

81ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

DECEMBER 5, 1980

1. PRESIDENT:

2. The hour of nine having arrived the Senate will come to order.  
3. Will the members please be at their desks. Will our guests in the  
4. gallery please rise. Our prayer this morning by Father Joseph  
5. Havey, St. Agnes Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father.

6. FATHER JOSEPH HAVEY:

7. ( Prayer given by Father Havey )

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal. Senator Wooten.

10. SENATOR WOOTEN:

11. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the  
12. Journals of Wednesday, December 3rd and Thursday, December 4th,  
13. 1980, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

14. PRESIDENT:

15. You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Wooten. Any  
16. discussion? If not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All  
17. opposed. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Messages from the House.

18. SECRETARY:

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

20. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the  
21. House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in  
22. the adoption of their amendment to a bill with the following title:

23. House Bill 2708, Senator Coffey is the Senate sponsor.

24. PRESIDENT:

25. All right, Senator Coffey has moved that the Senate refuse  
26. to recede from the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House  
27. Bill 2708 and that a Conference Committee be appointed. All in  
28. favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it.  
29. The motion carries, and the Secretary shall so inform the House.

30. SECRETARY:

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

32. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the  
33. House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in

1. the adoption of their amendment to a bill with the following title:  
2. House Bill 3622, Senate Amendment No. 1, Senator Donnewald  
3. is the Senate sponsor.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Senator Donnewald moves that the Senate refuse to recede from  
6. the adoption of Senate Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3622, and  
7. that a Conference Committee be appointed. Those in favor signify  
8. by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries,  
9. and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Resolutions.

10. SECRETARY:

11. Senate Resolution 734, offered by Senator Geo-Karis, it's  
12. congratulatory.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Consent Calendar. Senator Mitchler, for what purpose do you  
15. arise?

16. SENATOR MITCHLER:

17. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I spoke  
18. to the President about this, and I also spoke to Senator Wooten  
19. who's Chairman of the Executive Committee. House Joint Resolution  
20. 105 is a resolution urging display of the Remember the Hostage Flag,  
21. and when it was introduced and brought over from the House last  
22. June we referred it to the Executive Committee, we never...we just  
23. never got around to it. So, I would ask for suspension of the  
24. rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of the resolution.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. All right, Senator Mitchler seeks leave of the Body to immediately  
27. consider and pass House Joint Resolution 105. You want to put  
28. that number on the board, Mr. Secretary. Is there any discussion?  
29. If not, Senator Mitchler moves to suspend the appropriate rules  
30. and further moves that the Committee on Executive be discharged  
31. from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 105 for the  
32. purpose of immediate consideration. Is there any discussion? If  
33. not, all in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have

1. it. Now under consideration is the adoption of House Joint  
2. Resolution 105. Senator Mitchler.

3. SENATOR MITCHLER:

4. Yes, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. This resolution  
5. urges the display of the Remember the Hostages Flag in honor of  
6. those that are gone...I believe you've all seen it at different  
7. locations throughout the State. The Governor now displays it at  
8. the Governor's Mansion. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. All right, Senator Mitchler has moved the adoption of House  
11. Joint Resolution 105. Is there any discussion? If not, all in  
12. favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The  
13. resolution is adopted. If you'll turn to the Calendar on page  
14. 2, with leave of the Body we'll move to the Order of House Bills  
15. 3rd reading. On the Order of House Bills 3rd reading is House  
16. Bill 3635. 3635. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

17. SECRETARY:

18. House Bill 3635.

19. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

20. 3rd reading of the bill.

21. PRESIDENT:

22. Senator Egan.

23. SENATOR EGAN:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. This  
25. bill delays the effective date for one year on the Employee Con-  
26. tribution aspect of the...of the State Pension Codes, pending  
27. the approval of the Internal Revenue Service, or at least a...  
28. an opinion as to whether or not they will abide with the intent.  
29. And there...there is no opposition, Mr. President and members  
30. of the Senate. I'd ask you...answer questions, but I think every-  
31. one is familiar with the...with the reason for the delay, and I  
32. ask for your favorable consideration.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Is there any discussion? Senator Berning.

2. SENATOR BERNING:

3. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want the members on this  
4. side to know that what Senator Egan says is correct. I think this  
5. is a desirable route to go, and I suggest an Aye vote.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. The question is, shall House Bill 3635 pass. Those in favor  
8. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
9. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
10. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 43,  
11. the Nays are none, none Voting Present. House Bill 3635, having  
12. received the required constitutional majority is declared passed.  
13. Senator Egan, are you to handle 3636 for Senator Martin? On the  
14. Order of House Bills 3rd reading, is House Bill 3636. Read the  
15. bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

16. SECRETARY:

17. House Bill 3636.

18. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

19. 3rd reading of the bill.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Egan.

22. SENATOR EGAN:

23. Yes, Mr. President, thank you, and members. This bill does  
24. two things. The least consequence of the two is the...the provision  
25. that extends the...the deadline for reporting of the local Government  
26. Finance Study Committee from the end of this month until the  
27. 1st of April, at which time the commission will go out of existence  
28. with its report. And more importantly the...the bill also allows  
29. for over...lapping taxing districts to estimate the tax for the  
30. next year so that the bills can go out more timely. As I understand,  
31. Senator McMillan has some minor objection and I think that I can  
32. satisfy that objection, Senator, by just allowing for all lawyers  
33. in...in the community to handle closings...real estate closings in

1. the sale, and all they have to do is issue a reparation letter and  
2. that solves the problem...

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Any discussion? Senator Grotberg.

5. SENATOR GROTBORG:

6. Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Indicates he will yield, Senator Grotberg.

9. SENATOR GROTBORG:

10. Senator Egan, I do not have the extention amendment before me,  
11. but you mentioned April 1st, has it been amended back to April 1st,  
12. is the Calendar incorrect?

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Egan.

15. SENATOR EGAN:

16. Yes, that was mistakenly put in the bill originally, December  
17. and we moved it back to April. That was the agreement.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Further discussion? Senator McMillan.

20. SENATOR McMILLAN:

21. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. As far as I'm concerned  
22. my objections are not...not minor but they may not be all that  
23. significant. I think before you vote on this bill, you should  
24. understand what you're doing. There are two procedures now, one  
25. called the accelerated procedure, and the other the estimation  
26. procedure which allow counties that have taxing districts that  
27. overlap into the next county to speed up their process of extending  
28. taxes. This bill provides a third option, that option allows  
29. for an estimation and if they extend too much or too little they  
30. reconcile that the following year, rather than reconcile that  
31. with the second billing of the current year. Now, that appears  
32. to be something that would work very smoothly, but part of the  
33. problem is, if they happen to raise too little and have to sock

1. an extra burden on the tax extension for the next year, especially  
2. if you have communities that are growing where there are new  
3. houses or new apartment buildings or new industry coming on the  
4. tax rolls, they're going to be socked with an extra tax which was  
5. really the liability of Property Tax owners the year before. Or  
6. if the property changes hand...hands, and if the lawyers have not  
7. gotten an extra fee for writing the contract just so, then there  
8. will be people in the second year who own property who are going  
9. to have taxpaying responsibilities who...who frankly weren't even  
10. there the year before when the liability was really created. So,  
11. I understand what this attempts to do, but very frankly, it will  
12. create a monster for certain counties particularly where they  
13. happen to be expanding either with housing or construction or  
14. otherwise. And I really think it is something that you may find  
15. that the...both the assessing officials and the County Clerk,  
16. and the County Treasurer, and the taxpayers in your areas will  
17. not be happy when this is implemented.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Further discussion? Senator Schaffer.

20. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

21. Well, I think that Senator McMillan's points have validity, but  
22. I nonetheless rise in support of this bill and this amendment.  
23. We have in my area, my home county has had what we commonly call  
24. assessment wars and has found itself months and months behind  
25. schedule, and unfortunately we have a lot of overlapping districts.  
26. And we have, because of our inability to get our act together, we  
27. have caused literally millions of dollars in interest for tax  
28. anticipation warrants because massive taxing districts that have  
29. parts of McHenry County have been unable to put together their  
30. tax bills. I don't think it's a perfect solution, but I do think  
31. it's a step in the right direction, and I urge support of everyone  
32. here. And I think that's what it's going to take.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Further discussion? Senator McMillan.

2. SENATOR McMILLAN:

3. Well, I apologize for speaking a second time. But there are  
4. currently two alternative ways in which a county can speed up their  
5. process. And one is with an accelerated method which does take a  
6. resolution by the county board in September of the previous year,  
7. but there's also an estimated method which they can do later, and  
8. which is available now. And if that process is followed, the  
9. second tax billing reconciles it, and it's taken care of. So,  
10. there are presently two, even though imperfect, but there are two  
11. measures on the books currently which allow them to do it if they  
12. will.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Berning.

15. SENATOR BERNING:

16. A question of the sponsor. Is this just another permissive  
17. option?

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Egan.

20. SENATOR EGAN:

21. It is permissive, Senator, and it...it is a third alternative.  
22. But this alternative will allow for the one bill two installment  
23. method of collecting the tax and albeit, it is imperfect. It  
24. can be perfected simply with a reprobation letter if there is  
25. a transfer of title...a reprobation letter for the next year. Now,  
26. its...we've got a serious problem, this is a third alternative  
27. method to resolve it, and I think it does so without creating  
28. the complications that Senator McMillan avers to. It...it  
29. can be administered without any resulting problem.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Berning.

32. SENATOR BERNING:

33. Is the option that of the County Treasurer or does it  
take county board action?

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Egan.

3. SENATOR EGAN:

4. Well, it...the County Clerk has the authority to administer  
5. this, and it is up to his...his discretion if he...if he wishes  
6. this alternative method he...he may use it.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Further discussion? Senator Grotberg.

9. SENATOR GROTBORG:

10. Thank you, and my apologies for rising twice on this occasion.  
11. But as a member of the Local Government Finance Study Committee,  
12. we have had days of testimony on this subject, and these...the  
13. estimated vis-a-vis, the accelerated vis-a-vis, this procedure  
14. you will see more things coming down the pike. The attempt here  
15. is to solve the problem of the time lag of monies to local units  
16. of government. And I rise, I think, in support of your measure,  
17. Senator Egan, only because it looks to me just from the brief  
18. reading that I've been able to give it, that this has to do with  
19. the estimation of values not estimation of the tax bill. This is  
20. ...this is based on estimated assessments, et cetera, it goes beyond  
21. the tax bill, am I correct?

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Senator Egan.

24. SENATOR EGAN:

25. Well, I think the result is the same Senator, but no, it is  
26. not. This is an estimate of the tax which will be due the following  
27. year. However, as you say, there is...its...you weigh how you resolve  
28. to problem with the...with the alternatives and it's just simply  
29. another tool. And...

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Grotberg.

32. SENATOR GROTBORG:

33. On the amendment again, Mr. President, and members. It...it's



HB 3623  
3rd reading

1. kind of like the Board of Elections bill, everytime we touch it  
2. with a caucus amendment or something you back up a whole process.  
3. The school superintendents sit down around the table discussing  
4. the alternatives they have now, the more alternatives we give them  
5. the better, I believe, because there's so much differential across  
6. the State of Illinois. What...goes in Winnebago County, the fight  
7. down in Pope County, and in Cook County it's terrible. If...if  
8. somebody needs this option to speed up the revenues instead of  
9. selling eight percent tax anticipation warrants by the millions  
10. and millions of dollars to speed up revenue, let's let them do  
11. it and see what happens, we can always yank it. Let's...let's  
12. vote this one out.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Any further discussion? Senator Egan may close.

15. SENATOR EGAN:

16. Well, thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate.  
17. I...I commend the idea and the bill to your favorable consideration.  
18. I certainly am totally aware of its imperfection, and I also  
19. urge you to consider the fact that these imperfections in the bill  
20. can be corrected. So, as a permissible alternative to a serious  
21. problem, I think we should try it, and I commend it to your  
22. favorable consideration.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. The question is, shall House Bill 3636 pass. Those in favor  
25. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
26. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
27. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 38,  
28. the Nays are 3, none Voting Present. House Bill 3636, having received  
29. the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Senator  
30. Joyce. Senator Rhoads, are we ready? On the Order of House Bills  
31. 3rd reading, is House Bill 3623. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary,  
32. please.

33. SECRETARY:

1. House Bill 3623.

2. ( Secretary reads title of bill )

3. 3rd reading of the bill.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. With leave of the Body Senator Rhoads will handle this bill  
6. in my place. Senator Rhoads.

7. SENATOR RHOADS:

8. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. Yesterday  
9. we passed out a synopsis of the amendment to this bill. There are  
10. some seventeen provisions, most of which are technical. We did  
11. not pass out the amendment itself because it ran to a hundred and  
12. twenty-five pages and I asked that that rule be suspended. The  
13. first of the provisions takes care of a problem in the City of  
14. Bloomington for establishing a...signature requirements because  
15. of their new redistricting. The second provision is also technical,  
16. dealing with new party petitions municipalities with wards and  
17. counties, and county board districts. The third deals with the  
18. municipal election schedule, again it is technical. The fourth  
19. is the consolidated primary for township and municipal Primaries held on  
20. the same day, that is a technical. On the fifth provision, it  
21. has some substance to it, we have changed the date of the local  
22. caucus in order to...advanced it by one week in the month of January  
23. to the second Tuesday. The sixth provision deals with the odd  
24. year local elections and provides a mechanism for in person  
25. absentee voting in the offices of municipal and township Clerks,  
26. and also shortens up the time period for...before the election  
27. in which a person can vote in person. The seventh provision is  
28. technical, dealing with multi-township Assessors. Eighth provision  
29. is technical. The ninth is substantive, it deals with...it  
30. exempts a backdoor referenda from the statutory limit of three  
31. referendum per election for each unit of local government. Now,  
32. that's intended to preclude the backdoor referenda from being  
33. delayed due to filling up the ballot. The tenth provision deal...

1. is technical dealing with local referenda petitions and the  
2. objection period. The eleventh provision gives...extends  
3. poll watcher credentials to the precinct registration day activities.  
4. The twelfth deals with the local election ballot form. The  
5. thirteenth is technical, dealing with the township nominating  
6. petitions, it's a jurisdictional dispute there. The fourteenth  
7. deals with mandatory training of election judges. The fifteenth  
8. provision deals with the date of the ballot placement lotteries,  
9. again technical. The sixteenth is the biannual canvas requirements,  
10. a technical correction. And the last, the seventeenth, deals with  
11. the City of Cicero, exclusively, and that is also a technical  
12. correction. I'll be happy to answer any questions that I can.  
13. For the most part we've read over this several times with staff  
14. and others. I don't see any land mines in it, and I do think  
15. it needs to be implemented for our consolidation of election  
16. schedule which actually already is in effect, it went into effect  
17. on the first day of this month.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Discussion? Senator Bowers.

20. SENATOR BOWERS:

21. The sponsor yield?

22. PRESIDENT:

23. He indicates he will yield. Senator Bowers.

24. SENATOR BOWERS:

25. With specific reference to the township caucus, Senator Rhoads,  
26. I noticed you've moved that forward, and is that effective  
27. this next January...

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Rhoads.

30. SENATOR BOWERS:

31. ...now aren't there some notice requirements as far as  
32. holding that caucus is concerned? We're in December now, and...  
33. and a lot of the townships aren't going to know about this. It

1. seems to me that we're causing a little bit of a problem. As  
2. a matter of fact I had a call from one of my townships today asking  
3. me about the change, and...and suggesting that gee, it's a little  
4. bit late to be playing that ballgame. And I noticed the reason for  
5. it appears to be not to hold it on the day of the inauguration,  
6. is that...is that...

7. PRESIDENT:

8. Senator...Senator Rhoads.

9. SENATOR RHOADS:

10. That is correct Senator Bowers, and it wasn't my idea. This  
11. is something the House came up with. There...that isn't the  
12. only reason, just the conflict with the Presidential inauguration.  
13. There is a ten day notice provision, and the State Board of  
14. Elections will get the word out to all the local people about the  
15. date of the change. The other reason is, that the current date  
16. conflicts with the first day for filing for the caucus nomination  
17. papers. So, there is...there is a...a dual reason for advancing  
18. it to the second Tuesday. And I...I don't know of anyone, you  
19. know, any organized group, such as Municipal League, or township  
20. officials that...they're objecting to this, I believe they've all  
21. been informed about it.

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Further discussion? Senator Schaffer.

24. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

25. Senator Rhoads, you made reference to a jurisdictional dispute  
26. on filing for township nomination papers. What is...pardon me for  
27. my ignorance, what exactly does this change?

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Rhoads.

30. SENATOR RHOADS:

31. It wasn't a jurisdictional dispute...only as between Boards  
32. of Election Commissioners and County Clerks, and this simply  
33. clarifies where they will file their petitions.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Schaffer.

3. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

4. I don't think...I think it probably is a good step, but as  
5. I recall they file Monday for township primaries, and you might  
6. have a few people wandering around Monday morning at quarter to  
7. eight wondering how to get in line in the right place first.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Rhoads.

10. SENATOR RHOADS:

11. If they file in both places it does not make it defective.  
12. It will count.

13. ~~PRESIDENT:~~

14. Further discussion? Senator Grotberg.

15. SENATOR GROTBORG:

16. Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the sponsor.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Indicates he will yield. Senator Grotberg.

19. SENATOR GROTBORG:

20. If this passes we can all go to Washington to swear in our  
21. President, who's going to be here to swear us in on one of these  
22. dates...it falls now upon our swearing in, am I correct? One of  
23. the caucus dates?

24. PRESIDENT:

25. Senator Rhoads.

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(END OF REEL)

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1. SENATOR RHOADS:
2.           Multitownship caucuses would fall the day before we are
3. sworn...the day of. Right. You...
4. PRESIDENT:
5.           Senator Grotberg.
6. SENATOR GROTBORG:
7.           Multitownship caucuses only? But I thought you had three
8. days in a row for caucuses, the 12th, 13th, and 14th, or something?
9. PRESIDENT:
10.          Senator Rhoads.
11. SENATOR RHOADS:
12.          The first is township, the second is multitownship, and the
13. third is municipal. So, the multitownship does fall on January
14. 14th the day that we're down here being sworn in.
15. PRESIDENT:
16.          Further discussion? Senator Nimrod.
17. SENATOR NIMROD:
18.          Thank you, Mr. President. A question.
19. PRESIDENT:
20.          Indicates he will yield. Senator Nimrod.
21. SENATOR NIMROD:
22.          Is it...is it possible that because these dates are falling
23. within like tomorrow and...and then these other dates of notification,
24. is it possible that we cannot have some provision that it would
25. not penalize any townships that happen to file on the dates that's
26. been listed before? Or happens to file their petitions, or happen
27. to hold their caucuses...in other words can we hold them...can
28. we hold them immune or exempt them from violation for this year
29. in case they file at the wrong date?
30. PRESIDENT:
31.          Senator Rhoads.
32. SENATOR RHOADS:
33.          The State Board of Elections can adopt a rule on that without

1. statutory backing is my understanding.

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Nimrod.

4. SENATOR NIMROD:

5. Thank you. I would hope that we would include that here in  
6. our intent so that any township that happened to file at the wrong  
7. time or the provisions that presently exist today, and do not  
8. get notices, that they would be held immune from being any violations  
9. or being knocked off the ballots. The second provision that I was  
10. just asking about would be you talked about shortening the  
11. time for absentee voting, can you tell me specifically what that  
12. does?

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Rhoads.

15. SENATOR RHOADS:

16. Yes, Senator Nimrod, we shortened the mandatory time period  
17. for local in person absentee voting from forty days prior to the  
18. election to twenty-two days before the election. This gives people  
19. more time to vote at their local clerk's office. We also established  
20. regular...office hours for the local...clerks to provide this  
21. service. We delete the requirement that the local clerks must  
22. keep their offices open at all times at which the County Clerks  
23. Offices are open during the absentee period. But we retained the  
24. provision that the local clerks may provide absentee voting when  
25. the County Clerk's Office is closed. In other words, they don't  
26. have to be open at all times but as a practical matter usually  
27. they are because of the fact that they have to call to the  
28. county and check with them for information on the...on the status  
29. of the person who's...if the person's registered or not.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Senator Nimrod.

32. SENATOR NIMROD:

33. Now, it seems...seems to me that we went through a lot of

1. trouble here not long ago to make sure that the township offices and  
2. the local municipal offices would be open at the same time that  
3. the County Clerk's Offices are open and now we're removing that  
4. provision. Is there some reason for that?

5. PRESIDENT:

6. Senator Rhoads.

7. SENATOR RHOADS:

8. Well, it...it...we're faced with a dilemma, it's better to  
9. have them provide the service than refuse to provide the service.  
10. Now, a lot of them were refusing to provide the service because  
11. they...the clerks were forcing them to stay open too long. I don't  
12. ...I don't think you and I are in any disagreement about the  
13. direction we want to go on this. I think this provides a greater  
14. opportunity for in person absentee voting. I'm very much on  
15. your side of that...of that issue. Shortening up the time frame I think  
16. is a good thing, and we...we also have been told by the local  
17. clerks that this will encourage more of them to provide the service.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Nimrod.

20. SENATOR NIMROD:

21. Well, only in closing. My only concern is, that I...I realize  
22. that there's some problems in the downstate areas in some of  
23. those offices that were requiring to be open. But can't we  
24. exempt that and make sure that the county offices in, at least,  
25. the major counties are open where there are full-time services  
26. available, so that we would, at least, have that time open? And  
27. that's been one of the provisions within that area.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Rhoads.

30. SENATOR RHOADS:

31. Well, like you, I am...I am from Cook, and I have discussed  
32. this with Mr. Burns in the Cook County Elections Department, that  
33. is their intent. More and more of our local clerks..we only have



1. few small townships that it presents a problem, LaMont Township,  
2. for example. But most all of them will be providing this service  
3. throughout the coming year.

4. PRESIDENT:

5. Further discussion? Senator Berning.

6. SENATOR BERNING:

7. Thank you, Mr. President. A question for the sponsor...

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Indicates he'll yield. Senator Berning.

10. SENATOR BERNING:

11. Would you further clarify the intent here and the explanation  
12. of this backdoor referendum? I'm not quite certain whether you are  
13. saying that a backdoor referendum can be called for time after  
14. time after time after time which is something that I think we have  
15. been attempting to eliminate. Is that what this number nine is  
16. directed toward?

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Rhoads.

19. SENATOR RHOADS:

20. Not really, Senator Berning. It doesn't address the merits  
21. of a backdoor referendum. Like you, I don't particularly like  
22. backdoor referenda, what... all this does is, it says that if the...  
23. the regular ballot is filled up with three frontdoor referenda  
24. that that...that that statutory provision will not preclude a  
25. backdoor referenda also being placed on the ballot. In other  
26. words, it's an attempt to prevent excluding the backdoor referenda  
27. by filling up the ballot.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Senator Berning.

30. SENATOR BERNING:

31. Then it does or does not establish any further limitation  
32. or extension of the numbers of times that backdoor door referendum  
33. may be presented?

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Rhoads.

3. SENATOR RHOADS:

4. No, it...it does...has nothing to do with that question  
5. that you raised.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Further discussion? Senator Grotberg.

8. SENATOR GROTBORG:

9. Thank you, Mr. President. I believe for the record on this  
10. matter we should also introduce the topic, fellow Senators, that  
11. in Williams versus Butler, 1976, 3rd Appellate Court of the State  
12. of Illinois, we have case law that allows you to caucus and recess  
13. to a future date. We do it all the time, parliamentary in our  
14. own organizations and the Republicans and the Democrats and we  
15. meet in the phonebooth and set a date and everybody signs that  
16. we were there, and then recess to a date certain. That is the  
17. great escape hatch for all of these things, and I think I  
18. see Mr. McGuffith on the Floor, I would think we should get that  
19. message out in the same letter so that any township that, you know,  
20. has already rented their hall and they've done all of these things,  
21. and maybe they could very well meet on the 20th or the 12th or the  
22. 13th or 14th, and then the chairman can...have a quorum of three  
23. and...and . recess, and pick their own time. It's really quite  
24. flexible but for the record, it's also legal.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Any further discussion? Senator Rhoads may close.

27. SENATOR RHOADS:

28. I would just urge a favorable vote. I...we have gone over  
29. this carefully, I don't see any landmines in it. And I would  
30. recommend it to your favorable consideration as Senator Egan would  
31. say.

32. PRESIDENT:

33. The question is, shall House Bill 3623 pass. Those in favor

1. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
2. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
3. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 37,  
4. the Nays are none, 5 Voting Present. House Bill 3623, having  
5. received the required constitutional majority is declared passed.  
6. 3638, Senator Joyce. Folds. On the Order of Secretary's Desk  
7. Concurrence, is Senate Bill 2028. Senator Regner, what's your  
8. pleasure?

9. SENATOR REGNER:

10. Yes, Mr. President, and members. I want to concur in House  
11. Amendment 13, and I want to non-concur in the other. What 13  
12. does, it appropriates six hundred and fifty thousand, or as much  
13. as may be necessary from the Capital Development Fund to the  
14. Secretary of State for rehabilitation of the Illinois State  
15. Museum including, but not limited to replacement of heating,  
16. ventilating, air conditioning, and environmental controls, and  
17. it's a necessary item. So, I would like to move to concur on  
18. House Amendment No. 13, and then I'll make the other motion later.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. All right, Senator Regner has moved that the Senate concur  
21. in House Amendment No...let me just place the question, I'll be  
22. delighted to have you say something, to House Amendment No. 13  
23. to Senate Bill 2028. Is there any discussion? Senator DeAngelis.

24. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

25. Mr. President, I would like to do whatever is appropriate  
26. in terms of procedure, and I might be out of order in making this  
27. request at this point. But I would like to have some of the  
28. amendments separated from the bill or divided and voted on separately.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. That is your right. The only issue that Senator Regner has  
31. placed before the Body at this point, is the question of concurrence  
32. on House Amendment No. 13. Is there any discussion? Senator Joyce.

33. SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

1. Could I have an explanation of House Amendment 13?

2. PRESIDENT:

3. Senator Regner.

4. SENATOR REGNER:

5. For the second time. It's six hundred and fifty thousand  
6. dollars or however much may be necessary...approximately from the  
7. Capital Development Fund to the Secretary of State for re-  
8. habilitation of the Illinois State Museum, and it's including  
9. heating, ventilating, air conditioning, environmental...control  
10. systems, and upgrading of environmental chambers for storage.  
11. It's something necessary that they have for storage  
12. of their materials.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. All right, any further discussion on Senator Regner's motion  
15. to concur in House Amendment 13 to Senate Bill 2028? If not,  
16. the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 13  
17. to Senate Bill 202...28. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those  
18. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who  
19. wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,  
20. the Ayes are 36, the Nays are none, none Voting Present. The  
21. Senate does concur in House Amendment 13 to Senate Bill 2028.  
22. Senator Regner. Senator Regner.

23. SENATOR REGNER:

24. Well, what I wanted, to do as sponsor of the bill, is non-concur  
25. in all the other amendments, but I think Senator DeAngelis probably  
26. has a different motion. We might as well do it in that order and  
27. beat it.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. All right, Senator DeAngelis.

30. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

31. Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Senator Regner, I do have a  
32. different motion. I would like to separate House Amendments 11 and  
33. 12, and have those taken separately.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. All right, you've heard the request. Is leave granted?

3. Leave is granted. Do you wish to deal with those at this time?

4. Or Senator Regner, I presume your...you would be first then with  
5. 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10.

6. SENATOR REGNER:

7. And...yes, right. I move to non-concur in 2, 4, 6, 8, 10...

8. PRESIDENT:

9. We...we will have a roll call. Senator Joyce.

10. SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

11. Can we have a roll call on his motion?

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Well, when we get to it, certainly. We're not there yet.

14. As I understand it, it's 11 and 12 that are the issues, and that

15. motion has not yet been placed to either concur or not concur.

16. The only thing that we have agreed by leave of this Body to do,

17. is separate those two from the omnibus motion. Yes, Senator

18. Joyce.

19. SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

20. Can't we have a roll call on the motion to separate the  
21. question?

22. PRESIDENT:

23. Yes, I...I think that is a...under our rules the division

24. of the question does not require a roll call, frankly. And,

25. frankly, it has been agreed to by the sponsor. Senator Buzbee.

26. SENATOR BUZBEE:

27. I understand that, but there are some more of the amendments

28. that I would like to have a division on besides 11 and 12.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. That...that is your right. Just tell me where we're going  
31. here.

32. SENATOR BUZBEE:

33. Okay.

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Buzbee.

3. SENATOR BUZBEE:

4. Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to have a...a...I  
5. would like to place the motion that we...we do concur on House Amend-  
6. ments 2...on House Amendments 2 and 8.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

8. Senator Buzbee, while you're looking up notes, two television  
9. stations have sought leave to shoot the proceedings. Is there  
10. leave? Channel 20 and WAND. Leave is granted. Senator Buzbee.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Yes, I...I would like to have a separate roll call...I would  
13. like to move that we concur in House Amendments 2 and 8, which  
14. will be separate from the question, I guess, then that Senator  
15. DeAngelis has placed.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Senator DeAngelis, you asked for a division on 11 and 12,  
18. is that correct?

19. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

20. That is correct, Mr. President.

21. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

22. All right. And Senator Buzbee, you're asking for a division on  
23. what...2 and 8. All right. Now, Gentlemen, under our proceedings  
24. there's a division...Senator Regner, for what purpose do you arise?

25. SENATOR REGNER:

26. Why don't we do it the easy way, and do one at a time?

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

28. I would..thank you, Senator. With leave of Senator Regner's  
29. suggestion, we will take the amendments in order. If wish...if  
30. any Senator wishes to make a motion either pro or con to concur  
31. or not concur we will take them up seriatim. For what purpose  
32. does Senator Kenneth Hall arise?

33. SENATOR HALL:

1. Well, I just want to know what each one of these amendments  
2. do before we vote on them.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

4. Senator, we're going to get an explanation. On the...on  
5. Secretary's Desk, is Senate Bill 2028, with House Amendments 2,  
6. 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, and we have taken care of...Amendment No.  
7. 13 individually. Senator, can you explain Amendment No. 2?  
8. House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2028.

9. SENATOR REGNER:

10. Okay, this is a hundred thousand dollar for Department of  
11. Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities for a grant to a  
12. pilot house.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. Senator Regner, you made an explanation but no motion.

15. SENATOR REGNER:

16. Well, Senator Buzbee wants to make a motion to concur. I  
17. want to move...I'm going to debate it, and suggest we non-concur...

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. All right, Senator...

20. SENATOR REGNER:

21. ...so let Senator Buzbee make the motion.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. Senator Buzbee is recognized.

24. SENATOR BUZBEE:

25. Thank you. When you said a pilot house, that's not the kind  
26. of pilot house where they build...where they bring boats and things.  
27. It's...it's...it's a...it's for a facility for the treatment of...  
28. of mentally ill and developmentally disabled. So, this was a  
29. request that Representative Mautino put in. I told him that I  
30. would attempt to help him in achieving what he is trying to  
31. accomplish here. So, I would put the motion that we do concur.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. The motion is to concur in House Amendment No. 2. Is there

1. discussion of that motion? Senator Regner is recognized.

2. SENATOR REGNER:

3. Pilot House didn't request these funds, the Pilot House  
4. wanted Representative Mautino, who put the amendment on, to help  
5. clarify a grant request with FHA for purchase of land. And  
6. ...apparently an appeal is still pending, and these funds are not  
7. needed at this time, and I'd urge the defeat of the motion to concur.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. Further discussion? Senator Shapiro.

10. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

11. Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator  
12. Regner is absolutely right. Pilot House has attempted to gain  
13. ownership of a plot of ground on the north edge of Kewanee, Illinois  
14. through FHA. They have been turned down because this land is  
15. prime farm land, and FHA will not loan or give grants to a  
16. project of this type that utilizes prime farm land. So, at this  
17. moment the entire project is up in the air. Yesterday I wrote a  
18. letter to one of the officers of Pilot House explaining the  
19. situation to them, and telling them who to get in touch with in  
20. order that an appeal may be made. But until that time, and it  
21. may take a long time, there is no place for Pilot House to go.  
22. They do not have ownership of the land, they would like to get  
23. it. This hundred thousand dollars evidently, as I see it, is  
24. putting the cart before the horse, and I would be more than willing  
25. to support this grant if they had a plot of ground that they want.  
26. They do not, so I would urge everyone to non-concur in this amend-  
27. ment.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

29. Further discussion? The motion is to concur in House Amendment  
30. No. 2 to Senate Bill 2028. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those  
31. opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. It will require  
32. 36 affirmative votes to concur. Have all voted who wish? Have  
33. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes



1. are 16, the Nays are 21, none Voting Present. The Senate does  
2. not concur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2028, and  
3. the Secretary shall so inform the House. House Amendment No. 4,  
4. Senator Regner for an explanation.

5. SENATOR REGNER:

6. Yes, Amendment No. 4 was two hundred and twenty-five thousand  
7. for the Department of Mental Health for St. Francis and St.  
8. Vincent Schools in Freeport. The funding for these institutions  
9. and other schools was provided for in House Bill 3626 which we  
10. passed out yesterday. I'd move we non-concur in House Amendment  
11. No. 4.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13. The motion is to non-concur with House Amendment No. 4.  
14. Is there discussion? Senator Rock is recognized.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Well, I...I rise in opposition to that motion, and I think  
17. the better motion, frankly, and the better course of action would  
18. be to concur. We will, this way, it seems to me afford the Governor  
19. a dual opportunity. After the discussion I heard yesterday pur-  
20. suant to Senator Weaver's amendment, wherein we placed a million  
21. four into the budget, hopefully that will be prorated or fully  
22. fund that formula that the Purchase Care Review Board has set out.  
23. In the event that that, in fact, does not happen, this is another  
24. alternative. This school...these schools are in dire need, and  
25. everybody admits they're in dire need, and the department admits  
26. they're in dire need, and the department admits that the monies should  
27. be theirs. Why don't we just leave it in there, and send it to  
28. the Governor?

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Further discussion? Senator Bowers.

31. SENATOR BOWERS:

32. May...I'd like to inquire of the Chair. Do we know what the  
33. House has done with Senator Weaver's amendment on the other bill?

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. Senator Weaver, can you enlighten us? Senator Weaver is re-  
3. cognized.

4. SENATOR WEAVER:

5. I understand that they accepted that amendment.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

7. Senator Bowers.

8. SENATOR BOWERS:

9. Well, is...is that bill then...has that bill passed the House  
10. now, is it now on the Governor's Desk? Is that the posture of  
11. that...of that provision?

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

~~13. Senator Weaver.~~

14. SENATOR WEAVER:

15. It's on its way to the Governor's Desk.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. All right. Further discussion? Senator Gitz.

18. SENATOR GITZ:

19. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. In the same vein  
20. as Senator Rock, I'd like to point out two things. Yesterday we  
21. went out of our way to accommodate all the institutions of...  
22. choice. I certainly hope that the Governor approves that appropriation.  
23. I fervently hope that the numbers that were given to us to each  
24. of these institutions are accurate, will be accepted. In my  
25. discussions with the Governor's Legislative Liason, there's been  
26. great uncertainty in the fate of what's going to happen with that.  
27. I would like very much to see this Body, at least, give the option  
28. of these two institutions. I would also like to point out, which  
29. I think is the most critical point, is that these are not local  
30. facilities with local wards. These two facilities handle severely  
31. handicapped children from virtually the age of two to twelve at  
32. St. Francis, and from the age of roughly about eleven to twenty-one  
33. at St. Vincent's. The wards in those facilities are drawn from

1. throughout the State. That is why so many of you have received  
2. letters from all over. I hope the Governor signs Senator Weaver's  
3. amendment. In the event that he chooses not to for whatever the  
4. reasons, I still hope that we will have to address head on this  
5. issue. I think it is important, because these facilities  
6. are on the verge of going out of existence. Once that happens  
7. two things are going to happen. A lot of people in the Chicago  
8. Metropolitan Area are not going to have a place for placement.  
9. Now, the second thing that's going to happen, which I fear is  
10. universal, and I'm glad that Senator Weaver addressed, was the  
11. fact that if these private facilities go under, and there's a  
12. critical problem all over the board on them, I fear that we will  
13. be faced with a far more expensive proposition in the future.  
14. And I respectfully ask for your concurrence in this. This way  
15. we have two options to insure that the message is heard. Thank  
16. you.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

18. Further discussion? Senator Regner. All right. The motion  
19. is to non-concur with House Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2028.  
20. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is  
21. open. The motion is to non-concur. The motion is to non-concur.  
22. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the  
23. record. On that question, the Ayes are 19, the Nays are 22.  
24. The motion to non-concur is lost. Senator Rock is recognized.

25. SENATOR ROCK:

26. Thank you, Mr. President. That having been accomplished,  
27. I would now move that we concur with House Amendment No. 4 and  
28. for the same reasons. It...it does not...simply doesn't do any  
29. harm to send this other alternative to the Governor's Desk and  
30. let those people in Freeport know that we're serious about what  
31. we're about. And I would move to concur.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. The motion is to concur. Is there discussion of the...of the

1. motion? Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote  
2. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
3. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On  
4. that question, the Ayes are 35, the Nays are...nine, 1 Voting  
5. Present. The Senate does not concur with House Amendment No. 4  
6. to Senate Bill 2028, and the Secretary shall so inform the  
7. House. Yes, Senator Buzbee.

8. SENATOR BUZBEE:

9. Given the fact that we were in excess of the constitutional  
10. majority, but less than the required for immediate effective date,  
11. are we in the posture of telling the House it's okay with us  
12. effective 1, July, but it's not okay with us right now?

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14. No, our message to the House is that we non-concurred in their amend-  
15. ment, and if they recede from it, they will do so with a hundred  
16. and seven votes, that will be final passage. So, the only way  
17. that we can concur with the amendment is by 36 votes. In the  
18. event that they would recede then we have real problems on non-  
19. concurrence. So, the message will be that we non-concur, and  
20. their option will be to recede or put it in a Conference Committee.  
21. They could have...this could be final passage in the Senate.  
22. Senator Buzbee.

23. SENATOR BUZBEE:

24. Okay, thank you.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

26. ...Amendment No. 6. Senator Regner is recognized.

27. SENATOR REGNER:

28. Yes, Mr. President, and members. This is three hundred  
29. thousand dollars for the Department of Mental Health for personal  
30. services at Dixon Developmental Disability Center. The amendment  
31. is technically incorrect, and the same amendment was taken off  
32. of House Bill 3626 in the Senate the other day, and that the  
33. House did concur in our actions. And I would therefore move that

1. we non-concur in Amendment No. 6.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. The motion is to non-concur. Is there discussion? All in  
4. favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The Senate non-  
5. concurs with Amendment No. 6. Amendment No. 8, Senator Regner.

6. SENATOR REGNER:

7. Buzbee wants to make a motion.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. All right, Senator Buzbee is recognized on Amendment No. 8  
10. to Senate Bill 2028.

11. SENATOR BUZBEE:

12. Yes, Mr. President, I would...would move that we concur  
13. with House Amendment No. 8. The dollar figure as a matter of  
14. fact is...is incorrect, it...it says four thousand dollars, it  
15. should be about four thousand and six hundred dollars or so, but  
16. given the fact that it was drawn incorrectly to start with, the  
17. House sponsor decided to leave it this way for the time being.  
18. Whats happened is...there are some...some retail merchants who  
19. were furnishing services to people in the WICP, the Women and  
20. Infant Care Program, and I'm not quite sure how it fell into  
21. the crack but somehow or the other these retail merchants have  
22. never been reimbursed. And they are spread across the State,  
23. none of them are in my district, but this is simply an attempt  
24. on Representative Mautino's part to make these...get these pay-  
25. ments made to these retail merchants who have legitimate claims.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. Is there discussion? Senator Regner.

28. SENATOR REGNER:

29. Yes, Senator Buzbee explained it properly except  
30. for a couple items that I do want to mention. First of all, this  
31. money should be taken from the WICP Fund if from anywhere not  
32. from General Revenue which this amendment provides. And secondly,  
33. these claims are currently in the Court of Claims, and I think

1. it would be a bad precedent if the Senate appropriated money for  
2. things such as this that are still in the Court of Claims, and  
3. the settlement isn't made yet. And I would suggest that we non-  
4. concur.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Is there further discussion of the motion to concur? Is  
7. there a request for a roll call? Well, it would require one...  
8. those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The  
9. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
10. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the  
11. Ayes are 17, the Nays are 21, none Voting Present. The Senate  
12. does not concur with Amendment No. 8 to Senate Bill 2028, and  
13. the Secretary shall so inform the House. No. 10, Senator Regner.

14. SENATOR REGNER:

15. Yes, Mr. President, when we concurred in Amendment No. 13,  
16. Amendment No. 10 which had a defect in it is not necessary. And  
17. I would move we non-concur in Amendment No. 10.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. The motion is to non-concur. Discussion? All in favor say  
20. Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment...we non-concurred  
21. ...the Senate non-concurs with Amendment No. 10. No. 11, Senator  
22. Regner.

23. SENATOR REGNER:

24. Senator DeAngelis wants to make a motion.

25. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

26. Senator DeAngelis on Senate...House Amendments 11 and 12 to  
27. House Bill 202...to Senate Bill 2028. Senator DeAngelis.

28. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

29. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we concur with House  
30. Amendment No. 11. This issue has been debated quite substantially  
31. but just for the last time. This is a 5.3 million dollar sup-  
32. plemental appropriation for the Illinois State Scholarship Commission.  
33. And what...what it'll do, will enable the State Scholarship

1. Commission to process applications for the second semester no  
2. later than February 15th for those students who do not either  
3. receive anything in the first half who are coming in the second  
4. semester, and second and third quarter. I urge its concurrence.  
5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. Is there discussion? Senator Regner.

7. SENATOR REGNER:

8. Well, I'm going to urge a No vote on the concurrence motion.  
9. I did...did tell Senator DeAngelis I'd let him make the motion.  
10. But, you know, here we go again, the Scholarship Commission con-  
11. tinually spends over and above what we give them in the original  
12. appropriation. Now, we passed the bill out of here, I did vote  
13. No on it the other day, it's in the House right now, and I think  
14. it's absolutely silly that we should be doing this again. First  
15. of all, I'm opposed to the whole concept of additional monies  
16. for the Scholarship Commission with the way they've been operating  
17. and using their funds, and really thumbing their nose at the  
18. General Assembly. And I would urge a No vote on this concurrence  
19. motion.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21. Senator Newhouse.

22. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

23. Thank you, Mr. President, and Senators. I'll be brief.  
24. This...the new director of this agency has shown every evidence  
25. he's going to cooperate with this Legislature. We've talked for  
26. years about moving that Scholarship Commission out of Deerfield  
27. and bringing it to Springfield, he's agreed to do that. He's a  
28. new man, I think many of us have met him, have some confidence  
29. in the things that he wants to do. I think we ought not kick  
30. the crutches out from under him before he even starts. I'd urge  
31. an...Yes vote on this amendment.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

1. SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

2. Mr...Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.  
3. I concur with Senator Newhouse, and I...I think rather than punish  
4. the students, if the new director doesn't work out well, we  
5. as Legislators should do something about it and we did pass the  
6. overview of the Senate Bill...House Bill 2351 on rule power of  
7. agencies. And I think this is one of the times we can exert it  
8. if we need it.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Further discussion? Senator Mitchler.

11. SENATOR MITCHLER:

12. Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Senate. I think  
13. we have to look at the money we appropriate for scholarships in  
14. a way that we appropriate so much money, and that's the amount  
15. that the budget can afford. In this we allocate to an agency  
16. to administer, now they have to design that so it can be spread  
17. around in the proper manner. Now, they can't keep coming back  
18. and saying we need more, we need more. For example, each of  
19. us gets two General Assembly Scholarships, and we award them,  
20. and then we get letters from somebody that we probably would have  
21. liked to awarded over those that we awarded to but they came in  
22. afterwards. Well, we don't come back and say hey, we need a  
23. couple of extra General Assembly Scholarships 'cause somebody  
24. else didn't get in ahead of the other one. Now, there's only  
25. so much money for these scholarships, and I know that we'd like  
26. to give everybody one. We're not obligated to give any scholarships.  
27. And I think that the General Assembly and the taxpayers and the  
28. people of the State of Illinois are very generous in giving these  
29. scholarships, and appropriating the money. But as Senator Regner  
30. pointed out, there's question about the administration up there,  
31. I personally have never had any problem with the Illinois State  
32. Scholarship Commission. Although, many of my colleagues have  
33. spoken on the Floor and to me privately about the problems they



1. have had. But the well is dry, that's all we can appropriate  
2. this year. Next year we'll take another look, and I'm sure that  
3. those students that...that enrolled and came in late and all  
4. these excuses that they give, tough. A lot of them were turned  
5. down for General Assembly Scholarships and other things because  
6. there wasn't money to go around. And money is tight, you heard  
7. the Governor say that our budget is...is weakened by less income.  
8. This has to get a No vote.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. Further discussion? Senator Maitland.

11. SENATOR MAITLAND:

12. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
13. Senate. I guess I've been as critical of this agency as anyone  
14. in this Chamber, have told them so, and have spoken in front  
15. of this Chamber in that regard. I think the appropriation before  
16. us today is somewhat of a compromise from one we had several  
17. days ago. It isn't going to answer all the questions, it's not  
18. going to solve all the problems. I, too, have talked with the  
19. new executive director, and I have the assurance too that the  
20. acts going to be cleaned up. I further have been assured that  
21. that May supplemental appropriation that we get every year will  
22. not be here. And I would tell you that I would lead...lead  
23. the force against that kind of appropriation if they go back on  
24. their word. But we've made some commitments, and in talking with  
25. the new executive director, I told him that his agency, like all  
26. other agencies in State Government, have to be treated as a  
27. business, it has to be run on a sound fiscal basis. They've  
28. assured me, and others, that this is what's going to be the case.  
29. I, for one more time, I'm going to take them at their word, I'm  
30. going to vote for this supplemental appropriation with that thought  
31. in mind, but I can assure you, if they go back on their word I'll  
32. lead the charge against them next spring. But for now I think  
33. we need to...appropriate this money to get a number of young people

1. around this State off the hook.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3. Senator Grotberg.

4. SENATOR GROTBORG:

5. Thank you, Mr. President. I believe somebody should really  
6. address what the problem is. We've all heard, as members of the  
7. Appropriation Committee, we've taken the heat from this, what we  
8. call a crazy commission. They are improving, I agree with Senator  
9. Newhouse, but the main thrust is that come January there are  
10. going to be kids on the street again, out of school, the teachers  
11. will be out of work, on unemployment comp. I know one school is  
12. going to have to put out thirty pink slips in their Christmas  
13. paycheck for that January class that will not come in because  
14. they depend so heavily upon this. This is really a better bet  
15. than Public Aid money, because they're learning something. You  
16. can take your pick, how we're going to finance people in a recession.  
17. Thank God some of them are taking the opportunity while they're  
18. out of work to go to school. And the colleges are turning people  
19. away everyday. That's what happens in our economy, when we go  
20. down people want to upgrade their skills, change their skills,  
21. the philosophy has never been as important as it is on December  
22. the 10th or whatever date we're in today in this...middle of this  
23. recession if we can find the money. If the Governor gets that  
24. kind of a message I would hope that Senator Regner in all of his  
25. Christmas charity could at least understand that this is the  
26. cheapest route to go not the most expensive route to go as far  
27. as education in the State of Illinois is concerned. I would urge  
28. an Aye vote and no verification.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Further discussion? Senator Rock.

31. SENATOR ROCK:

32. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
33. Senate. I rise in favor of the motion to concur with House

1. Amendment No. 11 to Senate Bill 2028. I would point out to you  
2. that Senate Bill 2038 has been read a second time in the House,  
3. they will not because of the time constraint, we have received  
4. a Message from the House with respect to the adjournment, which  
5. says that when we leave here today we will return, both houses  
6. will return on the 14th of January at the hour of ten o'clock.  
7. So, it is not inconceivable that the House will deal with our  
8. Senate bill at that point. It just seems to me that the more  
9. responsible way to do things, is to, in fact, send this to the  
10. Governor's Desk and let those young people know, that again,  
11. we are serious about what we're about. There is no question  
12. but that the money is needed, there's is no question but that  
13. the money is available. It seems to me that to engage in a long  
14. dialogue about the wisdom or wit of the Scholarship Commission,  
15. given the fact that they do have new leadership, is at this point,  
16. futile. We can take a long hard look, as we will, I'm sure, next  
17. semester. But for the moment, this money is absolutely vital,  
18. and I would urge an Aye vote on the motion to concur.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Further discussion? Senator DeAngelis may close.

21. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

22. I respectfully request your favorable...concurrence on this  
23. motion.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

25. The motion is to concur with House Amendment No. 11 to Senate  
26. Bill 2028. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote  
27. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted  
28. who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that  
29. question, the Ayes are 35, the Nays are 7, none Voting Present.  
30. The Senate does not concur with House Amendment No. 11 to Senate  
31. Bill 2028, and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator  
32. DeAngelis on Amendment No. 12.

33. SENATOR DeANGELIS:

1. Thank you, Mr. President. This is a supplemental appropriation  
2. for the Illinois State Scholarship, for five hundred and eight  
3. thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars. If this appropriation  
4. does not pass the full cost of this will have to be borne by those  
5. students in the institutions, and in all probability we will see  
6. some of these coming back through the Court of Claims. I move  
7. that we concur.

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

9. The motion is to concur. Discussion? Senator Regner.

10. SENATOR REGNER:

11. Well, Mr. President, and members. This is even a little  
12. worse than the other. The first one was a supplemental for Fiscal  
13. Year '81, ~~it was a first time. For Fiscal Year '80~~ we gave the  
14. Scholarship Commission eight and a half million dollars in...  
15. supplemental appropriation, and after they got that they still  
16. expended an extra half a million dollars, and I think that the  
17. motion to non-concur...to concur should be defeated.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

19. Further discussion? Further discussion? The question is,  
20. shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 12 to Senate Bill  
21. 2028. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote  
22. Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all  
23. voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.  
24. On that question, the Ayes are 29, the Nays are 10, none Voting  
25. Present. The Senate does not concur with House Amendment No.  
26. 12 to Senate Bill 2028, and the Secretary shall so inform the  
27. House. We have already disposed of Amendment No. 13. Senate Bill  
28. 2029. Senator Regner, are you ready to proceed? Secretary's  
29. Desk on the Order of Concurrence, is Senate Bill 2029 with House  
30. Amendment No. 1. Senator Regner to explain the House Amendment  
31. No. 1.

32. SENATOR REGNER:

33. Yes, Mr. President. What...what this amendment...House

1. Amendment No. 1 does to this bill, it has a language change for  
2. the Arts Council which would, in effect, give them the authority  
3. to expend monies that they wouldn't be able to otherwise. You  
4. know, over the last several years I've always requested the Arts  
5. Council to take me off their mailing list, and they never have and  
6. that's one of the reasons I'm quitting. I figure that way that I'll  
7. get off their mailing list. But I would move to non-concur in House  
8. Amendment No. 1.

9. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

10. The motion is to non-concur. Senator Rock is recognized.

11. SENATOR ROCK:

12. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the  
13. ...Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Can we have the Secretary  
14. put up...it is non-concur, I presume, is the motion that has been  
15. made.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Well...well, so that we...

18. SENATOR ROCK:

19. Or is it a motion...okay.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

21. Well, we are on the Order of Concurrences. But so the Body  
22. understands, we have flipped back to non-concurrence, which is  
23. not the order of business but just to kind of...

24. SENATOR ROCK:

25. Okay.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. ...alert the membership, it's Concurrence with the motion  
28. to non-concur.

29. SENATOR ROCK:

30. Again, we are faced, it seems to me, Mr. President, and col-  
31. leagues in the Senate, we are faced with some time constraints. There  
32. are, at least, two items in this bill currently that are absolutely  
33. vital, one of which is contained in the amendment which I offered

1. and it's a million dollars for the Deaf-Blind Center. The  
2. option on that property dissolves itself as of the end of December.  
3. So, we can't act on this one in January, we have to do this one  
4. now. And as much as I respect Senator Regner's disenchantment or  
5. lack of interest in the Illinois Arts Council, the Arts Council  
6. amendment, frankly, is...is a transfer, there's no additional  
7. money, they're just...I didn't, frankly, think it was totally  
8. necessary but it went on in the House anyway. But it doesn't  
9. mean that much, and I would rather we did not tie up this bill  
10. because of the fact that the Arts Council has, again, surfaced.  
11. It seems to me that the responsible thing to do would be to concur  
12. and send this bill out of here, and then you can take your plea  
13. to the second floor and let him veto out the Arts Council.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

15. Further discussion? Senator Nimrod.

16. SENATOR NIMROD:

17. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This was a bill that was  
18. brought up before and it was amended onto this bill. There...  
19. there is no new money, it's a transfer from within. I appreciate  
20. Senator Regner's position on this, but it's because of Senator  
21. Regner that the Arts Council even has my sponsorship. He's the  
22. one that gave it to me. So, now he's on both sides of the issue,  
23. so I just think that maybe, David, for this time, by himself, ought  
24. to vote No, and...I was unaware of the reasons that Senator  
25. Rock brought up, but I do think that Senator Rock brought up a  
26. very important issue about the bill...about the provision for  
27. the blind. And...and since we're not providing any new money,  
28. I would urge you to, during this last late hour, to support...  
29. not to support the non-concurrence, but to concur in this bill  
30. and pass it out.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

32. The motion is to non-concur. Further discussion? Senator  
33. Regner may close.

1. SENATOR REGNER:

2. Just a short statement. This particular Arts Council Bill  
3. was defeated in the Senate two weeks ago, and I think it should  
4. be again today.

5. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

6. The motion is to non-concur. Those in favor will vote Aye.  
7. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. The motion  
8. is non-concurrence. Have all voted who wish? It will take a  
9. simple majority to non-concur. Have all voted who wish? Have  
10. all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes  
11. are 3, the Nays are 29. The motion to non-concur is lost. Senator  
12. Rock now moves to concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate  
13. Bill 2029. On that motion is there discussion? Senator Rock,  
14. do you wish to...Senator Rock.

15. SENATOR ROCK:

16. Well, again, let me...let me just reiterate my prior position.  
17. The one million nine I have been discussing with Doctor Mandeville  
18. and all the fiscal experts for a couple of weeks, the fact of  
19. the matter is, that the property that now is in...in our control and  
20. where we have twenty students who are both deaf and blind, we  
21. lose our option on December 30 if we don't, in fact, exercise it.  
22. I would ask you please to vote in favor of House Amendment No.  
23. 1 so that we can, in...effect final passage and get this to the  
24. Governor's Desk where it rightfully belongs. It simply can't  
25. wait till January. And so much as...you know, I have no quarrel with your  
26. position on the Arts Council, I don't like the Arts Council  
27. particularly either. The fact of the matter is, we've got to  
28. get this bill out of here.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. Further discussion? The question is on concurrence with  
31. House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2029. Those in favor will  
32. vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have  
33. all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

1. who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are  
2. 42, the Nays are 1, none Voting Present. The Senate does concur  
3. with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2029, and the bill  
4. having received the required constitutional majority is declared  
5. passed. Senate Bill 2036. Senator Regner. Senator Regner.

6. SENATOR REGNER:

7. Yes, Mr. President, and members. This is the supplemental  
8. Federal monies for the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, and  
9. there was a technical language change that was necessary in House  
10. Amendment No. 1. I move that we concur.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

12. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? The question is,  
13. shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill  
14. 2036. Those in favor vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The  
15. voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who  
16. wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 38, the  
17. Nays are none, none Voting Present. The Senate does concur with  
18. House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2036, and the bill having  
19. received the required constitutional majority is declared passed.  
20. That completes concurrences, if you'll turn your Calendar to page  
21. 4 we have one Conference Committee Report on House Bill 1051.  
22. Senator Rupp is recognized.

23. SENATOR RUPP:

24. Thank you, Mr. President. When this bill came over originally  
25. it did amend the Election Code, and all it provided for was that  
26. a voter could receive another ballot in place of a spoiled ballot  
27. only after the word SPOILED had been written across the front  
28. of the ballot. When it came over here there were attempts to  
29. put additional amendments on, they have been removed, the bill is  
30. back in its original form. And I ask that we accept the Conference  
31. Report.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? The question is on



1. concurrence with...the question is on the adoption of the Second  
2. Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1051. Those in favor  
3. vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have  
4. all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record.  
5. On that question, the Ayes are 39, the Nays are...none, none  
6. Voting Present. The Senate does adopt the Second Conference  
7. Committee Report to House Bill 1051, and the bill having received  
8. ...the Conference Committee having received the required con-  
9. stitutional majority,the bill is declared passed. Senator  
10. Jeremiah Joyce,did you wish to call on House Bills 3rd, 2628?  
11. All right. For what purpose does Senator Rock arise?

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen. I  
14. would ask, if we can, to stay in place. I...I will immediately,  
15. along with Senator Shapiro, contact the House and find out where  
16. they are at. In the meantime, perhaps, we could adopt the Re-  
17. solutions Consent Calendar, and Mr. Wright and I can sign all of  
18. those so the members can take them with if they wish.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

20. Is there leave to go to the Order of Resolutions Consent  
21. Calendar? Leave is granted. Is there leave to add to the  
22. Resolutions Consent Calendar, House Joint Resolution 113, Senate  
23. Resolution 733, 734, and 735, they are all congratulatory. Is  
24. there leave? Leave is granted. Mr...Mr. Secretary, have any  
25. Senators filed objections to any resolutions on the Resolutions  
26. Consent Calendar?

27. SECRETARY:

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

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30. No objections being filed, Senator Rock moves the adoption  
31. of the Resolutions Consent Calendar. Discussion of the motion?  
32. All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. And the  
33. Resolution Consent Calendar is adopted. For what purpose does

1. Senator Mitchler arise?

2. SENATOR MITCHLER:

3. Mr. President, and members of the Senate. As long as we're  
4. on the resolution portion of the Calendar, distributed on your  
5. desks was a Resolution 710 that was passed earlier this week, and  
6. I think it would only be helpful if those members of the Senate  
7. who have been married for some length of time would give counsel  
8. to one of our distinguished colleagues who is going to embark on  
9. the great road of matrimony tomorrow. And to show that he's  
10. dedicated to his constituency he's here today, on the job, working,  
11. and representing his people. But tomorrow, is going to be a  
12. different story, he's going to turn over all of his law and order  
13. to his new bride. So, I think we should all counsel him sometime  
14. today and...and help him along and wish him well, and that's  
15. Senator Max Coffey. Let's wish him well.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

17. Senator Coffey, do you have anything in your defense?

18. Senator Coffey.

19. SENATOR COFFEY:

20. Yes, I didn't get a look at that resolution, but was that  
21. condolences or what was that?

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

23. It was printed on black paper, I don't know.

24. SENATOR COFFEY:

25. Okay.

26. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

27. For what purpose does Senator Kenneth Hall arise?

28. SENATOR HALL:

29. Just wanted to say, Max, you have my sympathy.

30.

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(END OF REEL)

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

2. May I have your attention, please. Senator Rock informs me  
3. that the House is preparing a Supplemental Calendar which they  
4. will have out in approximately forty-five minutes and rather  
5. than have you just stand at ease here, those of you who would  
6. like to go to your offices and get ready for your eventual  
7. departure, we would like to recess the Senate until eleven-  
8. thirty. But it is important...well, Senators, that's the  
9. point, we...we are telling you more than we wish to, rather  
10. than keep you here...no...no...no...no. But if you would  
11. please return at eleven-thirty, the Senate will stand in  
12. recess. Senator Rock moves that the Senate stand in recess  
13. until eleven-thirty. On the motion to recess, those in  
14. favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it, the Senate  
15. stands in recess until the hour of eleven-thirty.

16. RECESS

17. AFTER RECESS

18.  
19. PRESIDENT:

20. Resolutions. Message from the House.

21. SECRETARY:

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

23. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate  
24. the House of Representatives has adopted the following Joint  
25. Resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask  
26. concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

27. House Joint Resolution 115, Senator Donnewald is  
28. the Senate sponsor.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Donnewald moves for the suspension of the rules  
31. for the immediate consideration of House Joint Resolution 115.  
32. This, I am informed, is the adjournment resolution. It calls  
33. for us, at the close of business today, to return to Springfield

1. on January the 14th at the hour of ten o'clock. Any discussion?  
2. If not, those in favor of the motion to suspend will signify  
3. by saying Aye. Those opposed? The Ayes have it. The rules  
4. are suspended. Senator Donnewald now moves the adoption of  
5. House Joint Resolution 115, which calls for the 81st General  
6. Assembly to return to Springfield on January 14, at the hour  
7. of ten o'clock. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Those  
8. opposed. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. For  
9. everyone's information, we have only two matters remaining  
10. before us. The House is currently in Session and they are  
11. dealing with those things that we have sent to them and there  
12. are two Conference Committee Reports. And that will wind up  
13. our...effectively wind up our business for this year. Resolutions.

14. SECRETARY:

15. Senate Resolution 736 offered by Senator Vadalabene and  
16. all members and it's congratulatory.

17. PRESIDENT:

18. Senator Vadalabene.

19. SENATOR VADALABENE:

20. Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.  
21. I thought...that maybe it would be fitting if all the members  
22. of the Senate join me in this resolution in thanking Mr. Dave  
23. Embry for the past two years, from McDonald's, in supplying  
24. us for these pens. And...whatever immediate steps to suspend  
25. the rules. So, whatever the...

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Vadalabene moves to suspend the rules for the  
28. immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 737...736. All  
29. in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have  
30. it. The rules are suspended. Senator Vadalabene now moves  
31. the adoption of Senate Resolution 736. Those in favor signify  
32. by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it, the resolution  
33. is adopted. All right, I understand there has been distributed

1. copies of the Conference Committee Reports. As I indicated  
2. earlier, there are but two matters remaining before us. One  
3. is the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3622. Senator  
4. Donnewald.

5. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

6. Yes, Mr. President. This is the Conference Committee  
7. Report on House Bill 3622. What it does, primarily it provides  
8. for adequate compensation for the printing and distribution of  
9. the Constitutional Amendment...the two Constitutional Amendments  
10. of last election. It further provides for sums of money for  
11. the...Court of Claims, wherein...wherein the two past Secretary's  
12. of State were party's defendant to various...separated employees.  
13. And the third is for the transition...transition money for the  
14. conversion of the Office of the Secretary of State from Senator  
15. elect Dixon to Secretary of State designate Edgar.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Any discussion? Senator Rhoads.

18. SENATOR RHOADS:

19. Question of the sponsor, if he will yield.

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Indicates he'll yield, Senator Rhoads.

22. SENATOR RHOADS:

23. Senator Donnewald, how much of the money...is for the  
24. transition?

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Donnewald.

27. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

28. Would you repeat the question, please.

29. PRESIDENT:

30. Senator Rhoads.

31. SENATOR RHOADS:

32. How much of the money is for the transition?

33. PRESIDENT:

1. Senator Donnewald.
2. SENATOR DONNEWALD:
3. It...it says here, five hundred, fifty thousand dollars.
4. PRESIDENT:
5. Senator Rhoads.
6. SENATOR RHOADS:
7. What will that money be spent on?
8. PRESIDENT:
9. Senator Donnewald.
10. SENATOR DONNEWALD:
11. Obviously, for transition.
12. PRESIDENT:
13. Senator Rhoads.
14. SENATOR RHOADS:
15. Senator, with all due respect, I think we're entitled
16. to a little more detail than that. It...it is over half
17. a million dollars and...it...it...it simply involves the
18. fact that Jim Edgar is taking over from Alan Dixon and he,
19. somebody is presenting to us that they need half a million
20. dollars to do this. Now, the reason I'm a little sensitive
21. to this particular bill, Senator, as I told you yesterday,
22. back in June the Index Division on the original part of your
23. bill, had assured me that they had the million-two in their
24. budget for the...mailing of the pamphlets. Now, we come
25. back with an additional five hundred and fifty thousand that
26. there's been no committee hearing on, whatsoever, that our
27. Appropriations Committees haven't apparently been involved
28. with whatsoever. I'd just like to have some...with all sincerity,
29. some idea as to what the money is going to be spent on.
30. PRESIDENT:
31. Senator Donnewald.
32. SENATOR DONNEWALD:
33. Well, Senator, I...I...first, a portion of this, or most of it,

1. or...or a portion, maybe not most of it, would be used for  
2. transition. There is a portion of it, as I understand, will  
3. be used for a deficiency that would exist if we were not to  
4. take care of it now, it would have to be taken care of in  
5. the coming Session of the General Assembly. And that, I think  
6. probably, is the best explanation I can give to it at this  
7. time.

8. PRESIDENT:

9. Senator Rhoads.

10. SENATOR RHOADS:

11. Well, thank you, Mr. President. Therefore, Ladies and  
12. Gentlemen of the Senate, I rise in opposition to this bill.  
13. It's clear we don't have any idea what this money is going  
14. to be spent on. It's also not clear why it has to be passed  
15. today rather than wait till sometime later in...in the year  
16. for a supplemental. I had conversations with respect to the  
17. original bill with the Index Division back in late June when  
18. I was trying to question the cost of the million .2. I had  
19. a discussion with Senator Carroll yesterday or the day before  
20. yesterday, when the bill first came through. I asked him,  
21. "was this not, in fact, a double budgeted item?" And he  
22. could not get an answer for me. Now, without reference to  
23. committee, we're coming back for an additional half a million  
24. dollars and we don't know what it's going to be spent on.  
25. Now, if you honestly believe, that a half a million dollars  
26. is needed to transfer that office from one person to another  
27. in the next sixty days, then you've got a better sense of  
28. what these costs are than I do. But I...I think it's...we  
29. just don't have enough information here. I don't know why  
30. it didn't go through the regular appropriation's process.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Further discussion? Senator Grotberg.

33. SENATOR GROTBORG:

1. Well, thank you, Mr. President. In all due respect to  
2. the...my colleague who just spoke. I can imagine several  
3. reasons why this didn't go through committee. One is the  
4. timing, Senator-elect Dixon, has been in and out of  
5. Washington every few hours...and hard to reach. He's  
6. coming to town Monday, the transition team is meeting.  
7. One of the good reasons, I guess I'm on this Conference  
8. Committee, is that I'm on the transition team. Free...free,  
9. no salary. The...the transition team is all volunteer,  
10. there's some travel in it. But the facts are, the political  
11. facts are, that there is a deficiency in the Secretary of  
12. State's budget...who knows to the dollar, I can't defend  
13. that. But politically, Senator-elect Dixon, did some  
14. significant things to lower his budget, one of which was  
15. not ask for enough money to make it through the year. And  
16. ...what's left out of that for the transition team, would  
17. probably just pay the expenses of the transition, whatever  
18. it is, and I still think it's the cheapest election us  
19. Republican's ever won. I don't know where you can get  
20. one for a half a million dollars for a State-wide...I...  
21. PRESIDENT:

22. Further discussion? Senator Newhouse.

23. SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

24. Thank you, Mr. President, Senators. I...I'm not sure  
25. that I'm prepared today to give an extra half a billion  
26. dollars to the Secretary of State's Office when we can't find  
27. money for a bunch of kids that we've got in school that are  
28. going to suffer far more than the Secretary of State is. I'm going  
29. to vote No on this bill.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Further discussion? Senator Shapiro.

32. SENATOR SHAPIRO:

33. Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.



1. I think the thing to keep in mind is that our former Secretary  
2. of State, Alan Dixon, cut his budget for the operation of his  
3. office, every year that he was in office. But this year,  
4. it was pared to the bone and more than likely he would have  
5. come in and asked for a supplemental appropriation to carry  
6. him through till June 30th. It is also my understanding  
7. that yesterday afternoon Alan Dixon called from Washington  
8. and instigated the procedure that we have before us in...paper.  
9. In other words, he was the one that recommended that a...  
10. supplemental be voted in, in order that the transition could  
11. take place between his office and the incoming Secretary of  
12. State's office. I'm not going to stand here and argue with  
13. ~~anyone on fiscal conservatism~~, I'm just making the point  
14. that this money is necessary for the transition and we should  
15. vote it today.

16. PRESIDENT:

17. Further discussion? Senator Rhoads.

18. SENATOR RHOADS:

19. Well, I apologize for rising the second time. Ladies  
20. and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm sorry, I just feel that  
21. the Senate and House are entitled to some explanation of  
22. how a half million dollars is going to be spent in a period  
23. of about thirty...thirty days that are left in this year.  
24. There is absolutely no...no one has told me anything about  
25. how this money is going to be spent. For transition, well  
26. what does that mean? What does it mean? And I, Mr. President,  
27. would go on record that at the appropriate time I'd like to  
28. ask for a verification of the roll call at the conclusion of  
29. the debate.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. I'm sorry, Senator Rhoads, I didn't hear you.

32. SENATOR RHOADS:

33. I...I simply said at the appropriate time I would be asking

1. for a verification of the roll call, at the conclusion of  
2. the debate.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Any further discussion? Senator Donnewald may close.

5. SENATOR DONNEWALD:

6. I would ask for a favorable roll call.

7. PRESIDENT:

8. The question is shall the Senate adopt the Conference  
9. Committee Report on House Bill 3622. Those in favor will  
10. vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
11. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all  
12. voted who wish? Take the record. Senator Donnewald...has  
13. moved that further consideration of the Conference Committee  
14. Report be postponed. So ordered. On the Order of Conference  
15. Committees is a Conference Committee Report on House Bill  
16. 2708. Senator Coffey.

17. SENATOR COFFEY:

18. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I would like  
19. to ask this Body to concur with Conference Committee Report  
20. No. 1 on House Bill 2708. This Conference Committee Report  
21. puts this bill in the same process or in the same position  
22. that it was in when it passed out of the Senate originally.  
23. I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have about the  
24. bill.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Any discussion? Senator Demuzio.

27. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

28. Hello...hello. Thank you...very much, Mr. President.  
29. I'd just...like to ask Senator Coffey, is this the...you...  
30. you're moving for a concurrence..the Housenonconcurrred in  
31. the amendment that...that we voted on here the other day  
32. that took out the safety aspect for all of the out of State  
33. vehicles. Is this the bill?

1. PRESIDENT:

2. Senator Coffey.

3. SENATOR COFFEY:

4. Yes, it is the bill. It was not explained exactly, the  
5. way I understood, it over in the House. The bill went down,  
6. we went to Conference Committee. They just accepted it over  
7. in the House a few minutes ago...and we're just back at the  
8. same process. It just leaves out out of State...out of State  
9. vehicles traveling in Illinois, it does not have to have...  
10. second division vehicles does not have to have the safety  
11. inspection sticker on their vehicle. Has nothing to do with  
12. safety inspections for Illinois registered vehicles.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

15. SENATOR DEMUZIO:

16. Well, then, the second division vehicles that travel in  
17. the State of Illinois then do not have to have an Illinois  
18. Safety Sticker and that is the posture of the bill at the  
19. current time?

20. PRESIDENT:

21. Senator Coffey.

22. SENATOR COFFEY:

23. That is true, unless it's...the ones under Federal  
24. regulations, of course, it does not affect that and a lot  
25. of your...your oversized vehicles under the Federal regulations  
26. does have to have, under the Federal regulations has to have  
27. those inspection stickers.

28. PRESIDENT:

29. Further discussion? Senator Davidson.

30. SENATOR DAVIDSON:

31. Mr...Mr. President and members of the Senate. I rise in  
32. support of this Conference Committee. And it came out of a  
33. situation where Indiana repealed their safety inspection...

1. second division motor vehicles. And that's what we're talking  
2. about, trucks. What this bill does, is so that we don't have  
3. the problem. The Illinois State Police were arresting Indiana  
4. domicile trucks and truckers which had no requirement to have  
5. a safety sticker on them in...here in Illinois. The other parts,  
6. which come under the Federal part apply. What this bill does,  
7. it says if you are an Illinois domiciled trucker, you have to  
8. continue the safety inspection as it should be. But it will  
9. remove the hassle that we're having from a number of interstate  
10. motor vehicle people being arrested when they're not domiciled  
11. in Illinois and the state where they are domiciled has removed  
12. that safety inspection. That's what it does, it's trying to  
13. remove a problem on movement of freight through Illinois by  
14. people who are domiciled in Indiana and I'd urge a Yes vote on  
15. the concurrence on the Conference Committee Report. This came  
16. out of the Motor Vehicle Laws responsibility where...from a  
17. hearing which came about which we started on in July.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Further discussion? Senator Vadalabene.

20. SENATOR VADALABENE:

21. Yeah, just briefly because Senator Coffey and Senator Davidson  
22. did express the support of this legislation. I too, happen to  
23. be a member of the Motor Vehicle Laws Commission of which this  
24. is a product and urge all my colleagues to support it.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Any further discussion? Senator Coffey, you wish to close?

27. SENATOR COFFEY:

28. Yes, just briefly, Mr. President. To say that I think this  
29. is a...a good piece of legislation. We have lost business in  
30. Illinois because of this legislation...Indiana, people coming  
31. across doing business in Illinois. I'd like to see a favorable  
32. roll call on this bill.

33. PRESIDENT:

1. The question is shall the Senate adopt the Conference  
2. Committee Report on House Bill 2708. Those in favor will  
3. vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.  
4. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all  
5. voted who wish? Take the record. On that question the Ayes  
6. are 37, the Nays are none, none Voting Present. ...The Senate  
7. does adopt the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 2708  
8. and the bill having received the required constitutional  
9. majority is declared passed. Further business to come before  
10. the Senate? If not, Senator Donnewald moves that the Senate,  
11. pursuant to the adjournment resolution, stand adjourned until  
12. Wednesday, January 14, 1981. I wish you all a Merry Christmas  
13. and a very Happy New Year. The Senate stands adjourned.  
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