what amendments  
5. are going to come out of here. I might be able to support  
6. some, but at this particular time, this amendment is nothing  
7. but a marshmallow amendment, and a bird in the hand is worth  
8. two in the bush. You're not getting anything until FY'81,  
9. and we're going to be back here for six months next year and  
10. the pressure that will be on you for tax relief then, I hope  
11. that you give them far beyond what this marshmallow amendment  
12. intends to do, and the thing that amazes me is that you're  
13. exempting...

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close?

16. SENATOR MITCHLER:

17. I'll conclude them. That you've exempted, you've exempted  
18. the removal of Sales Tax on the food and medicine of the RTA  
19. Sales Tax. Now, why should you have to pay Sales Tax on food  
20. and medicine to the RTA Sales Tax when you take it off the rest  
21. of the State. Now, Senator Sangmeister, you've...somebody's  
22. drafted a resolution...or rather an amendment here that is  
23. absolutely marshmallow all the way through. Get something  
24. meaningful and I'll support you.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Is there further discussion? Senator Rhoads.

27. SENATOR RHOADS:

28. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
29. I rise in support of House Amendment No. 1...Senate Amendment  
30. No. 1 to House Bill 2796. First of all, I think Governor...  
31. this administration can be justifiably proud of its efforts  
32. at fiscal responsibility and fiscal restraint, and I have  
33. tried on numerous appropriation bills over a period of three



1. years to support the Governor in his efforts to keep spending  
2. in line, and I think he's done an excellent job. I think his  
3. concern over fiscal responsibility has led him to his  
4. strenuous opposition to this bill. On the other hand I think  
5. that our constituent are asking for meaningful tax relief. The  
6. question we're left with then is, is this meaningful tax relief?  
7. What does it work out to? We tend to look at it from a  
8. governmental stand point, it's going to cost us revenue, forty-  
9. one million dollars the first year, a hundred and thirty-five  
10. on that order the second year, and some six hundred million dollars  
11. beginning after October of 1982, at that time it will mean  
12. to the average taxpayer, thirty-three dollars, thirty-three  
13. dollars over the...course of a year, and that may not be a great  
14. deal of money to most of the people in this Chamber, but it is  
15. a significant amount of money when you multiply it out by all  
16. the taxpayers in this State. What it will mean is putting back  
17. into the private sector, back into stimulating the economy of  
18. this State some six hundred million dollars, that otherwise  
19. would be swallowed up by the parasitic bureaucracy. Now,  
20. that's a very important point to think about, especially  
21. as we go into a recession. The argument was made yesterday  
22. in committee by Senator Rock and others that we would be  
23. foolish, I think that was his word to bind future General  
24. Assemblies, to put restraints on future General Assemblies  
25. in terms of a taxing policy. Just consider for a moment the  
26. other side of the coin, don't we...repeatedly week in and week  
27. out, month in and month out put future spending programs into  
28. motion, which future General Assemblies are left with no choice  
29. except to ratify. It seems to me that the job of this General  
30. Assembly to set into motion a commitment, a full commitment  
31. over the course of three years, to a taxing policy which will  
32. eventually remove, at least, the State portion of this Sales  
33. Tax on food and medicine. I think the people of my district

1. will benefit as much as the people in anyone else's district.  
2. I think it's long overdue. So, what I'm saying in a sense  
3. is, there's been a great deal more heat than light shed on this  
4. bill, we're talking about a maximum revenue loss to the  
5. State after 1982 of some six hundred million dollars, frankly  
6. we could almost afford to take off the full four pennies  
7. in the next year if we really set our minds to it, and it  
8. will force us to set new spending priorities, and force  
9. us to trim sails a little bit. Thank you, Mr. President.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. Senator Hall.

12. SENATOR HALL:

13. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of  
14. the Senate. I rise in support of Amendment 1, to House Bill  
15. 2796. We have promised, we have stood steadfast, and said that  
16. what we were going to do, we were going to come with one  
17. program, shove everything else and at long last give your con-  
18. stitutents, make it at long last the thing that we had promised  
19. them. Now, what have we done, I too, Senator will be running  
20. in the primary, but I can't let something like that say that  
21. I...an amendment in the bill that coming back here at that  
22. time to give my constitutents and your constitutents and all  
23. the constitutents throughout the State of Illinois, I'm more  
24. than willing to come back to spend some time here, but the  
25. bottom line is this, is that this is a relief that has been  
26. promised people. This is something, I'm not happy with taking  
27. this like it is, I would rather see the whole five cents go, and  
28. I'm willing to vote that way, but you've got to be reasonable,  
29. and you've got to understand that when you give your word, when  
30. people look forward to it, and another thing we're not being  
31. fiscally irresponsible. We got all the facts and figures from  
32. both the Treasury and the Comptroller saying that the State  
33. is in good shape. They can stand to do this, I'm simply saying

1. this, stand up, vote your conscience, don't let your manhood  
2. be taken away from you. Vote what you think is right, stand  
3. up, and vote for this. I support this one hundred percent.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Senator Netsch, do you want to answer him or...Senator  
6. Newhouse.

7. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

8. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, and Senators,  
9. we started off this year with a lovefest between the second  
10. floor in Springfield, and the fifth floor of City Hall in  
11. Chicago, and out of that came a transportation package, and  
12. it seems as if everything has flowed from that transportation  
13. package. If we look at the record of debate on the transportation  
14. package, some of our good downstate colleagues, said that this  
15. is one of the worst bills we've ever seen, but we're going  
16. to take the money and run, I don't blame them, I think that  
17. was quite adequate. What did we get out of it as an urban  
18. program? Well, yesterday my constituent went down to the  
19. Public Transportation System and dropped an additional ten  
20. cents in the box, that was an increase in the fare of twenty  
21. percent, yesterday also, my constituents went down and paid  
22. an extra cent on sales tax, an increase again of twenty percent.  
23. We in this Body gave away without referendum an increase of  
24. twenty-five percent to the Park District, being fiscally re-  
25. sponsible, and now we come down to Cook County Hospital, which  
26. is on its way to distruction as a consequence of the amendment  
27. that was passed today, and make no mistake about it, no one is  
28. being kidded about that, and now we come down to the question  
29. of food and medicine, the very basics. Someone talked about  
30. compromise, are you suggesting to me that anybody in this  
31. Body from the City of Chicago can go back to people who are  
32. paying a twenty percent increase in fare box, a twenty percent  
33. in Sales Tax, and say to them, that we're going to give you a

1. penny back as tax relief, you've got to be kidding. Any one  
2. of you who went on public transportation yesterday and was  
3. indentifiable as a Legislator, and watched some of those people  
4. who work very hard for their money, drop an extra ten cents  
5. in that fare box unexpectedly you might have wanted to find  
6. a place to hide, they are furious and all you have to do is  
7. stand at the cash register at one of our retail outlets today,  
8. yesterday, or the day before, and listen not to the customers  
9. who are squawking but the retail merchants who are getting their  
10. brains beat out. Based upon the actions that we in this Body  
11. calling ourselves fiscally responsible placed upon our retailers,  
12. and now we're going to say to them, that we're going to reduce  
13. one cent as a grandgesture for tax relief, get out of here. Any-  
14. body in his right mind who tries to campaign on that issue  
15. can hang it up, and I'm afraid that some of us in this Body  
16. are going to hang it up specifically on that issue, and I'm  
17. sorry to see you go. It's a grave we've dug for some of our  
18. constituents and for the next ten years in this State the  
19. repercussions going to come, redistricting next year, and  
20. it's going to affect redistricting, any of us who are willing  
21. either as an individual or a party to throw away the opportunity  
22. to draw those lines, has not thought very clearly about what  
23. the consequences are going to be. Those are the issues underlining  
24. the vote we are about to cast. This is a good amendment, it's  
25. a responsible amendment, Senator Sangmeister, your amendment  
26. provides for us to take a look in the event of an economy down-  
27. turn, and that is wise. So, no one can be critical of the  
28. notion that a final downturn will disrupt this State to such  
29. an effect that it cannot recover. It's a responsible amendment  
30. it ought to pass, I'm going to vote for it, and would ask all  
31. Senators to join in, a vote for passage of this amendment.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. Senator, we have in the following order, Senator Wooten,  
Geo-Karis, Knuppel, Buzbee, Daley, Gitz, Carroll, Davidson, Netsch

1. and Graham, that sought recognition. Senator Wooten.

2. SENATOR WOOTEN:

3. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to tag onto  
4. Senator Newhouse's statements. I alluded earlier to the  
5. marvelous position we're in in Cook County, where everyone  
6. has either been given the opportunity to pay more in taxes  
7. more in fares, than they can anticipate further increases  
8. over the next few years in our benevolence and wisdom,  
9. we've given them that at the urging of Cook County Legislators.  
10. So, I would assume that Cook County Legislators to a man and  
11. woman, will obviously vote for some kind of tax relief here,  
12. but let's not forget the rest of the State, what a glorious  
13. Session this has been, just beautiful, usury rates are up,  
14. you're going to get to pay more for your car, more for your  
15. home, I participated in that, because the arguments were  
16. sound, but that's what we've given folks, and if you just  
17. think about it. Think what it has taken us to get to this  
18. point, the Governor starts out saying no, we say yes, a veto,  
19. an override Session, and out of this, maybe a penny. Wouldn't  
20. it be interesting if the...with we ran into that kind of a  
21. road barrier on usury rates, it goes through very rapidly,  
22. because business is business, and you just got to keep things  
23. rolling, but think back to the salary increase, you know,  
24. that's supposed to be dead now because it's over six months,  
25. it's not going to go away, it's not going to go away at all,  
26. and when we run again we'll hear about it from opponents. We  
27. have had a marvelous time down here over the last year, and  
28. I don't think we've done the people a whole lot of good that  
29. they will recognize as good, we can lecture them and tell them  
30. how this really is to your best advantage, but I don't think  
31. you'll sell it, not at all, and we're not talking about a  
32. compromise, if you'll look at what we're saying, originally  
33. in the five cent proposal, now in the four cent proposal, two

1. cents go off the first year, two cents not one, the Governor  
2. gives us half of what we're offering the people in the first  
3. year. That's not really a compromise, we've talked about  
4. a lot of things in our champaigns and various rhetoric about  
5. tax limitation, tax relief, spending limits, sunset legislation,  
6. and I'm telling you Ladies and Gentlemen, I have not been a  
7. fan of any of those things, because there's a flaw in all of them.  
8. There's a way to get around it, the loopholes you can drive  
9. trucks through, and it's another one of those things where we've  
10. passed a program and say this is tax limitation, this is spending  
11. limitation, only it doesn't work out that way, we discredit our-  
12. selves and the process by doing those things, and yet we persist  
13. Session after Session of dragging them out, trying to get people  
14. to believe that this is really going to change something. What  
15. we're dealing with now is tax limitations, spending limitations,  
16. sunset, all in one package that will work. Now, will the  
17. Governor sign it, yes I think he will, if he doesn't sign it  
18. now, he certainly will when we pass it in the Spring, he just  
19. can't stand this going on too much longer, but I think as long  
20. as we stay united in our resolve that there will be major  
21. Sales Tax relief, we will get it. One final point, we can  
22. afford it, that's obvious, but even if we couldn't we ought  
23. to take the tax off food and medicine. The State of Illinois  
24. has no business taxing people for food to stay alive, medicine  
25. to stay well, show me another state in the mid-west that  
26. does it. I think maybe Missouri, do you mean to say we can't,  
27. we shouldn't, if it forces us into spending strictures, fine  
28. spending limitation. I think the only responsible way is  
29. to set the thing in motion. It will go off a penny at a time  
30. on a regular schedule, if we hit a disaster we can step in  
31. and slow it down, but let's set it in motion now, I think  
32. we'll get the Governor to go with us, and if we don't, I think  
33. our chances for an override get better each time we approach this

1. problem.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator Geo-Karis.

4. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

5. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

6. I am committed to tax relief, our side of the aisle had about  
7. nineteen bills for tax relief, we had one that would...indexed  
8. our...the tax to our income, the other side of the aisle chose  
9. to ignore it. We had another one, in fact, I sponsored the bill  
10. here in the Senate, to slice off up to a thousand dollars in  
11. Real Estate Tax from our income, gross income, or up to seven  
12. hundred and fifty dollars per year for rent, that was thrown  
13. out over here by 22 Present votes from the Democrat side. Let's  
14. analyze this amendment, incidently, I voted for 2564, because  
15. I felt that if we took five percent off of a twelve billion  
16. dollar budget we could afford that bill, but this bill doesn't  
17. give any tax relief until July 1, 1980, and let's take..let's  
18. take this year...a full year..Fiscal Year, 1980, this amendment  
19. we lose nothing up till October 1, 19...July 1, 1980, but it  
20. would cost forty-seven million dollars if we pass the bill  
21. without this amendment. In Fiscal Year '81, with this amendment  
22. it would cost us a hundred and seventy-nine million dollars  
23. without this amendment it would cost us a hundred and two  
24. million dollars, in Fiscal Year '82, it would cost us with  
25. this amendment three hundred and eight million dollars, in  
26. Fiscal Year '83, four hundred and sixty-one million dollars,  
27. in Fiscal Year, '84, five hundred and forty million dollars,  
28. which totals one and a half billion dollars. Now, we're supposed  
29. to have responsible tax relief not politically savvy tax relief,  
30. and I notice that you have two points where we get the two  
31. percent next year. One in October 1st, which is a month very  
32. conveniently before the general election, and one July 1; and in  
33. the meantime no tax relief for six months. I would suggest  
that we go with the original bill, 2796, and let's take off this

1. coming year, five percent off of a twelve billion dollar budget,  
2. we'll have the six hundred million dollars, and then we could  
3. afford one percent this year, two percent next...one percent  
4. for Fiscal Year 1980, two percent '81, and so forth. I might  
5. tell you something else. We have a high cost of interest, and  
6. let's not kid ourselves when we have to pay fourteen and fifteen  
7. ...percent interest it does affect our Sales Tax, people aren't  
8. going to tighten their belt, we also have a high unemployment  
9. tax that we owe. We owe the Federal Government nine hundred and  
10. forty-seven million dollars at the present time. I've got three  
11. or four plants...that have gone out of business in my county  
12. which amounts to sixteen hundred and fifty jobs, if you think  
13. I'm happy about it, you're badly mistaken, but I don't think  
14. we should be politically minded, we should be by-partisan and  
15. be sensible, because the original bill 2564 only took one  
16. percent per year anyway, what this bill does, and let me tell  
17. you, I was one of those who urged the...the Governor rather,  
18. to give us, at least, one percent for the first year to see if  
19. we could afford it fiscally. I'm glad that he did it. Some  
20. of you want to talk against my Governor, that's fine, but you'd  
21. better be responsible to your people for...for opposing nineteen  
22. good sensible tax relief bills that we had from this side of  
23. the aisle, and you ignore it. Now, the other point, if you look  
24. at the roll call...

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close?

27. SEANTOR GEO-KARIS:

28. If you'll look at the roll call on the bill without this  
29. amendment which came in from the House. 169 people voted  
30. for it, 5 against it, and all of the main sponsors of 2564  
31. voted for it in the House. I talked to the Governor, and he  
32. told me definitely he would veto the bill, if...I have never  
33. interrupted any of you, thank you, Gentlemen. If there was any  
amendment on this bill, I suggest that we go with this because



1. at least, we'll get some meaningful tax relief, and I'm looking  
2. ...not looking at it for...political expedience.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Knuppel.

5. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

6. Mr. President, and members of the Body. You know, I don't  
7. know what the hell we're all getting so excited about. I sponsored  
8. a bill for Sales Tax relief as long ago a 1971, I've been working  
9. on it for eight years, I couldn't even get it out of committee.  
10. Let me tell you something, you know, it became a great thing this  
11. year, and it isn't going to make a whole heck of a lot of difference  
12. to me whether we pass that relief starting January 1st, or whether  
13. we pass it starting July 1st, or October 1st, as long as we  
14. get rid of it. I, like Senator Rhoads, believe we owe the people  
15. of the State of Illinois a commitment. We must do something  
16. with the economy in the shape that it's in to convince these  
17. people. I waited six years to hear a good speech from Senator  
18. Wooten, and I finally heard it. He told you...he told you  
19. about the pay raise, he told you about all the other things you  
20. did. I come here, and I can't think of one thing that I'm  
21. doing for the citizens of my district here in this Session,  
22. and I tell you, you forgot about the free trip to San Francisco,  
23. I won't be running in 1980, good luck people. I hope you enjoy  
24. it, you're going to get it. You're going to get just what you  
25. want. I used to say that that Governor Walker did more damage  
26. to the Democratic party than any Democrat in the last decade,  
27. well let me tell you, when you looked up to find Governor Walker, you  
28. knew where he was, he was in reverse traveling in a straight  
29. line in the wrong direction, but let me tell you about this  
30. feisty little heifer we got now, you don't know where in the  
31. hell you're going to find her, and you talked about a marriage.  
32. Well, she had a marriage with Carter, and that never got  
33. consummated. She's had a...she's got a marriage now with...  
with Thompson, and I'll bet you that's never been consummated,

1. and for all you boys that want to get in bed with her, she's  
2. too damn quick for you, too. Now, I want to tell you something  
3. else, when you guys all show up eunuchs after the 1980 election,  
4. remember what I told you. Okay, let's go to this Sales Tax,  
5. it's an immoral tax, it falls most heavily on those who least  
6. can afford to...to pay it. One-ninth of it is nothing but...  
7. at least one-ninth of it is nothing but recycled money because  
8. one-ninth of the people work for either the Federal or State govern-  
9. ment and we've got to pump that money in, in addition to that  
10. we got to pump it in there for all our welfare people. So,  
11. it's an illusion, the fact that it costs so much money, part of  
12. that's going to be back in our pocket anyway because we're  
13. going to save it, in not having to put it on the welfare rolls  
14. and other places. Now, I just say to you folks, that we're here,  
15. I've been working for this for eight years, and I'll say this  
16. to you, any one of you people who think you can make a deal with  
17. some other politician, and I know you've had pressure put on you,  
18. on your employees, everywhere else, I don't condemn you for  
19. feeling that pressure, but let me tell you, that it's the man  
20. who can stand up there and say, it's you who cut his head off,  
21. not me, it's you who can stand up there and say I'm not afraid,  
22. I wear no man's collar, and I say to that feisty little heifer  
23. I'm from downstate Illinois, and there isn't one damn thing she  
24. can do to me, she may hurt all my friends, they may sit there  
25. with tears in their eyes, they may feel that because of their  
26. friends they...they don't have the guts to stand up to her, but  
27. if you don't stand up to her now, she'll lose you some place  
28. along the line. I just say to you, one person should have  
29. the courage of his convictions, and every citizen in his district  
30. should have his support, not the boss, and, for those of you who  
31. want to run for public officesomeday at the Statewide level,  
32. let me reflect to you about one of the greatest public servants  
33. this State ever had, Michael Howlett, where's Michael Howlett,  
they tied some strings to him and they made a puppet out of him.

1. Don't let it happen to you people, you young men, with the  
2. courage and the strength, I won't be here. You who have  
3. honor, you who are Christians, you who have the conviction  
4. of what's good government and bad government, don't start  
5. being a puppet now, and if she fires your people get her  
6. at the next election, you rub snow in her face. I'll tell  
7. you...I just tell you, if you think you're going to marry  
8. her, you'll never get it consummated.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Mr. President, could I be someplace else in the order, perhaps  
13. ...my seatmate, who is the winner of B'nai B'rith's Outstanding  
14. Young Man Award wants to know about those who are not Christians.  
15. This is obviously a very emotional issue, in case you didn't  
16. know, much has been said, and much will continue to be said  
17. about the problems that have been created with the Democratic  
18. party over this particular issue. That is a point which I  
19. intend to pass over today, because we will handle those problems  
20. in our caucuses, in our primary elections, and who we back  
21. for President, or don't back in...in coming elections. I...  
22. I have some fear as to what...how we're going to handle those,  
23. but I know they will be addressed, and they will be handled,  
24. but I want to talk to the issue today, the issue of the promise  
25. to the people of Illinois from the present administration, and  
26. from all of us who've been running for office, that we were going  
27. to offer some meaningful tax relief. We have that offer before  
28. us today, and it seems to me that now is the time, and now is  
29. the place to stand by our promises, and give people meaningful  
30. tax relief. People who have a need for tax relief the most,  
31. that would feel the biggest impact of this kind of tax relief,  
32. that is the small wage earner, the people on fixed income, the  
33. elderly who literally are stealing food off the shelves now,

1. because they can't afford the price of the food they have  
2. to consume, and this would give them an opportunity to have  
3. a few more dollars to be able to buy food legitimately, to  
4. have a few more dollars to spend on the medicine, which they  
5. need to sustain their lives. Much has been said about the  
6. steps that the Governor and the Bureau of the Budget have  
7. taken in holding down the cost of State Government. I think  
8. generally that is true, I think also the thing, of course,  
9. that has escaped the public's notice is the fact that the  
10. General Assembly has been doing one hell of a good job  
11. in that respect also. We, in fact, in the appropriations  
12. process over the last two or three years have been making  
13. major cuts, in the General Revenue spending we have even  
14. appropriated less dollars than was requested, by the various  
15. agencies as requested by the Bureau of the Budget, as requested  
16. by the Governor, in their appropriation requests. We have  
17. been a vital cog in that machine, in holding down those  
18. expenditures. So, as a result we now have a surplus in the  
19. State Treasury. The State of Illinois, right now is in better  
20. financial...better fiscal shape in the General Revenue Fund  
21. than it's ever been in its history. There's not very many  
22. people who will deny that including Doctor Bob, he certainly  
23. admits that we are in good financial shape, we can afford,  
24. we can afford this tax relief measure. The major impact on the  
25. Treasury under the bill that we passed out of here last Spring,  
26. the five cent bill, has been removed with Senator Sangmeister's  
27. ...on of the major impacts has been removed with his amendment.  
28. That is the local government tax impact, because we're saying  
29. we're only going to remove the four cents that the State collects,  
30. leaving the one cent that the local governments collect, therefore,  
31. in that last year, we at the State Treasury will not have to  
32. reimburse those local governments by going from the formula of  
33. one-twelfth of local income tax collection to one-eighth returned  
back to the local governments. We've eliminated that part, we've

1. eliminated that need. Now, by saying local governments, if  
2. you want you can continue on collecting your one cent on food  
3. and drugs at the local level, but we're going to do away with  
4. the four cents at the State level. Much has been said, and I  
5. ...I take great delight by the way in the way in...in the  
6. accounting procedures that some members of this Assembly use  
7. when they talk about the impact on the State Treasury, I  
8. heard the figure awhile ago of 1.1...1.5 billion dollars, but  
9. that was by adding all four years, it's not going to be 1.5  
10. billion dollars each year, until we get to that time. It's  
11. going to be a minor impact this year, and...and not too much  
12. of a major impact the following year, we can afford it, we have  
13. the revenue growth. One reason we're in such good shape today  
14. in the State Treasury is not just because of the actions that  
15. the Bureau of the Budget has taken, not just because of the  
16. actions the Governor has taken, not just because of the actions  
17. the General Assembly has taken, but because that we're all  
18. caught up in this tremendous horrendous inflationary spiral  
19. and as a result every time the price of gasoline goes up at  
20. the pump, or every time the price of food goes up, or the  
21. price of clothing, or the...the price of any other consumable  
22. products, we collect more Sales Tax. As our salaries go up  
23. we collect more Income Tax, and so part of our good fortune  
24. in government today, is because of the inflationary spiral  
25. we're collecting more dollars on those inflated dollars. The  
26. income growth that is projected for this State over the next  
27. several years will more than take care of the impact that  
28. this tax relief will have on the State Treasury. Illinois is  
29. the only major industrial State to still collect tax on food  
30. and drugs. Now, some states actually collect it at the point  
31. of sales and then return it through a credit on your income  
32. ...on your State Income Tax Return or through some other method,  
33. but we're the only major industrial State in the nation to continue

1. to levy this onerous tax on those who can least afford  
2. to pay it. I want to know why Doctor Bob is squirreling  
3. away all of these dollars, we have them, we know they're  
4. there, why are they being pigeonholéd? Well, I think I  
5. know, in 1980, right before the Republican Presidential  
6. and Vice-Presidential...

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

9. SENATOR BUZBEE:

10. Thank you, I certainly will, Mr. President, I'm on  
11. my last point. Right before the Republican Presidential  
12. and Vice-Presidential Selection Committee, my guess is  
13. there's...convention rather, there's going to be  
14. a major, " Thompson Tax Relief Package", which  
15. will be presented to the General Assembly in time for  
16. the proper delegates at that convention to notice that  
17. here is a Governor who is bringing tax relief to his people  
18. in his State. I also wonder if perhaps the Governor isn't  
19. a little bit piqued at the fact that he didn't think of  
20. this idea first, and when it was presented, said well, I'm  
21. going to veto it regardless, and then when the veto looked  
22. like it was going to override he married the...or rather  
23. he arranged the going steady arrangement that we have heard  
24. so much about and now is now able to bring the threat of  
25. no tax relief or almost meaningless tax relief to the people  
26. of Illinois. Thank you.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. Senator Daley.

29. SENATOR DALEY:

30. Mr. President, and fellow Senators. Just one year ago  
31. today the Governorship of Illinois was being decided upon by  
32. the electors, and at that time the Governor of Illinois decided  
33. to put a proposition before the people of Illinois called the

1. Thompson Proposition, which each and everyone of us know...  
2. know it had no meaning of...effect whatsoever, but one  
3. million six hundred and eighty thousand people, in good  
4. faith voted for that proposition. Immediately after the vote  
5. which the same vote that the Governor received, he received  
6. from the Governor Thompson's Proposition, people firmly  
7. believed they were voting for Proposition 13, but you and  
8. I know it was not so. What it said is, will you advise  
9. the General Assembly, in the next month as a member of  
10. this General Assembly, I voted for a salary increase, for  
11. every member of the...member here, and those that could  
12. not vote for it, cause they're up for reelection in both  
13. parties, knew it, everybody voted for, increases of pay.  
14. Immediately after that we came back to Session and every-  
15. member of the General Assembly had tax relief packages, real  
16. Estate, every conceivable idea, but what happened, we gave  
17. three forms of tax relief, Corporate Personal Property  
18. Tax relief to big companies which I voted for, Sales Tax  
19. on machinery, which I voted for, because both of those  
20. propositions were going to help business, and help people  
21. be employed. I voted for those, the third proposition, what  
22. is going to help, by-partisan, when are they going to help  
23. the poor, the working class, and the senior citizens, not  
24. Democrats and not Republicans, what is going to help everybody  
25. across the board, the most reasonable phase-out would be  
26. the elimination of Sales Tax on food and drugs. The Governor  
27. made one mistake, he vetoed this measure, it wasn't the fault  
28. of the Republican party or the Democratic party, it...his  
29. own misjudgment, he made the mistake, immediately after that  
30. members of this General Assembly issued press releases and  
31. said, let's override the Governor on Sales Tax on food and  
32. medicine. We came back here on the Transportation, and what  
33. did we do, in order to safeguard Federal Funds, we voted for,

1. because of emergency, we voted for the transportation package  
2. which I did. It raised the Sales Tax a penny in Cook County,  
3. I did it and many members of the General Assembly did it.  
4. There were no deals, no deals or nothing on the transportation  
5. package. We were guaranteed on this side of the aisle, by  
6. our leadership, the one standing right before me, Senator Savickas,  
7. and Senator Rock, they guaranteed us that there was no deal,  
8. no deal on it. A coalition was formed of Republicans and  
9. Democrats, people from the suburban area, the city and down-  
10. state. Senior citizens are not just Democrats, they're Republicans,  
11. they are independents. Poor people are not just Democrats,  
12. and working people are not just Democrats, and what did we  
13. form, a coalition of Republicans and Democrats. It was un-  
14. successful in the House, the Governor said one penny, that's  
15. all I'm going to give, the coalition said let's go for  
16. six cents, you see what would happen in the House, it was de-  
17. feated, we compromised here, four cents, four cents over a three  
18. year period, a reasonable fiscally sound bill, and what has  
19. happened to myself personally to my friends and to my cousins  
20. who work for government, they have been fired on one issue alone,  
21. one issue is a Sales Tax. Yesterday I was in the Revenue Committee,  
22. watching the Revenue Committee perform, the bill was voted out,  
23. immediately the director of Revenue of the City of Chicago,  
24. my friend who worked his way through college and worked his  
25. way through accounting courses was fired at 4:15, and today another  
26. good friend of mine, living down the street was fired for one reason,  
27. it's not just the Mayor, it's the Governor, and I know more about  
28. political tactics than anyone else. When we come to these fears  
29. of putting fear in someone's salary book, and yes there's members  
30. of the General Assembly that have two or three jobs, I am proud  
31. of it, they should be, they represent the Government, they  
32. represent industry, but when we come to these tactics, by the  
33. Governor and by the Mayor, implore upon my family, and the friends



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1. of my community, that is a different story, I respect  
2. everyone's opinion here, I respect how you're going  
3. to vote, but when it comes to that, I really question  
4. the vote. I question the vote on the basis, we should  
5. send it back, this amendment, send it back to the House,  
6. and let the House decide. You know what the Governor's  
7. going to do, he maybe...amendatory veto, he made a mistake,  
8. he'll put three cents on. I ask each and everyone  
9. of the members of the General Assembly to vote for this  
10. amendment.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

12. Senator Gitz.

13. SENATOR GITZ:

14. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. There's  
15. an old saying that, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when  
16. first we practice to deceive," You know, I don't think that  
17. many of the people in Illinois are so concerned about taxes  
18. or the fact that they feel that they've gotten a raw deal,  
19. and they have. It was kind of interesting to me to look  
20. to the Illinois Times, in which they were quoting a study  
21. and how the states measure up, in the Sales Tax fairness, in  
22. ...in this country, Illinois ranked forty-ninth out of fiftieth  
23. it ranked in personal income, forty-second out of fiftieth, in  
24. business taxation, interesting enough, fortieth out of fiftieth.  
25. We keep company in terms of our fairness of the tax burden, with the  
26. likes of Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, and Louisiana,  
27. really quite classy competition to be with isn't it, we are  
28. the only large industrial state in the country that has a Sales  
29. Tax in food and medicine. Now, I pondered long and hard to  
30. figure out why it is, that this would be a State that would  
31. insist upon a regressive tax base, it suddenly became very clear  
32. to me, life at the top is apparently a lot different than it  
33. is for a lot of working people in the State, as a matter of

1. fact in Fiscal Year 1979, the State dispersed twenty-  
2. six thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight dollars to  
3. the Governor's food and liquor bills in the mansion, not  
4. to mention those Sales Tax, obviously it look a little  
5. different when you're in the Legislature with the money  
6. that is coming there, even if you are hit by inflation,  
7. but it seems to me that there is something very very  
8. wrong, in the same General Assembly that would vote  
9. onto itself a pay increase, the same General Assembly  
10. that would pledge tax increase, the same Democratic party  
11. that had a binding caucus vote on this, would ignore what  
12. the Governor himself said, when he said, "I think  
13. the time has come to put a limit on the amount of dollars  
14. the government takes out of taxpayers pockets." Most of  
15. the speakers who oppose this, have talked about this bill  
16. in terms of the lost revenue to the State and how we  
17. can't afford it, well it isn't the State's money, it's the  
18. people's money, and it's inconsistent, and it's a bit of  
19. hypocrisy for people on one hand to talk about tax limitation,  
20. and then oppose a bill which in a very responsible fashion  
21. phases-out this Sales Tax. I think it is absolutely criminal  
22. that this General Assembly was quite willing and the Governor  
23. signed a measure to phase-out the Sales Tax on machinery  
24. and equipment, and I voted for it, obviously we want to help  
25. business. This General Assembly was...was pulled back into  
26. Session, because the Governor said, it was a fly in the ointment  
27. of business, it spit in the eye of business to have the  
28. original Corporate Personal Property Tax rate. Now, I find  
29. it somewhat appalled that this General Assembly seems to  
30. have time, and this Governor, and this Mayor have time, and  
31. effort that they will spend on all of these propositions, but  
32. suddenly when we are faced with the ability to do something  
33. for the major person, the taxpayer, the person who doesn't have

1. all the fancy lobbies and wasn't lined up yesterday in the  
2. Finance Committee, to line the pockets so that we can  
3. have the Real Estate mortgages healthy, that suddenly we  
4. will ignore them, and pander on down our way. Well good  
5. luck folks, I think it's going to be very interesting to  
6. explain this one in the 1980 election.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Senator Carroll.

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SENATOR CARROLL:

1. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
2. Senate. I rise in support of Amendment No. 1 and rather than  
3. repeat many of the very valid arguments that have been raised  
4. in support of this, let me just add a few things to it and maybe  
5. hopefully, put it into proper perspective. We've been taught,  
6. or should have been taught, that the function of government is  
7. not to run for profit. Government is here to serve the people,  
8. to take from the people the amount of money that is necessary  
9. to operate the social services and other governmental services  
10. that the people are demanding. You know that today we have in  
11. excess of a half a billion dollars in our State Treasury.  
12. About three or four times what the Governor and Dr. Bob tell us  
13. we need to operate State government, why some three or four  
14. times what they told us in June we were going to have in that  
15. treasury. That's an unconscionable surplus. That means we  
16. have started on the road of what California did, of taking  
17. more from the people than we have to take and the only way to  
18. effectively deal with that is not take so much and to give some  
19. of it back. We're talking about the cumulative effect of what  
20. this tax will do should this amendment become law in three or  
21. four years. We've heard those figures of a billion and a half  
22. dollars bandied around. What they don't tell you...what they  
23. don't tell you is that our revenue growth will be almost ten  
24. billion dollars during that same period of time. We are talking  
25. about limiting maybe twenty percent of that excess revenue each  
26. and every year. We are talking about saying that government can  
27. only grow and that word is grow, eight percent a year each and every  
28. year, compounded, each and every year instead of maybe ten percent.  
29. That's not a terrible burden to place on government. That's not  
30. a denial of service. That's not a denial of programs. That's conscious  
31. government action to keep our spending in line and do the people's bus-  
32. iness. This is a compromise. The Governor said and the cities said  
33.

1. and the RTA said, maybe tampering with that last penny is a mistake.  
2. Maybe we cannot afford to not only lose revenue, but to give reve-  
3. nue to others and maybe the formula for replacement would not have  
4. been fair, especially to those areas that ended up with new, for  
5. example, new regional shopping centers. So, we dropped that from  
6. the proposal and we said, as we did somewhat with Corporate Personal,  
7. hey, folks, you got three years. Figure out a formula to replace  
8. that revenue if we can afford it then and I think we will be able  
9. to, but let's see. Let's see what happens in those three years.  
10. Maybe they will take it off, maybe they'll come back to us with  
11. a formula. The point is that we must, if we are to be responsible  
12. to the people...

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

15. SENATOR CARROLL:

16. Be happy to, Mr. President. We must guarantee to the people of  
17. Illinois not only meaningful tax relief, but a true limit on our  
18. ability to spend their money. We must guarantee them those two  
19. free weeks of groceries a year.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

21. Senator Davidson.

22. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

23. Mr. President and members of the Senate, let's talk about one  
24. thing which no one has talked about so far in opposition to this  
25. amendment. Everyone is talking about how great the balance is and  
26. how great it's going to continue to be, but one little item, one  
27. little item in the Sales Tax income comes from two sources, two  
28. very sick industries at the moment, if the information given to us  
29. yesterday and today in relation to usury and interest is correct.  
30. One third of the Sales Tax income comes from automobile sales and  
31. building material supplies. Two industries which we are attempting  
32. to help with the change in the interest rate which I supported and  
33. will support tomorrow. Now, if their sales drop as they have for

1. the past sixty days, just on that level for the next year, the  
2. amount of income and the amount of balance you are talking about,  
3. Ladies and Gentlemen, is dramatically different. One-third of  
4. two and a half billion dollars in quick arithmetic is about eight  
5. and thirty...million dollars. That wipes out twice, almost, what  
6. the surplus is in this...today. One other little item which has  
7. been touched about. The Thompson Proposition, as I remember it,  
8. said tax limitation. Now, let's not twist words. Let's talk out  
9. straight about tax limitation and not tax relief. Everybody's for  
10. tax limitation and I have some reason to be for it, but one other  
11. item which you talked about, wage earners. I probably have as  
12. diverse contact with wage earners in this State as anyone sitting  
13. in this Senate and the vast majority of the wage earners who come  
14. from my office in the other half of my life have been for the  
15. Sales Tax, saying it's the fairest tax with the Income Tax there  
16. is. I spend what I make or as much as I want to make to spend and  
17. the Sales Tax kicks in accordingly. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
18. let's not play fun and games because even if you did be successful  
19. in removing this from food and non-prescription drugs, there is  
20. no Sales Tax on prescription drugs now. You all know that. There's  
21. nothing. There's nothing that the supplier, the retailer, isn't  
22. going to add that amount of money into his profit because they  
23. are all complaining they are operating on less than one percent  
24. mark up now so let's not kid ourselves you're going to give  
25. those people two weeks free groceries or anything else. Let's  
26. put this amendment down, give the one cent which we know we can  
27. accommodate with and live within the budget and come back next  
28. year if it's viable to do it...let's be...fiscal responsible.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

30. Senator Netsch.

31. SENATOR NETSCH:

32. Senator Hall and Senator Knuppel, I think first of all, I  
33. would like to let you know that this is one Chicago Legislator

1. whose manhood is not going to be taken away by the second floor  
2. or the fifth floor of the City of Chicago. There is only one  
3. issue before us today and that is this amendment that is a  
4. permanent phasing out of the State Sales Tax or the cent and a  
5. promise, as Senator Sangmeister has labeled it and it seems to  
6. me that this amendment is the only right way and there are several  
7. very simple reasons why. It is tax relief, but it is more than  
8. just a momentary tax relief. It is the first significant step in  
9. a restructuring of the basically unfair tax structure that we have  
10. always conceded we have in the State of Illinois and it's taken  
11. us forty-five years to get to this point. That is the reason  
12. why we should go ahead and make the full commitment now and  
13. not just the cent and a promise. Secondly, this is the only  
14. significant contribution that the State level of government can  
15. make to inflation. That has been recognized by the Congressional  
16. Budget Office. It has been recognized by Congressman Simon's  
17. subcommittee in suggesting that if general revenue sharing is to  
18. be extended, it should be extended only if accompanied by a com-  
19. mitment on the part of those States which still have a Sales Tax  
20. on food, that that Sales Tax be reduced or eliminated. It is the  
21. only contribution that we can make to checking or holding in  
22. control inflation. Third, it is the only way that we can keep faith  
23. with those million point six hundred thousand voters who voted  
24. for the...for the Thompson Proposition. The Thompson Proposition  
25. did not talk about tax relief. I fully concede that. It talked  
26. about limitations on the growth of government expenditures. This  
27. proposal not only offers some tax relief, but it does, in fact,  
28. put some limitation on the growth of government expenditures in  
29. the future. Governor Thompson, don't you understand we're trying  
30. to make an honest man of you. You made this commitment to the  
31. voters. We have offered you the best way to meet that commitment.  
32. Why don't you let us make an honest man of you. The exact right  
33. time for taking the Sales Tax off of food and medicine is now, right

1. now, permanently.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3. Senator Graham.

4. SENATOR GRAHAM:

5. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I just  
6. stand up to get the water off my pants cuffs after hearing all the  
7. crying from the other side of the aisle. You know, Ladies and  
8. Gentlemen, we sit down here and fight among ourselves and not one  
9. of you...not one of you said anything about the real cause of the  
10. inflationary spiral we're in that's got us in this mess, the  
11. tax...the Sales Tax notwithstanding. I want to remind you that  
12. me and the members of my party did not elect President Carter.  
13. Me and the members of our party did not elect a majority of  
14. Congress. The members of our party were unable to take away the  
15. printing press. We were unable to stop the spending at the  
16. governmental level, the Federal government. We were unable to do  
17. it. You talk about tax limitation. I'm glad to hear all of you  
18. crying about it because I gave you a chance about a year ago to  
19. vote for a tax limitation amendment and you defeated it. So,  
20. let's not kid ourselves about tax limitation. You didn't want it.  
21. You want it all your own way. You talk about tax relief. You  
22. want it all your own way. The Real Estate Tax Bills were more  
23. important to many people in the State of Illinois than this issue  
24. we are discussing today...was summarily defeated in the House of  
25. Representatives under the control of your party and next year it's  
26. going to be up sixteen percent and some in my district went up  
27. forty-seven percent. How would you like to take that on for a while?  
28. How would you like to be me and a Senator from the Second District  
29. when we talk about tax relief and the same people who are talking  
30. about it here today are the people that foisted off upon my  
31. district the RTA Tax, my area, one cent. The surrounding counties,  
32. a quarter of a cent. The people in the Second District don't  
33. believe you. They don't believe us. They talk about Real Estate



1. Tax and I got two thousand letters last year in week from Dupage  
2. County and I showed them to you. They didn't say anything about  
3. Sales Tax. They wanted Real Estate Tax relief and who beat it.  
4. Now, I'm going to tell you, we didn't beat it and we didn't admit  
5. on the Floor of the Senate today, which some of you have, that  
6. this was the only bill that you decided that was going to be a  
7. Tax Relief Bill was the Sales Tax removal and in so doing, you  
8. made a deal with the House of Representatives that those Real  
9. Estate Tax Bills will never see the daylight and now you are  
10. crying and my pants legs are all wet. I have in my district  
11. Barrington, Elgin, Roselle, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Bartlett  
12. and Keeneyville who are split by county lines. They are paying  
13. six someplace, five and a quarter someplace else. We are taking  
14. from them in one area and giving back something else. They don't  
15. believe us. We had a chance last year in real estate. We didn't  
16. do it. You know, I think that we considered that yesterday...yester-  
17. day some of our actions yesterday and some which will come about  
18. tomorrow, that we refused to let two valuable industries in this  
19. State get more Sales Tax. It wouldn't have been on the poor who  
20. are people that couldn't afford it. It was on automobiles and  
21. on new homes.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Senator...Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

24. SENATOR GRAHAM:

25. Yeah, I wish you would do the same thing to that side of the  
26. aisle, Mr. President. You have ran all around the bush and the  
27. people in the State of Illinois are getting to be like the people...  
28. like the dog that was making love to a skunk...they've had about  
29. all this enjoyment they can stand. They want to get out of the box.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

31. Senator McMillan.

32. SENATOR MCMILLAN:

33. Mr. President and members of the Senate, just a couple of

1. points I'd like to make in opposition to this amendment. I'm not  
2. sure, from the sound of the debate, that people are very interested  
3. in looking at the amendment or too many facts, but there are a  
4. couple we ought to look at. Number one, I'm a little concerned  
5. about how we lead people on to think that the requirement in this  
6. bill, that the Revenue Committee meet and arrive at brilliant  
7. conclusions, I think it's just a little bit misleading. Let's  
8. remember the fact that the 1970 Constitution required the Legis-  
9. lature to act and there wasn't any way for the Constitution to  
10. do that. It took the Supreme Court to really scare us into it  
11. and just having in a bill a provision that the Legislature will  
12. have its committees meet in order to come up with some profound  
13. knowledge won't really get us very far. Number two, even  
14. though nobody seems to be concerned about all the confusion that  
15. exists today in Cook County after the unwise Sales Tax that was  
16. added there just a few weeks ago. There's a real mess up there  
17. and under this proposal, if the intention is to give citizens two  
18. cents worth of tax relief, it would be a heck of a lot wiser to  
19. give two cents on August 15th rather than one cent on July 1st  
20. which requires all the local retailers and everybody else to...to  
21. rewire all the cash registers to come up with one tax percentage  
22. and then again on October 1st, they rewire it again. If you  
23. really wanted to provide decent relief that wouldn't be confusing,  
24. it ought to be done at one time. Another thing I'd like to say  
25. is I sit back like a lot of the rest of the non-lawyers in the  
26. group and listen to the lawyers talk about the law, but when it  
27. comes to trying to claim expertise on economics, I'd like Senator  
28. Netsch to stick to the law. Frankly, quoting the Federal Budget  
29. Office on what would do something about inflation, is really not  
30. quoting a very good source because those in charge of the Federal  
31. Congressional Budget Office have been as much responsible for  
32. inflation over the last few years as they have been responsible  
33. for doing anything about it. In fact, taking the Sales Tax off of

1. food and medicine will be inflationary rather than deflationary.  
2. What it will do is make food relatively cheaper which, in fact,  
3. will increase the demand for food which in the long run, is going  
4. to drive prices up rather than down, if you follow any basic,  
5. realistic, economic theory, that's the way it works. The third...  
6. fourth thing that really concerns me is something that we discussed  
7. in committee and has been stated on the Floor and that is the  
8. statement that the RTA or local units of government, if they wish,  
9. can eliminate the Sales Tax on food and medicine. I don't find  
10. that in the present law and it certainly isn't in this amendment.  
11. In fact, if you read the last paragraph of this amendment, it  
12. says nothing in this Amendatory Act shall be construed to affect  
13. the power of any unit of local government to impose taxes measured  
14. either by gross receipts and so forth on food for human consumption.  
15. It ends by...stating that the State Tax rate reductions otherwise  
16. provided in this Amendatory Act of 1979 shall have no application  
17. to any taxes imposed now or hereafter by units of local government.  
18. I just think you should realize, if you vote for this bad amendment,  
19. that what was represented as being fact is not the fact and, in  
20. fact, the amendment itself says that it would not grant that  
21. authority to local units of government. It's not an improvement  
22. over what's already in the Act.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Joyce.

25. SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

26. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise  
27. in support of this amendment. I did not intend to speak here...  
28. on this matter today, but I do wish to speak sort of in the nature  
29. of a point of personal privilege and it has to do with the inference  
30. or the implication or the statement in a Sun Times article which  
31. states that Governor Thompson and I...had entered into a deal on  
32. Sales Tax relief. That is not true. I talked to Governor Thompson  
33. yesterday. He knows that is not true. I had no deal, no understand-

1. ding, no arrangement either with Governor Thompson<sup>h</sup> nor with my  
2. friend, Jane Byrne, nor with any of the people that Jane Byrne  
3. sends down here. They know that is the case. The Leadership  
4. knows that to be the case and it is the truth. I support this  
5. amendment because I believed, when I was told a few short months  
6. ago, that this was a good program. I believed it when I was  
7. told that there was sufficient revenue available to enable this  
8. relief and that the primary recipients of this relief would be  
9. those most in need and I believe that we, as a Legislative Body,  
10. have pledged to the people of the State of Illinois to enact  
11. meaningful tax relief. There's not a person in this room who in  
12. his heart is opposed to this amendment. I know that and you know  
13. that and I guess I can sum it up best by quoting from Governor  
14. Thompson in Mr. Hillman's article. He said, "but that's politics,  
15. I guess." Thank you.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. Senator Johns.

18. SENATOR JOHNS:

19. Thank you, Mr. President. The question is for whom the bell  
20. tolls. I have seen for the first time the Leadership of this Body  
21. on the Democratic side forced to take a position that I know in  
22. my mind they damn the spot they are in. Long we have known down-  
23. state that Chicago felt us expendable. Mayor Byrne has shown so  
24. clearly the utter disrespect, the utter disdain she has for the  
25. rest of the State. Can she really feel that a few trips downstate  
26. to fundraisers will repay the damage she has done to my party?  
27. Can she sway us and sell us off for a few dollars? Is that the  
28. feeling of a Democratic mayor of the great City of Chicago for  
29. her party? One thing, Senator Knuppel, that you might be interested  
30. in, that when the Governor rolls over in his sleep and says, "Jane,  
31. I need you," neither Jane is going to know which one he's talking  
32. about. Yesterday, as this bill was amended in committee, I stood  
33. beside Rich Daley and a few minutes later the word came that his...

1. one of his best friends was fired and he mentioned that a few  
2. moments ago and one of the colleagues here from Chicago who spoke  
3. just a few seconds ago, he warned his people, he warned them, he  
4. called them and told them you might as well start looking for  
5. another job because once you are affiliated with me in this issue,  
6. you are gone and they knew it and the word came and they are gone.  
7. For whom the bell tolls is the question. The failure to pass this  
8. bill as amended is the death knell for one, the Legislators that...  
9. who have put their political tails between their legs and are now  
10. hiding behind the Mayor's skirts. Two, for the people who want  
11. tax relief without added bureaucracy to handle it. For its broad  
12. spectrum coverage, they wanted this bill. For once a bill met  
13. the desires of the people. No gimmicks, no hidden payrollers.  
14. Just plain and simple tax relief and three, the bell is tolling  
15. at the...the death of the credibility and the belief in this Body.  
16. Thank you, Mr. President.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. Senator Moore.

19. SENATOR MOORE:

20. Thank you, Mr. President. I think that all of the speeches  
21. that have been made or that will be made in the future are not  
22. going to change any votes. I would, therefore, respectfully move  
23. the previous question.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

25. Well, Senator, the motion is in order and it's correct, but  
26. we have, before you make that motion, on the record we have  
27. Senator Chew, Collins, DeAngelis, Bruce, Nash, Washington, Berning,  
28. Becker, Shapiro and Rock. Senator Moore.

29. SENATOR MOORE:

30. I appreciate that, Mr. President, but I know that some of the  
31. members in the back row...I think this is the proper question that  
32. the entire Body should determine and I would request a roll call  
33. vote.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. Senator, we...our position is that we've had before is  
3. that these members that have sought recognition would be allowed  
4. to speak. Senator D'Arco, for what purpose do you arise?

5. SENATOR D'ARCO:

6. I would request that the timer be put on and that whatever  
7. time is allocated for each individual speaker, that we abide by  
8. that time and we not overextend ourselves and speak longer than...  
9. the time we are allotted.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. That's an excellent point, Senator. Senator Chew.

12. SENATOR CHEW:

13. Well, thank you, Mr. President. I don't talk too much.  
14. At least when I talk I say something. You know, I have friends  
15. on both sides of this question, but this is not a friendship vote.  
16. I'm going to support the amendment and I'm going to support any  
17. second amendment that would relieve people of this burden of  
18. taxes on food and medicine. There's a built-in tax on medicine.  
19. You don't get it on the cash register. It's already applied before  
20. you get your medicine as it is now, prescription medicine I'm talking about.  
21. We know all about that and I was surprised to hear a member who  
22. is in the profession to deny it. To Senator Daley, I feel that  
23. you are being misused, but let me tell you something. You should  
24. never mind giving up the things that you can't keep to gain the  
25. things that you can't lose and you can't lose integrity. So, if  
26. you are stripped of all of your friends' jobs, hang in there. I'm  
27. going to hang in there with you because I happen to think you are  
28. on the right side. I don't work for the City of Chicago and if I  
29. did, I'd still vote for this amendment because I will not allow  
30. anybody, John Knuppel, that's anybody to take away my manhood.  
31. Nobody has called me and I don't think anybody has the nerve to  
32. try. I came down here with the ability to represent a senatorial  
33. district and every vote I cast is in the interest of the people of

1. the State of Illinois and the people of the State of Illinois  
2. said they want tax relief. I have not talked to anyone in this  
3. State that is opposed to taking this tax off of food and medicine.  
4. It's there, Ladies and Gentlemen, and the answer to tax relief  
5. is right here in our own hands. I was in on the negotiation on  
6. the transportation package and we had a firm commitment that the  
7. Chicago Transit Authority would only raise that fare by one  
8. nickel. It was Representative Madigan who said that the machinery  
9. wouldn't work and I indicated to him the various mass transit units  
10. throughout this country that operated under our fare so we agreed  
11. on it and lo and behold, RTA lied...

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

14. SENATOR CHEW:

15. ...and raised it to ten cents and I'm pretty mad about that  
16. and they also lost a friend and a vote because you can't depend on  
17. them. I have all the respect in the world for the Governor's Office  
18. and the Governor and I'm not voting for him or against him. I'm  
19. voting for tax relief and I'm voting for the people that need it.  
20. Mr. President.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Senator Collins.

23. SENATOR COLLINS:

24. Thank you, Mr. President. I wish that I felt as Senator Netsch  
25. stated that the only issue before this Body was to repeal the tax...  
26. repeal the Sales Taxes from food and medicine, but deep down in my  
27. heart and I think all of you know, that that's not the issue before  
28. us at all today because no one in this room honestly opposed this  
29. amendment. I never would have thought, Senator Washington, that  
30. I could stand here and say and...anything in the defense of Mayor  
31. Byrne or Governor Thompson, for that matter, but I will not sit here  
32. and listen to anyone accuse or hide behind or use the excuse that  
33. Jane Byrne or Governor Thompson or anyone else has influenced their  
34. decisions or mandated or pressured them into voting against the will  
35. of the people. That is, if it is true, a tragedy. Two years ago,

heard that this was probably the most productive Legislative Body  
1. Sessions that had ever been in the history of this Legislature and  
2. one thing was happening at that time. There were not control by the  
3. City of Chicago nor there were any control from the second floor.  
4. This was a free and open Body and I think the people here represented  
5. the interests of those who elected them here and we were a productive  
6. Body. I saw a coalition between the downstate Democrats and the Chi-  
7. cago Democrats and the independent Democrats and even the Republicans  
8. and we talked about what was good for the people of this State Unfor-  
9. tunate, the real issue here is not Hane Byrne, not Sales Tas relief  
10. at this time. It's whether or not the members of...particularly  
11. Chicago Democrats will, in fact, put the interests of the people of  
12. which they were elected here to represent above their own personal  
13. interest and their self greed. What most of them are protecting is  
14. that second job back home and that's the honest to God truth. What  
15. we have to do and when I come back here next year, we are going to have  
16. to get rid of the patronage system in the City of Chicago because I think  
17. this is a clear example of how it has corrupt...and eroded away the  
18. basic principles of our State government and it's time that we get  
19. rid of it and for those of you who think that you are going to  
20. go back home and hide behind the skirts of...

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

22. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

23. SENATOR COLLINS:

24. ...Jane Byrne, I'll say those on the West Side won't because the  
25. truth is the buck stop here and you are responsible and you lied to  
26. the people of Illinois.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. Senator DeAngelis.

29. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

30. Thank you, Mr. President and memberpersons of the Senate. I want  
31. to apologize for speaking twice in one day, however, I did listen to  
32. what Senator Wooten said and contrary to waht Senator Knuppel says, I  
33. think usually Senator Wooten makes sense. Now, he said one thing.  
He said the people of Illinois will not for get. Well, I hope they  
won't for get because let's talk about how we got to where we are at



are at today. House Bill 2564 came to this Chamber with a devastated orchestration in killing all other Tax Relief Bills. I voted for that bill because it was the only act in town and at the time I voted for it I admonished my colleagues from across the aisle that I would hope they would paint this tax as regressive if it came to the choice of making a Sales Tax for the RTA. They didn't do it. The Governor vetoed that bill. Now, we can sit here and argue all day long about whether he should have Amendatory Vetoed it, Totally Vetoed it or not Vetoed it at all. The fact of the matter is he did do it, but in the veto also afterwards, he gave us another option and Senator Wooten, one cent for one year is equal to one cent for six months and two cents for three months. So, we are talking about the same thing for one year. Not any more in twenty...in the amendment. Now, let's look at how we got to the amendment. I have never seen and I have to admit, I have not been politically active all my life, but I have never seen such an incongruous alliance. First, we have the killers of all Tax Relief Bills. Two, we have the promoters of the RTA Sales Tax and three, we have the people who didn't think it was important enough to vote for it in the first place. Now, I must admit, without angering my colleagues, it seems to me that this public policy is based on hypocrisy and revenge, something we can ill afford. Now, we are going to take this thing one step further. The specter, the specter of losing all tax relief to put on an amendment and I would submit to my colleagues, let's quit playing political football. Take the one cent and I'll back you if you want to put the other one on or anything else. Let's quit playing political football with it. Thank you.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

28. Senator Bruce.

29. SENATOR BRUCE:

30. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. As I see  
31. the biggest problem in this country that we've addressed and that  
32. is the question of inflation and we've spent a good deal of time  
33.

1. in the General Assembly in the last year, talking about inflation  
2. and protecting people from it. We have protected the home builders,  
3. the savings and loans, the banks, the auto dealers, the finance  
4. companies, the manufacturers, their Sales Tax exemption, the rail-  
5. roads through an exemption on their equipment. We have increased  
6. the salaries for legislators. We have given counties additional  
7. Inheritance Tax. We gave school districts an increase in the formula  
8. and we spent seven hundred million dollars more to operate State  
9. Government last year and I think all this bill says is what are  
10. we going to do for the people to protect them from inflation. We  
11. hear about the cost of this bill. The problem is, Gentlemen, by  
12. the time we get to the last year of this bill, the State of Illinois  
13. whose average increase each year has been a half a billion dollars  
14. will receive more than two billion one hundred million dollars more  
15. in revenue by the time this thing is fully instituted and we can  
16. certainly afford it. Now, I'm concerned about the people who say  
17. I can't support this because it's going to cause some revenue loss.  
18. Well, the only way you give tax relief is to have a revenue loss.  
19. You don't have a revenue gain through tax relief and the only way  
20. you are going to have meaningful tax relief is if it gives us a  
21. little pain. It needs to hurt or it doesn't mean anything to us  
22. and it doesn't mean anything to the taxpayers, and finally, I  
23. get to the question of why not somebody else take the brunt  
24. We hear about the fact that we ought to have Real Estate Tax relief  
25. when a half of our nation lives in apartment buildings for profit  
26. and we give those people relief. We hear about restrictions on  
27. local government, but where is the restriction on the State of  
28. Illinois? What other bill has come before this General Assembly  
29. saying that we cut back, that we don't spend as much money. Sure,  
30. it's easy to say to school districts and counties and cities who  
31. raise Real Estate Taxes. They raise it and spend it, locally.  
32. This is a State Tax and what other bill touches a State Tax? I...  
33. I'm a little concerned that somehow the General Assembly has turned

1. into a Rube Goldberg invention, that we move around, we keep  
2. going up and down, and wheels turn and little circles go around  
3. and little men jump up and down and the clown's hat moves, but  
4. nothing happens. Well, it's time that something does happen.  
5. Not one cent, not all that moving around and all this movement  
6. here in the General Assembly and all the press for one cent. Let's  
7. do something meaningful tonight, not a...Rube Goldberg invention  
8. of the Governor. Thank you.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

10. Senator Washington. Senator Berning.

11. SENATOR BERNING:

12. Thank you, Mr. President. I thought this moment was never  
13. going to come. I know that there isn't anything that I can say  
14. that's going to make any great impression on anybody, but I do  
15. want to emphasize one point that has not been emphasized during  
16. all this debate about this very wonderful amendment, namely, that  
17. there will be no tax relief for this fiscal year and I submit it's  
18. a whole lot more important to your constituents and to mine to  
19. have a cent come off of that Sales Tax January 1. That they have  
20. now. With that, there is a commitment, a firm commitment, which  
21. you and I can follow up on to introduce legislation for the next  
22. one cent abatement. Our hands would not be tied if we defeat this  
23. amendment which I think we ought to do and let me tell you a little  
24. bit why. For one thing, in my area, we have a one and one...we have  
25. a five and one quarter...five and one quarter percent Sales Tax.  
26. If this amendment had taken off one and one quarter cent, it might  
27. be a little bit more attractive. Can you imagine computing Sales  
28. Tax with a one quarter of a percent involved? Very difficult.  
29. There is also something that many of you have overlooked and that  
30. is that just in a committee meeting this week, tax limitation  
31. constitutional amendment was derailed, sent to a subcommittee.  
32. Obviously, those in control had no interest in really addressing the  
33. problem of limiting taxing and, consequently, spending. So all of

1. this bleating about concern for the taxpayers is a bit hollow.  
2. I just want to remind you. Now, one step further. In my area,  
3. Real Estate Tax relief is far and away the most important tax  
4. relief that can be considered. Sales Tax is meaningless to my  
5. people, by and large, but cogitate for a moment, if you have any  
6. consideration at all for taxpayers, about the situation where in  
7. my county we have...

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Senator, would you bring your remarks to a close.

10. SENATOR BERNING:

11. Mr. President, I sat through hours on some people's discer-  
12. tations.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

14. Yes, but they all had the same amount of time.

15. SENATOR BERNING:

16. They did not. In my county we assess at thirty-three and  
17. a third percent.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Becker. Senator Becker. Senator Washington, state  
20. your point.

21. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

22. My point is very succinct. You let everyone else exceed  
23. their time. Why not let him exceed his time. I don't think you  
24. should...

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. I let everyone else exceed their time when they were bringing  
27. their remarks to a close. Senator Berning had no intention of  
28. bringing it to a close. He was starting on a new area, talking  
29. about Real Estate Tax assessment.

30. SENATOR WASHINGTON:

31. Mr. President, Mr. President, if you were not going to impose  
32. discipline in the beginning, you should go along with it. Now, I  
33. don't think he should be insulted that way. Let him talk.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. He's not being insulted. He was told to bring his remarks  
3. to a close, as were all the other Senators and when they were so  
4. informed that their time was up, they sought to bring their remarks  
5. to a close. He sought again to start on a new...new trend, to  
6. speak about Real Estate Taxes. He had no indication of bringing  
7. his remarks to a close so his mike was shut off. Senator Becker.

8. SENATOR BECKER:

9. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I listened  
10. with interest at the great orators from the other side the aisle,  
11. Senator Wooten, Senator Knuppel, Senator Buzbee and Senator Bruce,  
12. but I want to remind the members of the other side of the aisle  
13. that in this Session of the Legislature, we voted a transportation  
14. bill in which I voted against and for a reason. Supposedly, the  
15. RTA tax on gasoline was going to be removed on November 1st. I  
16. visited seven gas stations in my own area, only to be told by the  
17. station owners we don't intend to remove the Sales Tax from the  
18. gasoline because the oil companies have told us we will be allowed  
19. to take this as additional profit. As a freshman Senator, you are  
20. leaving me confused today. You're asking me to vote for an amendment  
21. to take Sales Tax off of food and drugs. Does that mean that  
22. tomorrow that little retailer or that chain store is going to add  
23. two percent? I wish that great orator from Pekin, Illinois, were  
24. still alive. He could possibly sell your President and your mayor  
25. the Brooklyn Bridge. When I attended a meeting at the Bismarck  
26. Hotel, I was determined to vote to override the Governor's Veto.  
27. Seeing and watching what has taken place in this General Assembly,  
28. it reminds me of who put the Sales Tax on. It was your Governor,  
29. not ours, forty years ago. You've had every opportunity over the  
30. last forty years to remove the Sales Tax, but you never moved.  
31. The man on the second floor has balanced your budget in this State  
32. and I look at the State of New York. It's a disgrace. Be proud of  
33. the Governor you've got. Stick with him. He'll remove your Sales

1. Tax. Give him the time and I'll vote with a red button on this  
2. amendment. Thank you.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

4. Senator Nimrod. Is there further discussion? Senator Rock.

5. SENATOR ROCK:

6. Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
7. Senate, as the dialogue winds to a close and we will be called  
8. upon to vote, I would just like to take this opportunity to remind  
9. the members that the Committee on Executive Appointments is going  
10. to meet in Room 400 immediately after adjournment. We should go  
11. ahead with that meeting and before I formally express my opposition  
12. to Amendment No. 1 as I did in the Senate Revenue Committee yes-  
13. terday, I would just like to say two or three things in response  
14. to, I think, points that were made that seemed to have some direct  
15. connotation to my action or inaction. We have never had in the  
16. Senate, since I have been here on the Democratic side, any type  
17. of binding caucus vote. In many respects, I thought that was  
18. unfortunate. For a couple of years there, I advocated that type  
19. of activity and was overruled by the majority. Additionally,  
20. Senator Newhouse, I was on the Lake Street L yesterday and paid  
21. sixty cents and rode downtown with a number of my constituents  
22. who I'm sure recognized me and, frankly, their reaction was not  
23. as you described it and finally, to Senator Daley I say, I said  
24. then and I say now, there was, in fact, no "deal" with respect to  
25. the transportation program. I meant what I said then. I'm a man  
26. of my word. It's still the same today. I think in this dialogue,  
27. as we said earlier during the memorial for W. Russell Arrington,  
28. that I hope we can always, not only today, but always, disagree  
29. professionally without being disagreeable. We have had, I think,  
30. a couple of lapses in that respect and they are unfortunate, but  
31. Senator Sangmeister said, I think, the important thing at the  
32. beginning, the thing we are all interested in. Let's do something  
33. for the people. This amendment, I will suggest, is more reasonable  
than was House Bill 2564 in its final form which was vetoed and

1. the motion to override that veto did fail. This bill or this  
2. amendment in its form, I'm told, has been introduced in this form in  
3. the House and I suggested to Senator Sangmeister that this bill with  
4. its co-sponsors be introduced in the Senate for our action when  
5. we return in January. Lest you forget, we do come back in January,  
6. but let's really do something for the people. I suggest to you  
7. to offer this amendment at this time with a delayed effective date  
8. is symbolism. It's not symbolism with respect to tax relief, I  
9. suggest. It's symbolism that it's us against them, that we are  
10. somehow tilting against the chief executives of both the State of  
11. Illinois, the City of Chicago and all those groups and organizations  
12. and there are many, I might add, who have suggested that the motion  
13. to override was not in anybody's best interest. There are some  
14. organized groups of people that were concerned about salaries  
15. for State employees, that were concerned about school aid and the  
16. ramifications of that bill and they suggested that the motion to  
17. override should not succeed, but I will further suggest to you  
18. that summit meetings of the type that was allegedly held have been  
19. going on, to my knowledge, from history...if you read Mr. Little-  
20. wood's book on Horner of Illinois, have been going on between  
21. the Mayor of Chicago and the Chief Executive of the State of Illinois  
22. since at least the days of Henry Horner and Mayor Edward Kelly  
23. and I would suggest to you in years to come, it will probably  
24. happen again, but what is before us is Amendment No. 1 and even  
25. if successful, it is, I suggest as I suggested yesterday in the  
26. Revenue Committee, a Pyrrhic victory at best. If the amendment goes  
27. on and if the bill is called and if the House concurs and if the  
28. Governor signs it and if and if and if and if...then allegedly  
29. we can walk through the highways or streets or neighborhoods of  
30. our district and say folks, we have really done something for you.  
31. We have told the Governor and the Chief Executive of the City of  
32. Chicago that we don't cotton to you, but we brought you tax relief.  
33. Now, it's not effective right away. It will be effective next July.

1. We'll get to it, but we did something for you. I'm suggesting to  
2. you that we spent this year in unworthy causes. Seven hundred  
3. and thirty-two million additional dollars that we didn't spend  
4. last year and just last week at the conclusion of our reactive  
5. Session, where we react to the Gubernatorial action, we spent  
6. another twelve million dollars in General Revenue money. So, we  
7. have effectively spent seven hundred fifty million dollars more  
8. this year than we had last year and I don't know how many of you  
9. know what the budgetary balance for FY '79 is finally, the  
10. budgetary balance once you consider all the revenue and all  
11. the expenditures, and what is the dollar that is left. Well,  
12. it's fifty-seven million dollars. I suggest to you that to take  
13. this amendment at this time, given the fact that we have a January  
14. Session coming up, given the fact that this issue is not going to  
15. go away. The Governor is publicly committed, the mayor is  
16. committed to examine it on a yearly basis, suggested to us that  
17. we do the same, that this is a futile act and I suggest that we  
18. as a deliberative Body should not get involved in futile acts.  
19. I scolded, frankly, some of the people of the STOP Coalition  
20. yesterday for engaging in what I think is some sort of demagoguery  
21. and I think they did that and they are guilty of that. Their  
22. whole premise or at least their spokesman's premise was that they  
23. don't trust us, they don't trust anybody in government. They want  
24. a commitment for the next twenty-five years that this is going to  
25. be the program. I think we are responsible to act on a yearly  
26. basis. Given the fact that we are committing the resources of  
27. this State on an on-going basis to more and more and more in terms  
28. of school aid, in terms of salaries for State employees and in  
29. terms of the whole spectrum of our expenditure. To suggest that  
30. we commit ourselves in a five year lock out program, I simply  
31. don't think is in our best interest. Democracy, at least as we  
32. know it in this form of government, is, in fact, the art of compromise.  
33. We have been offered, I think, a responsible compromise. Tax relief



1. for FY '80 is available. Under House Bill 2796, as presented  
2. without amendment, we can walk home and all of us who are running  
3. can legitimately say prior to that March primary, we brought you  
4. tax relief commencing January 1, 1980, forty-seven million dollars  
5. worth. Here it is. If you don't do it now, I suggest to you,  
6. we are going down a blind alley. It just won't happen. I urge  
7. a No vote on Amendment No. 1.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Senator Shapiro.

10. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

11. Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
12. it appears to me that with the exception of a few speakers, that  
13. everyone has spoken about everything except the amendment before  
14. us and I think it's time we address ourselves to the amendment and  
15. have explained to us what it does and what it doesn't do. This  
16. amendment will certainly do several things. It will delay tax  
17. relief. It will preclude or at best limit other tax relief propo-  
18. sals and it will necessitate a veto, therefore, a strong possibility  
19. of no tax relief at all and fourth and certainly not last and I  
20. intend to explain all of these points, it does not provide for  
21. replacement if the local governments take the last one cent off  
22. themselves. Citizens want tax relief now and those that support  
23. the pending amendment delay meaningful tax relief for the citizens  
24. of Illinois. It was suggested in the Revenue Committee yesterday  
25. that the six month delay that this amendment provides for was not  
26. all that important. I want to point out to you that those six  
27. months present some very adverse problems where this tax relief  
28. money could be used. There will be dramatic increases in the price  
29. of retail groceries over the next six months. There will be an  
30. increase in the necessity of medical supplies during the winter  
31. months, tightening of family budgets due to rising energy costs.  
32. Therefore, support of this amendment denies tax relief to those  
33. that need it most at the time that they deserve it most. House

1. Bill 2796, with this amendment reduces State revenue so drastically,  
2. 1.5 billion over the phase-in period, that other comprehensive  
3. approaches and amendments for tax relief are really going to  
4. be moot and for this reason. Because the bill, as amended in  
5. committee, phases out the entire four percent and does so even  
6. nine months faster than House Bill 2564. The bill is so costly  
7. as to possibly preclude other types of tax relief. Even assuming  
8. an optimistic ten percent annual growth rate in revenue from State  
9. sources, by FY 1984, the Sangmeister amendment will eat up as much  
10. as sixty-five percent of the new revenues generated in this State,  
11. twenty-eight percent in '81, forty-five percent in '82, sixty-  
12. one percent in '83 and sixty-five percent in '84 and I point out  
13. to you that the last one cent that is so essential to local govern-  
14. ments, and if those local governments choose to take it off, which  
15. they certainly will because they will not be able to withstand  
16. local pressures, that the State will not have the funds to replace  
17. those revenues in the amount of approximately a hundred and thirty-  
18. five million dollars. This side of the aisle has proposed numerous  
19. tax reforms, including increasing the standard exemptions for the  
20. Income Tax, a meaningful savings to the taxpayers of this State,  
21. which would pump millions of dollars into the State economy, amend-  
22. ments to expand the circuit breaker program, to increase the income  
23. threshold to ten thousand...to twelve thousand dollars, and  
24. amendments to slow the dramatic increase in Property Taxes and this  
25. amendment will severely reduce the ability of this General Assembly  
26. to address themselves to this type of tax relief come next Spring.  
27. This amendment, if adopted, will certainly necessitate a veto and  
28. this veto, I point out to you will require a three-fifths vote,  
29. be it a Total Veto or an Amendatory Veto and yes, I assure you,  
30. the Governor will veto this legislation, if amended. This is  
31. really not a compromise. It is a political manipulation to delay  
32. meaningful tax relief for the citizens of this State. The objections  
33. it concerns, voiced by the Gubernatorial Veto, have not been satisfied

1. or even an attempt to satisfy those concerns has not been met.  
2. Now, if you are really sincere in tax relief immediately for  
3. the citizens of this State and weigh the wishes and desires of  
4. your constituents more heavily than you do a press release, you  
5. will oppose this amendment and I ask you to be serious and be  
6. responsible at the same time and resist the adoption of this  
7. amendment.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Is there further...for what purpose does Senator Knuppel  
10. arise?

11. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

12. On a point of personal privilege.

13. (End of Reel)

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

2. State your point.

3. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

4. I've been a member of this Body for ten years, the same  
5. length of time at the end of my term as Senator Rock. Senator  
6. Rock and I started out as roommates, and if I understood  
7. him correctly he said that the Democratic party had never  
8. assumed caucus position. I would disagree with him, we  
9. had a caucus position, many of us Tabled other legislation,  
10. I don't care how he justifies what he says or how he rationalizes,  
11. and the Mayor of Chicago was his responded..supervisor elected  
12. at the time the Democratic party did assume that caucus position  
13. which has been a part of the Democratic function in this Body  
14. for ten years as he well knows, and I'm not condemning him,  
15. I'm condemning her, as the titular head of the Democratic  
16. party, and that can be taken two ways, but we did have  
17. a caucus position, and we have had caucus positions, and I will  
18. not hear somebody say that we have not, when he knows in his  
19. own heart, in his own mind, when we've been roommates and friends,  
20. that we have assumed caucus positions, there's been times that  
21. twenty-seven people voted one way and three were letslide off  
22. it was a caucus position, and if we haven't held a caucus  
23. postion on many issues, then by God we ought not to go into  
24. caucus anymore.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. If there's no further discussion, Senator Sangmeister  
27. may close debate.

28. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

29. Well, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
30. So much as been said, and covered in every detail, that I'm  
31. not going to take a lot of time. I really feel sorry that a  
32. vote that should be so easy, and so just, and so right for every-  
33. body in the State of Illinois, cutting across, yes even the rich,

1. and the middle income, and the poor, this kind of tax relief  
2. helps everybody, and yet this is a tough, tough vote for every-  
3. one, it's really a shame, but there's only one response that I want  
4. to make, and I want that absolutely clear. I...I've heard  
5. a lot of arguments on this Floor and over in the House, and I'll  
6. tell you one thing that's refreshing, we're getting to be a little  
7. bit more like the House in debate, we've got a few John  
8. Matijevich's and that over here, and that's refreshing, but  
9. I have never heard an argument that's put forth by both the  
10. President of the Senate, and the Minority Leader, that there's  
11. no tax relief in 1980, that we're going to delay this. I want  
12. to tell you, I can go to my twelve year old girl, Kimberly,  
13. and I can say Kimberly, I'm going to give you a choice, going  
14. to give you...you can have a penny next January 1st, but I'll  
15. tell you, if you wait six months I'm going to give you a penny,  
16. and three months later I'm going to give you two cents, and  
17. a year later it's three cents, and a year later four cents,  
18. what would you like to take, and I'd be awfully, awfully, dis-  
19. appointed if that girl would say anything but wait. What  
20. kind of...of an argument is it, that we're delaying tax relief  
21. in Illinois, and the other point that I want to make is, that  
22. if everybody thinks this is such a great package, that we should  
23. come back in next year, if it's going to be so great in January  
24. why isn't it so great in November? You can't improve this bill  
25. any, won't get any better in January, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
26. it's as good as it'll ever be. So, yes the time has come  
27. to fish or cut bait and I know that this is a tough decision  
28. for a lot of people, and once again I want to thank those  
29. that have the courage to vote for the people of the State of  
30. Illinois.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. Senator Sangmeister moves the adoption of Amendment No.  
33. 1 to House Bill 2796. All those in favor vote Aye. All those  
opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

1. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
2. the Ayes are 27, the Nays are 27. None Voting Present. For  
3. what purpose does Senator Sangmeister arise?

4. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

5. We'll take a verification of the negatives.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

7. Senator Sangmeister has requested a verification. Will  
8. all Senators be in their seats. The Secretary will read the  
9. ...the negative votes.

10. SECRETARY:

11. The following voted in the negative: Becker, Berman,  
12. Berning, Bowers, Coffey, D'Arco, Davidson, De Angelis, Geo-  
13. Karis, Graham, Grotberg, Maitland, McMillan, Merlo, Mitchler,  
14. Moore, Nash, Nedza, Philip, Regner, Savickas, Shapiro, Sommer,  
15. Vadalabene, Walsh, Weaver, Mr. President.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. Are there any questions of the negative vote? The roll  
18. call has been verified, and the Ayes are 27...

19. SENATOR SANGMEISTER:

20. One question...one question, there is one Senator. Senator  
21. Nash on the Floor?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

23. Yes, he's standing in the back. The roll call has been  
24. verified and the Ayes are 27, the Nays are 27. Those voting  
25. Present are none. The amendment fails. Are there further  
26. amendments? For what purpose does Senator Buzbee arise?

27. SENATOR BUZBEE:

28. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry. To save you and the  
29. Secretary a lot of hassle, I wonder if he could just make fifty  
30. nine copies available of that roll call, so that we could all  
31. have one, and not have to come down individually and ask for it?

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

33. I'm sure that he'll make them available as soon as possible

1. Are there further amendments?

2. SECRETARY:

3. Amendment No. 2 offered by Senators Grotberg-McMillan.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

5. Senator Grotberg.

6. SENATOR GROTBORG:

7. Thank you, Mr. President, and fellow members. In light  
8. of the resent roll call, and the failure of Amendment No. 1,  
9. and a commitment of mine to the Governor of Illinois, the  
10. Governor of all the people, right or wrong, I would at this  
11. time like to explain what I would have done very briefly had  
12. that amendment prevailed, but it is a lousy bill, Governor,  
13. the way it is, it was going to be lousier, Senator Sangmeister,  
14. the way you were offering it, the retailers nightmare will  
15. be on very shortly, the price of groceries will first of all  
16. go up...

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

18. For what purpose does Senator Rock arise?

19. SENATOR ROCK:

20. A point of order, Mr. President. The amendments I have  
21. that are labled 2 and 3, and submitted under Senator Grotberg's  
22. name, seem to me to be technically non-germane, they attempt  
23. to amend the bill as amended, and we all know that didn't work.  
24. I would just suggest they be withdrawn.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

26. Senator Grotberg you hold...heard the suggestion. Senator  
27. Grotberg.

28. SENATOR GROTBORG:

29. Well, thank you, Mr. President, and President Rock I appreciate  
30. your comment. I admitted on opening that the amendment is no  
31. longer necessary, nor germane, but I listened to political  
32. speeches all afternoon on this issue, and I'm telling you that  
33. the amendment that I will keep and be ready for Conference

1. Committee or anything else, it takes a quarter of a  
2. cent a year for four years up to one cent off of every-  
3. thing, instead of running up the price of doing business  
4. in the State of Illinois, and for all of the customers,  
5. why don't we do a sensible act at about the same money and  
6. clean up the Sales Tax Act, instead of lousing it up with  
7. bill after bill.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

9. Senator...

10. SENATOR GROTEBERG:

11. And that was my offer to the Governor, my offer still  
12. stays to this Body, Senator McMillan joins me in this effort,  
13. we will stand by until further heard from on this bill.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

15. Senator, do you withdraw your amendments...both amendments?  
16. Senator Grotberg withdraws Amendments No. 2 and 3. Are there  
17. further amendments from the Floor?

18. SECRETARY:

19. Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Lemke.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

21. Senator Lemke.

22. SENATOR LEMKE:

23. Mr. President, I withdraw the amendment, I have it in the  
24. form of a bill, we'll have the bill, we can hear it next Session  
25. ...next in Revenue. Same amendments in the form...

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

27. Senator Lemke withdraws amendment No. 2. Are there any  
28. further amendments from the Floor?

29. SECRETARY:

30. No further amendments.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

32. 3rd reading. For what purpose does Senator Vadalabene  
33. seek recognition? Senator Vadalabene. Would you turn Senator



1. Vadalabene at Senator Knuppel's desk.

2. SENATOR VADALABENE:

3. Yes, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.

4. There'll be a meeting of the Executive and Appointments

5. immediately after Session in room 212, and not room 400.

6. 212.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

8. Thank you, Senator. Senator Rock.

9. SENATOR ROCK:

10. No, I was just going to ask if there are no further amend-  
11. ments we ought to move the bill and transact our business here.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

13. It has moved to 3rd reading. Is there any further business  
14. to come before the Senate. Senator Joyce.

15. SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

16. Yes, there will be a special meeting of the Nuclear Safety  
17. Committee in room 1A, about right...immediately.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

19. Senator Netsch.

20. SENATOR NETSCH:

21. The Title 20 DCFS Investigating Committee will meet at  
22. least briefly in room 400, right on adjournment.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

24. Senator Rock.

25. SENATOR ROCK:

26. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
27. Senate. If I can have the attention of the Body. I've been  
28. informed that the House will go into Session at 11:00 o'clock  
29. tomorrow morning, therefore, I have suggested that we start our  
30. Regular Session at 9:00. Those bills that you know that have  
31. been amended will go over to the House for concurrence. They  
32. tell me they will act upon them as quickly as possible, there  
33. may well be the necessity with one or two of them to go to a

1. Conference Committee. So, my suggestion is that we begin  
2. the Regular Session as promptly as possible at 9:00 o'clock,  
3. and we'll now adjourn the Special Session until noon and we  
4. can recess the Regular Session tomorrow to await further  
5. House development. Hopefully we will be out of here tomorrow  
6. afternoon. So, I would like to...if there's no further  
7. announcement or business move to...that the 3rd Special  
8. Session stand adjourned until tomorrow at the hour of  
9. noon.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

11. You've heard the motion. Is leave granted? Leave is  
12. granted. Senator Grotberg.

13. SENATOR GROTBORG:

14. Mr. President Rock, would you clarify once more, there's  
15. so much noise over here. Do we come in at 9:00?

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

17. 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

18. SENATOR GROTBORG:

19. For the Regular Session?

20. SENATOR ROCK:

21. Yes, 9:00 o'clock tomorrow for the Regular Session. All  
22. those bills that we moved on 2nd to 3rd we'll have to take  
23. final action on tomorrow. Some of them are going to be called  
24. back for further amendments, but we'll take final action,  
25. send them to the House for concurrence, and the House is coming  
26. in at 11:00 so we should have some idea by like 1:00 o'clock  
27. as to what the House is about.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

29. Senator Philip.

30. SENATOR PHILIP:

31. Thank you, Mr. President. You know, there's been a lot  
32. of confusion, and a lot of discussion, am I to assume that we'll  
33. be adjourning and going home tomorrow afternoon or should we

1. plan on staying in our motels, and going home some time
2. Friday?
3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
4. Senator Rock can answer that question.
5. SENATOR ROCK:
6. At...at this moment, barring any unforeseen Conference
7. Committees or anything else, the...when both Houses adjourn
8. tomorrow we will not return until January.
9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)
10. Are there further announcements? Senator Newhouse, did
11. you seek recognition? If there's no further announcements
12. the Senate stands adjourned until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow
13. morning.
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