

84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

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PRESIDENT:

The hour of twelve having arrived, the Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by the Reverend John Smith, Superintendent of Maryville Academy, Des Plaines, Illinois. Father.

REVEREND SMITH:

(Prayer given by Reverend Smith)

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Father. Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY:

Monday, February the 10th, 1966.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Smith. Is there any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and it's so ordered. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

The following resolutions are all either congratulatory or commendatory.

697, by Senator Davidson and all Senators.

698, by the same sponsor.

699, by the same sponsor.

700, by Senator Geo-Karis.

701, Senator Lemke.

702, Senator DeAngelis.

703, Senator Lemke.

704, Senator Donahue.

705, Senator Lechowicz and all Senators.

706, Senator Davidson and all Senators.

707, Senator Davidson and all Senators.

708, Senator Zito and Rock.

709, the same sponsors.

710, Senators Kelly, Jeremiah Joyce.

711, Senator Savickas.

712, Senator Savickas.

713, Senator Savickas.

714, Senator Savickas.

715, Senator Topinka and Zito.

716, Senator Topinka.

717, Senator Rock, Collins, Zito and all members.

718 is a death resolution, by Senator Lechowicz and all Senators.

Senate Resolution 719, by Senator Smith, it's congratulatory.

Senate Joint Resolution 114, by Senator Dawson and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 115, Constitutional Amendment, by Senator Lemke.

PRESIDENT:

Executive.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 620...or 720, rather, by Senator Dawson.

PRESIDENT:

Executive.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 116, by Senators Degnan and Jeremiah Joyce and it's congratulatory.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 721, by Senators Rock, Berman, Haitland and all Senators.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 117, by Senators Rock and Philip.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Senator Savickas, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SAVICKAS:

Well, Mr. President, while we have a lull here, I would like the record to indicate that Senator Nedza is absent due to illness today.

PRESIDENT:

All right. The record will so reflect, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Message from the House.

SECRETARY:

Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clark.

Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

House Joint Resolution 138.

(Secretary reads HJR 138)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Senator...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 138. It

calls for us to convene in Joint Session with the House for the purpose of hearing the Governor's budget recommendation right away, and I would move to suspend the rules and ask for its immediate consideration and adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIJO)

All right. Senator Rock has moved the immediate...consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 138. Any discussion? If not, those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Rock now moves that...the adoption of House Joint Resolution 138. Discussion? If not, those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution 138 is adopted. Senator Topinka, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Could...may I move that we go to the order of business of Conference Committees before we leave?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIJO)

...no...no...no...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Topinka, we'll get right back to that when we return, but I think that His Excellency is awaiting our convening with the House. The Committee on Escort from the Senate will consist of Senators Lechowicz, Dawson, Hall, Schaffer and Donahue. If those five members would meet at the front door of the House Chamber. I would ask that all members retire now to the front door of the House Chamber and we will invade the House, and I move that we stand in Recess until one-thirty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIJO)

All right. You've heard the motion. Senator Rock moves that the Senate stand in Recess till the hour of one-thirty.

RECESS

AFTER RECESS

PRESIDENT:

Messages from the House, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

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

Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate the House of Representative refused to recede from their amendments...from their Amendment No. 16 to a bill with the following title:

Senate Bill 242.

Further directed that the House requests the first conference and...the Speaker has appointed the members on the part of the House.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 1010 requesting a first conference and the Speaker has appointed the members on the part of the House.

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

Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives refused to adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 279 and requests a second...Committee of Conference to consider the differences between the two Houses in regard to House Amendments 1 and 2, and the Speaker has appointed the members on the part of the House to the second conference.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. With respect to Senate Bill 242, I think that last month when we were here there were a number of us...and it's my understanding that the leadership had agreed to making some changes in that...in the...in the reorganization bill that we passed last Spring with respect to district size and the length of time in which the districts...the commit-

tees had to file the plan. This was an agreed to change and I think all of us enthusiastically supported that approach. That action was taken in the House and one additional amendment that was not agreed to was added on, and I had agreed to nonconcur in that...in that final amendment. I think that that was a...a break in the agreement and I felt that that should go back to the House and that amendment should come off. But I guess little did I know at that time that the issue had become too political and I found very quickly that the attempt, of course, was to get the bill into a Conference Committee...which time a proposal totally unacceptable to many of us was going to be added. And I guess to further...to further concern me was the fact that before we even had taken action here in the Senate, the Conference Committee with the signatures of the conferees already signed was presented to all members of this Body, and I...I think this is really a...a terrible thing for the legislative process. I think the media laughs at us when we do things like that and it was terribly discouraging to me and I then chose to not call the bill at that time. Subsequent to that, a news release by one of the gubernatorial candidates was circulated around this State that painted us into a...a picture of opposing educational reform, opposing consolidation and throwing literally a monkey wrench into the operation down here. All those statements, of course, were false. In addition to that, some days later on February 21st, the Speaker...in a bulletin entitled...addressed to friends of education across this State blasted both Governor Thompson and Senator Maitland for their unwillingness to call Senate Bill 242, and it mentioned only two issues that were affected and that we were against them and those issues once again were district size and extension of the time frame. Clearly what we had already agreed to and had that been the only issue before us, that bill would of passed out of here.

Well, this issue, of course, has backfired in the Speaker's face because most educational types who got this letter saw through that and had numerous letters and conversations and...and, quite frankly, the thousands of letters that they expected to get out just never did...did happen but, nonetheless, that shows you how legislation works down here when you become politicized and I'm sorry that that's happened. However, Mr. President, given the time frame in which we are in now with respect to these reorganization committees, I think the only logical course of action is to put this legislation in a Conference Committee and attempt to resolve those differences. So, therefore, at this time I would like to move that the House refuse to...or accede to the House and request that a Conference Committee be chosen for...with respect to Senate Bill 242.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Haitland has moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House that a Conference Committee be appointed. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the Senate accedes to the request of the House to appoint a Conference Committee. Senator Topinka on 879.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House,...or Senate, excuse me,...on Senate Bill 879 the House has nonconcurréd and since we would like to get this into another Conference Committee, I would like to concur with their nonconcurrency and ask that the Senate vote No so that we could indeed ask for a second Conference Committee. So, I would like to accede.

PRESIDENT:

All right. I think that...that it is correct. Technically, we have on the...on the order...on the Calendar on page 3, there is a Conference Committee report, first report,

on Senate Bill 879. Senator Topinka seeks leave of the Body to move to that order of business for the purpose of not adopting the first report so that we may be technically in the posture of adopting or considering a second report. The question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 879. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 5 Ayes, 6 Nays, none voting Present. The Conference Committee report is not adopted and the Secretary shall so inform the House...Message from the House, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

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

Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives refused to adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 879 and request a second Conference...Committee of Conference to consider the differences between the two Houses in regards to Amendments...House Amendments 1 and 2 and the Speaker has appointed the members on the part of the House to the second conference.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Topinka.

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, Mr. President, I think Ken just took care of it thought, so I have no comment.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Topinka has moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House that a second Conference Committee be appointed. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the Senate accedes to the request of the House for a second Conference Committee. All right. Senator Carroll also moves

that the Senate accede to the request of the House that a Conference Committee be appointed with respect to Senate Bill 1010. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the Senate accedes to the request of the House. Senator Lemke, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LEMKE:

I'd like to move to nonconcur in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1412 and ask for a Conference Committee.

PRESIDENT:

All right. With leave of the Body, page 2 on the Calendar, on the Order of Secretary's Desk Concurrence is Senate Bill 1412. Senator Lemke has moved to nonconcur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1412 and requests a Conference Committee. All in favor of the motion indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries and the Secretary shall so inform the House. Senator Smith, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. President and...members of the Senate. I should like for the records to show that Senate Bill 1554 will be sponsored by Senator Marovitz and I will be hyphenated sponsor on that.

PRESIDENT:

All right. The lady seeks leave to show Senator Marovitz on...sponsor of Senate Bill 1554. Without objection, leave is granted. Senator Vadalabene, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. On March 15th and 17 of 1986 is going to be the 67th birthday of the American Legion, and the Pages are passing out a suggested address to each and every one of you. Due to the confusion, and they're going like hot cakes over here, I have

taken the position now to have all addresses passed out.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Netsch, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you. If it's appropriate at this moment, I would like to call attention to the fact that the meeting of the Economic and Fiscal Commission will hopefully still take place, obviously, not at two o'clock, it will be immediately upon adjournment in the designated place which I believe was A-1 in the Stratton Building. It is very important because it's our first opportunity to hear why the State is suddenly going to become self-insurer on health insurance, and that is of interest to all of us. So I think we do need to...have the meeting as scheduled. Thank you.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Economic and Fiscal will meet immediately after adjournment, which I hope will be shortly. We will have a supplemental Calendar and we're going to try to move as expeditiously as possible. Resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

The following resolutions are all congratulatory.

...Senate Resolution 722, Senator Dudycz.

723, Senator Zito.

...724, Senator Zito.

725, Senator Kustra.

726, Senators Welch, Lemke and Rock.

727, Senator Keats.

728, 729, 730, 731, Senator Mahar.

732, Senator Keats.

And Senate Resolution 733, by Senator Vadalabene, is a death resolution.

Senate Resolution 734, by Senator Mahar, it's congratulatory.

Senate Resolution 735, by Senators Demuzio, Rock and all

Senators and it's a death resolution.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar on those resolutions, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Resolution 736, by Senators Lechowicz, Zito, Dawson and others.

PRESIDENT:

Executive.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 118 Constitutional Amendment offered by Senators Kustra, Dudycz and Topinka.

And Senate Joint Resolution 119 Constitutional Amendment offered by the same sponsors.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. Messages from the House.

SECRETARY:

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

Mr. President - I'm directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolutions, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

And the following joint resolutions are all congratulatory:

House Joint Resolution 137. House Joint Resolution 139. House Joint Resolution 140. House Joint Resolution 141. And House Joint Resolution 142.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Introduction of bills, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Senate Bill 1559, by Senators Watson, Chew, Schaffer and Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1560, by Senator Davidson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1561, Senator Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1562, Senator Luft.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1563, Senator Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1564, Senator Dunn.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1565, Senator Lemke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1566, Senator Watson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1567, Senators Weaver, Keats and Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1568, Senator D'Arco.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1569, Senators Topinka, Macdonald and DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1570, by Senator DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1571, by Senator Jeremiah Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1572, Senator Netsch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1573, by Senator Etheredge.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1574, by Senators Kustra, Keats, Berman,
Macdonald, ... Mahar, Dudycz, Zito, Barkhausen and Topinka.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1575, by Senator Jones.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1576, Senator Kustra.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1577, Senator Kustra.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1587, by the same...by Senators Kustra, Topinka and Dudyecz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1579, by the...same sponsors.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1580, Senator Vadalabene.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1581, Senator Fawell.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1582, by Senator Vadalabene and Darrow.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1583, Senator Zito, DeAngelis and Netsch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1584, by Senator Zito.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1585, by Senator Jeremiah Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1586, Senator Sangmeister.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1587, Senator Sangmeister.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1588, by Senator Darrow.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1589, by Senator Barkhausen.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1590, by Senators Fawell, Topinka, Karpiel and Mahar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1591, by Senator Welch and...J.J. Joyce.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1592, by Senator Demuzio.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 1593 introduced by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

Senate Bill 1594 introduced by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

Senate Bill 1595 introduced by Senators...Demuzio,...Schuneman and Haitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT:

All the bills that were read a first time will be referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction of bills, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 1596 introduced by Senator O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT:

Rules Committee. Senator Schaffer, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President, for the purpose of calling a Republican Caucus, hopefully a very brief Republican Caucus, in Senator Philip's office. Any of my Republican colleagues who are not on the Floor but around a...a squawk box please get to Senator Philip's office so we can get the caucus over with.

PRESIDENT:

That request is in order. The Senate will stand in Recess for thirty minutes, quarter to four, and then when we come back we'll deal with Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senate stands in Recess.

RECESS

AFTER RECESS

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will come to order. Introduction of bills,
Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 1597 introduced by Senator DeAngelis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1598, by Senator Davidson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 1599, Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT:

Rules Committee. The Senate will come to order. Resolu-
tions.

SECRETARY:

Senate Joint Resolution 120 offered by Senators
Etheredge, Kustra and Mahar.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. The Secretary has informed the Chair that
Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed as have
copies of the Conference Committee reports that are reported
on Supplemental No. 1. With leave of the body, we'll move
to the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 1. On the Order of
Conference Committee Reports, Conference Committee report on
Senate Bill 242. Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY:

Corrected...first corrected copy of Conference Committee
report on Senate Bill 242.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen
of the Senate. The long awaited Conference Committee report
on Senate Bill 242 is a...is before you and let me read

briefly through the components that are contained in that...in that report. It provides that the regional superintendent shall have authority to...postpone life safety work on a school building until July 1 of 1988. It effectively transfers Argo Community High School District into the correct part of Subregion 2 rather than Subregion 3 which it was a mistake in the original bill. It clarifies the method of computing whether or not a district from which territory is to be detached is a...in a reorganization plan shall have the privilege of voting on the reorganization proposal. It also provides that the tax rates of the new districts will be included in the referendum for formation of the new districts in accordance with the same provisions that are contained in Sections 11-A and 11-B of the school code which is the consolidation...section. It changes the initial reporting deadline for the chairperson of each reorganization committee to...to submit their reorganization plan to the State Committee from June 30th until September 30th. This was a part of the original agreement, the ninety-day extension. It removes the reference to minimum pupil enrollments. It removes references to coterminous boundaries. It requires regional committees prior to actually formulating their plans to hold public hearings within each school district. With respect to some of the other...now known as Stevenson language, it addresses those Board of Higher Education course requirements as guidelines to be followed as the reorganization committees are putting together...are putting together their plans. I, also, Mr. President, would like to...as I was not one of the drafters of the Conference Committee report, I would...would call the Body's attention to language on page 9 and page 10 of...of the package and I would like to...or on...of the Conference Committee report and I would like to read it. "After consideration of all of the other provisions of this section, the reorganization committee may in the exercise of

its discretion provide in the reorganization plan that no reorganization of school districts is required. Any such finding by the reorganization committee adopted in the final reorganization plan shall be binding upon the State." And I...I want to...to refer to debate that persisted on the Floor on the night that we passed Senate Bill 730 with respect to a question asked of me by Senator Watson. And the question was, does the plan have to provide for consolidation reorganization of school districts in the region. And my response to that was, no, if the committee feels that the district organization in the region is proper and defensible, and that was proper and defensible according to the language that was contained in the reorganization portion of Senate Bill 730, then there would be no need to file a plan and there are some areas in the State where this definitely would be...would be possible. And some language...the language that I just read to you is in this Conference Committee report and, Mr. President, with your permission I'd like to ask Senator Berman to...to comment on that language.

PRESIDENT:

Discussion? Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Haitland calls my attention to the language on the bottom of page 9 and carrying over to page 10 of the Conference Committee report. Let me concur in his interpretation and I think that it's very important to stress that the opening language of that...namely, on page 9 line 35, it says, "After consideration of all of the other provisions of this section," carrying over to page 10. And what I...what...what my interpretation and what I think the legislative intent of that section is is that the reorganization committee after evaluating the criteria that we have spelled out in this Conference Committee report and...and in the law

as amended if they find that no reorganization is required because there is compliance with this criteria, then they can recommend that there be no reorganization; but let me add parenthetically that this is not a blank check for a committee whose districts do not comply with the criteria set out in this law to just disregard the goals set forth herein and to just say there shall be no reorganization. Further, Mr...President, I want to compliment Senator Maitland for his time and effort in this effort. I think the question of the numbers became such that they clouded the issues that we had in mind in Senate Bill 730. I think this language carries through the same intent that we had back last July and that is...educational excellence, and I stand up in support of the adoption of the Conference Committee Report No. 1.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I had a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Maitland, the paragraph you referred to on page 9 going over to page 10 refers to the final reorganization plan. Are you referring to the second plan assuming there is the first election, and if that plan is voted down then a second plan is to be drawn up, is that what you mean by the second...is that what you mean by the final reorganization plan or are you talking about the first plan?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator Welch, I...I tried to read it that way but very honestly and in...good conscience, I couldn't read it that way. I would have liked to have been able to read it that

way. This really means after the...after the...the hearings are held and everything and...and...and that plan.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Is it...is it your opinion then that we still have to go through the hearings and have a vote on a proposed reorganization plan at the...the first date we vote?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

No...I...I...maybe we did a poor job of explaining that. It...it really means that the hearings are held, you know, really beforehand and...and there will be a vote.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

So my understanding then is we're going to continue what we're doing with the ninety-day delay. The...the consolidation committees will continue to meet. They will propose to reorganize every school district in the State and there will be a vote. If after that vote certain districts do not vote to reorganize, then this provision kicks in which says that, "The reorganization committee may provide in that second plan that no reorganization of school districts is required in any such finding by the reorganization committee adopted is the final...in the final reorganization plan," meaning this would be the second plan adopted, "is binding on the State committee." Is that what this means?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

No.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Then are we going to have the first vote on the reorganization plans?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

May or may not. I...think we've been...we've...we really have explained that and I...I really don't know the...the...the thrust of your question.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

What I'm talking about is the potential for two votes on a reorganization plan. I would assume the second vote would be called the final reorganization plan. Is that your understanding?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

With respect to this language, Senator Welch, I think it's generally concluded that that is not true.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Then what you're saying is they don't even have...a committee that meets and says before the first vote there's no need to reorganize doesn't have to hold a single election is what you're saying. That's the intent of this Conference Committee report.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

That indeed is a possibility if, for example, they meet

all the criterion that is set forth in Senate Bill 730 and it...agree that there...you know, those districts are large enough and efficient enough in providing academic excellence, then that's...that is correct.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

So just to clarify for the State Board of Elections...or State Board of Education when they start interpreting this, final reorganization plan under this Conference Committee report means the first plan or the second plan which could be submitted to voters.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

It is my interpretation that, yes, that is the case.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, let me just ask a question. If presuming that the reorganization committee now meets...meets and considers all of the criteria and decides that in fact no reorganization is to take place, submits its plan to the State Board of Education, is there, in fact,...will there be a...a ruling from the State Board of Education, for example, to put that on the ballot for that to be...to be voted on or does that just, in fact, end all of the reorganization effort at that point upon submission to the State board?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

No reorganization plan at all requires no referendum.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, therefore, there is no election and I think that was part of the thing that we were attempting to allude to during the debate...at least in the transcript of the first...of the first bill. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Let...let me clarify an earlier statement made that...that the...the plan whatever that plan or lack of plan is has to meet the criterion that are in this bill, first of all. Then if that's approved and it's agreed by both the local reorganization committee and the State reorganization committee that...that there need to be no other initiative, then there would be no vote.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, then he just...opened up a different question here and that is what happens if the State reorganization...the reorganization committee, the local committee, submits to the State board the idea that there...that they have met all the criteria and there should be no reorganization, the State board rejects that and, in fact, then submits that back to the...back to the committee...then what happens?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Further clarification, first of all. If those reorganization committees locally determine that...that they meet all the criterion, that decision alone according to this component, this language is binding on the State committee.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

That means final in its totality, final. Is that correct, Senator Maitland?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

That's the way I read the language.

PRESIDENT:

(Machine cutoff)...discussion? Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Yes, the school people that I've met with had some concerns that the extension period wasn't lengthily enough. Was there some consideration given to having more time or, is this more or less was determined would be adequate time?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator Kelly, this is a very critical technical area with respect to the consolidation election law, and this is the absolute maximum that we can go on the extension to meet the...to meet the guidelines or the...the given election dates of the consolidated election law; and...and I, personally,...and I think I've spoken to more groups around this State than anybody, I have heard of no one asking for any longer than ninety days and, quite frankly, I've had many of them who are really moving along quite nicely saying that, gee, we don't need any extension at all. So this, I think, accommodates most people.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Well, I'm just like you, I've been meeting in a lot of...with a lot of school people during...so-called recess period to discuss education and I hope...that we cleared it

up. I'm really sorry that it took away or diminished what we've been trying to accomplish on reforming education in the State of Illinois. I know a number of the people said maybe we ought to just repeal the whole...area of reorganization because of what it was done and how it was handled and why it wasn't interpreted. What about this wording, "dual versus unit...preference." Is that in here too?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

The unit district preference is out, coterminous boundaries is out.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Well, that's about all I have except I...I wanted to get one more reading on what Senator Cemuzio...can you kind of briefly go over...your last comments about the plan itself being submitted and being...if it's rejected by the State board, where do we go from there? And also will the plan...the concerns of the...educators in my area is that they would submit a plan...the reorganization committee and if it's turned down, then the Office of Education...they would have their...their's and if that was turned down, then possibly the Legislature would enact the second recommendation. What I want to find out about, where are we at...on that particular issue? Will it be forced upon them if they do not want reorganization or consolidation?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

No and let me explain. We're really talking about two different scenarios here, okay? First of all, the reorganization committee locally puts together their plan, the hear-

ings are held, they submit the plan to the State Board, the State board either approves or disapproves the plan. Assuming the State Board Reorganization Committee approves the plan, it comes back for referendum. That referendum fails, then we go through the process once again and...and just like we did the first time, that's one scenario. The second one is as we have been discussing with respect to no plan at all within a particular regional superintendent's district. If they decide that no plan...no change is necessary...no change at all is necessary and they've met all the criterion that are in the original Senate Bill 730, then that decision has...that's the end of it. They have made an election and they've met the criterion that's binding on the State committee and it goes no further.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDENT:

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Senator...Maitland, I've talked to several groups in my area and I've found no...all of them are vehemently opposed to whatever we do. Now, my question is this. You took out the numbers, is that correct? That's no...you've got an extension of time you're going to study, that's six months, right?...or not...I meant to say ninety days. Well, the problem is that many of the people tell me that there were only two or three people who really understood the resource equalizer was Representative Hoffman and Senator...our...our leader over here and the educator, Senator Berman. Now they say we come along with something nobody really understands. Why are we pushing something that everyone is opposed to? I...I just don't know what...why...why do we need it, in

other words, since we got so many people opposed to it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

...maybe the expert ought to handle that one but it...but, first of all, let me...let me say that I also have a pretty good understanding of the resource equalizer too, Senator Hall, but...but that's all right. Let me...let me only...let me only say that...that when you deal with...with educational issues as close as some of us do every year and agonize over the formula and a number of things, we...we see what's happening out...in the State of Illinois in those thousand school districts and...and recognizing that some of them are going to have some very difficult times maybe not right now but down the road a few years, and I...I believe both...most of the members in this body feel very strongly that we should not mandate school district reorganization, but...each one of us in this Chamber are elected by a constituency of nearly two hundred thousand people and they look to us for some...leadership and some guidance and some direction. And I think a general...gentle nudging from time to time is quite appropriate. This is not a mandate. I can cite you just as many school people who are glad we did what we did and we all voted for it.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Well, I appreciate what you're saying. The problem is that...you know, there's...we do such strange things around here, I...I'm just wondering...I haven't found anybody in my area that wants to join somebody else. They say, leave us alone. I can remember back when I had both unit and dual districts and the dual people were up here crying all the time, then the unit people start to crying. Our intent at

one time was everybody would go to unit districts or is that what you're trying to get? Are you trying to get all of that in just one district? Is that part of this reorganization plan?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

No.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

That's okay, I'm...I'm still confused.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

The sponsor yield?

PRESIDENT:

Indicates he'll yield, Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Senator, let's go back to scenario number one...this is where I think the confusion is in the latter part of your scenario. After we've gone through one attempt, let's say the local committee has gone up and...and the...the plan has not been approved, so it comes back and you said then we start over again to go through it again, right? The second time, now? The second time, still no success, there's nothing agreed on. Is there then...where do we go? Second time around, no agreement, what happens?

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Senator Hudson, that's the end. There would be no second referendum...if there's not an agreement.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Maitland, you wish to close?

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Only to say, Mr...Mr. President, that...that I think we have met most of the objections. I appreciate the help from the other side of the aisle, Senator Berman in particular. We're not all satisfied with all the components but there are some reorganization committees out there that are working hard, very diligently moving toward a resolution of the problem. I hope this will assist those where there has been some confusion, and I stand ready...as I know Senator Berman stands ready to speak to any of those groups to assist them any way they can. I would move for the adoption of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 242.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

All right. Senator Maitland has...has moved...the question is, shall the Senate adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 242. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. George. Have all voted who wish? We will have to take orally the two new members of the Senate who are...are not yet on the board. Mr. Secretary, would you please call those two members.

SECRETARY:

Senator Leitch.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Leitch, Aye.

SECRETARY:

Senator Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

And Woodyard, Aye. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? All right. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 46, the Nays are 2...I'm sorry, the Ayes are

48,....48, 2, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 242 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. All right. Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Conference Committee reports to Senate Bill 379. Senator Topinka.

END OF REEL

REEL #2

SENATOR TOPINKA:

Yes, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, basically, Senate Bill 879, the second Conference Committee report, addresses itself to a lot of cleanup language, especially in the Barber and the Cosmetology Act and a few others, and it's basically a department bill and all agreed to. The part that was most controversial when we got rid of Conference Committee One, went into two was what most of you, I think, have gotten letters on which was the educational level of cosmetologists. That has been brought back to an eighth-grade level. So, that should probably answer most people's questions. I think that pretty well does it and I would just move that we accept Conference Committee Report No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the second Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 879. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Mr. Secretary, call the roll of the two new members.

SECRETARY:

Senator Leitch. Senator Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take...take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 46, the Nays are 1, none voting Present. The Senate does...I'm sorry...on that question, the Ayes are 48, the Nays are 1, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the second Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 879 and the bill having received the required constitu-

tional majority is declared passed. Senate Bill...994, Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill...Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 994 does...really it's a technical amendment. It...it makes some changes in the Public Utilities Act, it's to cleanup...technical language and most of the components in the Conference Committee report that are agreed to by both sides have already passed this...this Body in...in a couple of other areas, and I would move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Discussion? Discussion? Senator Netsch.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you. I think that Senator Maitland is correct. These are, we hope, the technical amendments we have all seen before and agreed to before; and although I'm seeing this for the first time, I think there is no difference in...between this and the earlier versions that we had all agreed to. So, it should be fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Further discussion? If not, the...Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Senator Maitland, would you just...I don't want to prolong the thing, but I've got a very big hang-up on all these utilities today. You say this just technical? It's not making any changes at all into them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate

Bill 994. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? We need to call the roll of the two new members.

SECRETARY:

Senator...Senator Leitch. Senator Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 49...oh...the Ayes are 50, the Nays are none, 1 voting Present. The Senate does adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 994 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. All right, Message from the Governor.

SECRETARY:

Message from the Governor by Kirk Dillard, Director of Legislative Affairs.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message.

To the Honorable members of the Senate, the 84th General Assembly, I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments by your Honorable Body.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Executive Appointments. All right, Message from the House.

SECRETARY:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives adopted the following...House joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

House Joint Resolution No. 145 offered by Sena-

tor Rock.

(Secretary reads HJR No. 145)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Joint Resolution 145 is the adjournment resolution. When we conclude our business today, we will return to Springfield on Easter Tuesday, April 1st, at the hour of noon. The House has built in two perfunctory days for introduction of bills which we felt were, frankly, unnecessary. So, we will return on April 2...April 1...Tuesday, April 1st at the hour of noon and I would move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 145.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

All right, you've heard the motion by Senator Rock to move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 145. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 145. Discussion? If not, those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution 145 is adopted. Mr. Secretary, resolutions...have there been any objections filed to the Resolutions Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY:

No objections have been filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

All right, with leave of the Body, we will add...in addition to the printed copy, Senate Resolution 722 through 735, House Joint Resolutions 137, 139, 140, 141 and 142 which are all congratulatory or death in nature. With leave...is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senator Rock moves the adoption

of the Resolutions Consent Calendar. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Resolutions Consent Calendar is adopted. Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If I can have the attention of the members, we are, again, in the position where we are awaiting House action. We have effectively concluded what was on our Calendar. There is yet one piece of business remaining and that is a supplemental appropriation's request that I'm told will be added by House amendment to a bill and sent to us for concurrence. The latest information I have is that they are at least about an hour away from that action. So, we are, I guess, standing at ease waiting for the House to act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEBUZIO)

All right, the Senate will stand at ease.

PRESIDENT:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate the House of Representatives has refused to recede from their Amendment No. 2 to a bill with the following title:

Senate Bill 1412.

I'm further directed to inform the Senate that they have requested a first conference and the Speaker has appointed the members on the part of the House.

PRESIDENT:

All right, with leave of the Body, Senator Joyce will move that the Senate accede to the request of the House that a Conference Committee be appointed. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed Nay. The motion carries and the Senate does accede to the request of the House. We'll appoint a Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1412.

SECRETARY:

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

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

Senate Bill 226, together with House Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDENT:

On the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, we have only two items remaining and then we will adjourn until April the 1st at the hour of noon. On the Order of Secretary...on the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 2, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports a Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1412. With leave of the Body, Senator Jerome Joyce. Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JEROME JOYCE:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1412, the first part of it, the...the original bill, expands the job tax credit in the enterprise zones. This is asked for by OCCA, makes...eligible for services...people when Title II of the Job Training Partnership Act, training services for the disadvantages or Title III of the Job Training Partnership's Act. Also this would allow the Department of Central Management Services to convey certain properties in Kankakee County, right next to the Manteno Redevelopment Council, the old Manteno Mental Health Agency, as it...would be required. Now there's three hundred and seventeen acres there that the State owns and this council has been trying to bring jobs into the old Manteno Mental Health Facility and they have found some companies that would like to build a new plant, so this would be on the adjacent property, and CMS after a sufficient plan was given to them would convey that number of acres that would be needed to build that plant. It also has a reverter in it and I think we have everyone satisfied on

this. So, if there's any questions, I'd be happy to try and answer them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1412. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, would you please call the roll of the two members that are not listed.

SECRETARY:

Senator Leitch. Senator Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 38, the Nays are none, none voting Present. The Senate does adopt the first Conference Committee report on Senate Bill 1412 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. All right,...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President. With leave of the Body, I would ask...ask leave of the Body to...in lieu of Senator Savickas to handle Senate Bill 226 as amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, is leave granted? Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, 226.

SECRETARY:

Senate Bill 226 with House Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to move to concur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 226. This is the supplemental appropriation requested by the Office of the Governor. The membership has

been provided with a listing...detailing...eleven sections that are amended in the...total amount of money is nineteen million dollars out of which eleven million two is general revenue. I would point out that under Item Ten where it says fingerprinting, that is not quite accurate. In fact, that money, the eighty-nine thousand dollars, is an appropriation to the State police to implement that section of the law in Senate Bill 730 which this body overwhelmingly approved last Session calling for background checks. That is the only reason for this appropriation. I know of no objection; obviously, we require thirty affirmative votes and I would solicit an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Discussion? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I guess what really seriously bothers me is that once again we're back, we're placing the cost of living increase for people for fifty-two percent of need. The Governor has twice vetoed this. Now if it's going to be as a carrot to get this thing passed and then have him veto it again, that I'm...I have serious problems with this. I haven't been able to get any assurance and I would like to know from the leader over there...of course, he can't speak for the Governor only to say that how much is this going to be pursued. Now we can find monies for everything, but we cannot...and the last time...and I appreciate the help that was given on the other side, but the Governor consistently comes right back and vetoes this and...Senator Rock, I'm very glad that you explained about this other thing because there would be no way with this 1010 the...the House has refused to call that bill and I just couldn't understand why we were going to be voting to fingerprint teachers. So, I would like to know if anybody here who could say, what situation are we

going to be in again? And I guess the only one I could ask that is the leader on the other side where as the...he's the spokesman for the Governor but suddenly he's disappeared. Where is he? Where is your leader? He was on the Floor when I started. Is he doing a disappearing act? He might be if he's in there...Senator Philip. You know, it's a shame to think that in this great country and in this great State with all the money that...expended around here...when you look at this, just got through today with another budget of almost twenty billion dollars and to say that you cannot give to the people. I don't consider myself scolding all these people. I appreciate what has been given, but if we're going to have the irresponsible way that the Governor has done, it's just unfortunate and I hope he's got his mike on and I hope he's hearing and if he's going to go again and veto which is...you know, this is a very serious proposition. So, I wonder what the position is and I don't know where Pate Philip is but if there was anyone who...who operates in...of when he's gone? I see you looking, Senator Schaffer, so...would you like to comment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, further discussion? Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I don't think I'm qualified. I don't honestly know what the fate of that particular line item will be; obviously, we know the history of that. I would respectfully submit that there are another twelve or fifteen articles here that I think are necessary for the operation of State Government in the next month while we go about our duties back in the district and the various campaigns. I would respectfully suggest to as many people as possible that some of these things have been put off for a long time and we're talking about prisons, we're talking about some things that are important to a lot of people, and I would hope as I look around and

detect a few empty chairs here that everybody would get on board this roll call. We would need to pass this thing and...and go home and get about our business.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Hall for a second time.
Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Well, evidently, you can't get an answer to it. I'm certainly...I have some problems with some things I sent here. We met and when...now I think...and I hope the Governor is listening, because there's five million four hundred thousand dollars in here for a math/science academy construction to be for...for children who are super children, who are...when I look at this, there's many questions. I'm wondering how some of us are going to get...what they call...specialty children in this area...I'm...this puts me in a very awkward position and I certainly want to see that we have something of need, and I would appeal to you who are on...and of the Governor's team to please ask him that there's another day coming. Now if we come to a third veto of this item that...of course, when I'm just one person on this floor, but I tell you that I think that he needs to be appealed to to say that we...we...working and all of us are voting for this in good faith.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Further discussion? If not, Senator Rock may close.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would hope that all of us would recognize that the supplemental appropriation as presented in House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 226 is as Senator Schaffer indicated pretty important. There is, Senator Hall, a transfer of some seven and a half million dollars within the public aid budget which is absolutely essential. We, in this Body, thought

that the Human Rights Commission ought to be enlarged and we are providing now for those four new commissioners in terms of the Travel and Commodity line. In addition to that, let me say that this morning I had the opportunity to again speak to the Governor about the supplemental and about the fifty-two percent of need item which I indicated we were again going to pursue. I was unable, frankly, to obtain a commitment from him that he would sign it. He did say he would consider it. I am not, frankly, optimistic, but I think it's incumbent on every one of us to be affirmatively on this roll call for that reason so that we make it ineluctably clear that we are serious about this and this battle is not over; but in the meantime, I would ask for an affirmative vote on the motion to concur with House Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 226.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Question is, shall the Senate concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 226. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Mr. Secretary, would you call the two members.

SECRETARY:

Senator Leitch. Senator Woodyard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZZIO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 37, the Nays are 1...I beg your pardon...the Ayes are...36, the Nays are 2, none voting Present. The Senate does concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 226 and the bill having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Pursuant to the adjournment resolution, I would wish everyone a happy March 18th, I hope, and a Happy Easter and I

would move that we stand adjourned until April 1st at the hour of noon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, Senator Rock has moved that the Senate stand adjourned until the hour of noon, April the 1st. Senate stands adjourned.

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