

Speaker Blair: "The House will be in order, the invocation will be by Father Robert Becker, Assistant Pastor, St Agnes Church, Springfield."

Father Becker: "Thank you, Mr. Blair. Dear God, how can we take You for granite. It seems sometimes that we even find it a little hard to find time for You in our busy work day. Our work piles up, people press upon us, we have so many things on our mind and sometimes don't turn to You as frequently as we should or as we need. So, I thank You now Lord for this few minutes, an opportunity to clear our minds, to open ourselves up to You. You know us Lord, You know when we are with You and where we stand and our Lord make us all instruments of Your work, may we place ourselves in Your hands this day and every day to be shaped and turned around as You might see fit. Help only the best of intentions to be in our heart always, we thank You God for all of the good You have showered upon us. For the opportunities that You have now presented to us, we promise our best efforts to view everyone and everything as part of Your devine plan. O Lord, open our minds now to accept and understand others even if we might differ with them in our opinions or political views and finally God, as the almighty law maker, guide us in our work so that what we do here today may be according to Your will. We ask especially a special prayer this afternoon for Mrs. Rita Hirschfeld, a wife of John Hirschfeld, who was operated on today and in need of our prayers. We ask that You keep us always in Your heart and Your mind and we may always be blessed by You. Amen."

Speaker Blair: "Roll Call for attendance. For what purpose does the Gentlemen from Cook, Mr. Walsh, arise?"

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, will the records show that Representative Juckett and Springer are absent because illness? Rep-

representative Springer, is in the hospital had difficulties with his back..."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Journal will so indicate.

For what purpose does Mr. Douglas, arise?"

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Blair: "Oh, just a minute. Speaker Walsh."

Walsh: "Excuse me, Representative Harold Anderson, is absent because of illness."

Speaker Blair: "The Journal will so indicate. All right, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Douglas."

Douglas: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. While in this temporary state of pause before starting today's business, I would like on a point of personal privilege to bring to the attention of those Members of the House which excludes myself, who will be returning that at the request of a number of Members of the present House who will be returning, that I have spoken to each of the candidates for Speaker, at least the declared candidates, and one presently undeclared candidate who the newspapers would probably consider to be declared, and I'm pleased to inform the Members of the House that every person who is running for Speaker, has agreed that he will do all he can to satisfy sections on both sides of the aisles for nonsmokers. Now, to some this may be humorous and to those in the process of lighting up right now, it may even be an unwelcome piece of information, but as someone who will not be returning, nothing would please me more as many of you know, than to leave here knowing that at least those of you who care will have an opportunity because each of the declared candidates for Speaker said that he will with your help tomorrow because there will be some technical changes in the rules that will have to be made, set aside sections on both sides of the House so that when you select your seats tomorrow, you will have

an opportunity to select a seat in a section in which smoke will not be allowed and I wish you good health in the next Session. Thank you, very much."

Speaker Blair: "All right, Mr. Collins."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker, and Representative Douglas, it has been four long years, Bruce, but I'm happy on your last day that we have finally found something about which we agree."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Clerk is going to take the Roll now, so anybody that's here that hasn't indicated it on the Roll Call, if they would do that. Mr. Craig, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Craig."

Craig: "Mr. Speaker, I really would like to have you get a little order here. I would like to do something here that I would like for the Members to be conscious of..."

Speaker Blair: "Would the Membership please be conscious."

Craig: "Sane at least. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, in particular. I would like to take this opportunity at this time to introduce the lovely wife of the Speaker, Pat and their very fine son, Steve, over here... would they please stand."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Tazewell, Mr. Kriegsman."

Kriegsman: "Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I wish you would have the Clerk, read a letter that he has from a great Representative and a friend of many of the Members here in this House, Mr. J. Norman Shade."

Speaker Blair: "All right, without objection, the Clerk will read the communication from our former colleague."

Clerk Selcke: "January 2, 1975, Fredric B. Selcke, Clerk of the House, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois. Friend Mr. Selcke: Naturally, I am deeply grateful to the Members of the House of Representatives for the recent honor bestowed upon me. This expression of loyalty makes Norm Shade quite proud of the friendship maintained with Representatives I met, some over 20

years ago. Indeed, it must be heartwarming to my friend Representative Jim Von Boeckman to realize the prestige he maintains in the House of Representatives. Having so many friends on both sides of the aisle is an accomplishment few attain. Jim Von Boeckman's cooperation with Senator Sommer and his ability to receive, as I understand, the unanimous approval of his colleagues in naming the new bridge which will span the Illinois River the Shade-Lohmann Bridge. Many praiseworthy compliments have been heard in behalf of Jim Von Boeckman and Senator Sommer. Naturally, the accomplishment of our personal friend of longstanding, you may rest assured, made Norm Shade and former State Senator Lohmann quite proud. We likewise feel certain Representative Von Boeckman, like Senator Sommer, can justifiably feel honored in having the unanimous support of his colleagues. Therefore, Mr. Selcke, with the approval of the Speaker of the House, Senator Lohmann and I would greatly appreciate if you would read this letter into the minutes during a Session of the House of Representatives at a time convenient to you. Thanking you for the courteous treatment always received by me when I was a State Representative, and wishing you well always, I beg to remain. Yours truly, J. Norman Shade."

Speaker Blair: "Senate Bills, Third Reading."

Clerk Selcke: "Senate Bill 1682, an Act making certain non-substantive revisions of the law to resolve differences among several forms of certain Sections amended by more than one Act of the 78th General Assembly and differences between the statutory law and the Constitution. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Gentleman from Peoria, Mr. Day. This is Third Reading so you might want to pay attention."

Day: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the"

House. This is the annual revisory Bill prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau. It now has the Amendments on it which was offered back in December, by Representative Lundy and as I say, it is a revisory Bill that simply corrects technical matters that arose by the passage of conflicting Bills during the past Session. So, I would appreciate your support in favor of this Bill so that we can get it over to the Senate and the Senate can concur in the House Amendment which we adopted on December 5."

Speaker Blair: "All right, any further discussion? All right, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1682 pass. All those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. This is a revisory Bill and it has a House Amendment, so it has to be concurred in by the Senate if it is to become effective before we adjourn the 78th SINE DIE. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Kosinski."

Kosinski: "Mr. Speaker, I can understand the exuberance of this House and I know a great number of problems face us, but nevertheless there is a Senate Bill on the floor and Mr. Speaker, I don't know how to vote because I haven't heard anything. The noise level has been such that I'm not sure what's going on. Now, if the Chair would like to explain to me, what this is, all about I would be delighted to vote."

Speaker Blair: "Well, the Gentleman's point is well taken.... If Mr. Day, would like to go over it once again, the substantive Bill for the Gentleman."

Day: "Well, Mr. Speaker..... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen at the end of each Session of the Legislature, the Reference Bureau draws up a revisory Bill which simply makes technical changes which are required in order to remove any inconsistency or confusion which might have resulted because of the fact that different Sections of the statutes were amended by different Bills, it requires

a change in the numbering system on some of the Bills and that's the purpose of this revisory Bill, simply to correct nonsubstantive technical changes. Now, when the Bill was presented last December, an Amendment was offered by Representative Lundy, which was adopted by this House without any objection of any kind and the Bill is now in shape to go over to the Senate and it is very important that we get it over to the Senate today so that they can concur in this Amendment. This is a Senate Bill which has been passed by the Senate, it has been amended by the House and we are now going to send it back to the Senate so they can concur in this Amendment and get this revisory Bill on the books so that these technical changes can be made. Now, if anyone has any question of any kind about the Bill, I would be happy to try and answer them. But, it is something that is done as a matter of course at the end of every Session... as I say, in order to remove any technical problems which may have arisen as the result of the passage of various statutes, which amends various Sections of the statutes and chapters and corrects such things as numbering changes. That's all it does."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. Mr. Lundy.... Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: "Mr. Speaker, point of information. How many votes does it take for this Bill to become effective immediately?"

Speaker Blair: "89..."

Lauer: "89..."

Speaker Blair: "We've passed the first..... On this question there are 109 'ayes', 3 'nays', 5 'present' and Senate Bill 1682, is hereby declared passed. All right, we are gathering together the Agreed Resolutions and in just a moment we'll..... we will be considering those in just a few minutes here, if you will bear with us. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1273, Grotberg, et al. House Resolution 1274, Palmer. House Resolution 1275, Palmer. House Resolution 1276, Geo-Karis, et al. We will strike 1276."

Speaker Blair: "Go ahead. Oh, is that it? Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. These are Agreed Resolutions, House Resolution 1273, congratulates Mr. Charles Daniel Peacock Haether upon his approaching 50th anniversary. House Resolution 1274, congratulates Mr. & Mrs. Frey, of Blue Island upon the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. House Resolution 1275, congratulates Mr. Salvatore Ruffolo, who was awarded the Cavaliere award for outstanding service to mankind by the President of the Republic of Italy. And, I move the adoption of these Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker Blair: "Is there discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions, say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand in recess for 20 minutes for the purpose of a Republican Conference to be held in Room 212, immediately and we will return to the floor at four o'clock, promptly."

Speaker Blair: "All those in favor of the Gentleman's motion say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House will be in recess for 20 minutes for the purposes of a Republican Conference, in Room 212, we'll be back on the floor at 4 P.M."

Speaker Blair: "All right, we have coming down the center aisle, the Secretary of State, we decided we'd save everybody a long night and go ahead and get on with the business of electing a Speaker for the 79th. Now, if

Secretary will come on up, why we can get the 79th started and.... for what purpose does, Mr. Shea, arise?"

Shea: "I'm wondering as long as we're going to have the election now, can those Members of the 78th and the 79th vote for the new Speaker?"

Speaker Blair: "No problems, it's all one happy family. Everybody do their own thing. Seriously, the Secretary or the.... media want to get a picture of the Secretary."

Howlett: "I won't presume to tell the Members how to vote tomorrow but, let's do it in a hurry. Thanks for the use of the hall...."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the House will be back in order. On the order of business appears an order on the motions and..."

Clerk Selcke: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of 73 (d), be suspended for the purpose of immediately considering House Resolution 1272, Matijeovich."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijeovich."

Matijeovich: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House... could I have a little order on this very important Resolution? Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, tomorrow at noon the next General Assembly will meet to elect a Speaker of the House, and I have introduced House Bill 1272, so that this House or the next House, will elect a Speaker with a majority of the Members elected to this House. In affect, House Bill 12.... House Resolution 1272, will change the rule that now says, that it shall be a majority of Members..... majority of votes cast and remember, under Rule 1, a Member who votes 'present' is not a vote cast. I think that it is very sufficient that when we call for a Constitutional Majority on any Bill that becomes law, that we also by our House Rules ought to require 89 votes, a Constitutional Majority to elect the second most powerful person in State government. This motion therefore, requires 107 votes... surely for

the consideration to suspension of the rules, so that I can consider this House Resolution. I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Blair: "All right, any discussion? Mr. Schlickman."

Schlickman: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Precedent is in support of our adoption of this Resolution amending the rules of this House. Both by tradition and by statute the rules of the preceeding General Assembly become the temporary rules of the exceeding General Assembly until new rules are adopted by that Body. Now, until January of 1972, the rules of the House did not provide or prescribe the vote required to elect a Speaker. The determination as to the votes required was left to the temporary presiding officer, being the Secretary of State and you may recall that in January of 1974, after much deliberation the Secretary of State, ruled that a majority of those present and voting was required to elect the Speaker. Subsequently, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House... this Body amended its rules, the rules of the 78th General Assembly to provide that the person receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected Speaker. We already once in this General Assembly have provided in the rules the vote that's required and what we did, was simply to follow a ruling of the then, temporary Speaker... Temporary Chairman, Secretary of State. It would seem to me that that is appropriate and it's with precedence that we review that decision that was made two years ago and do what we think is right... now and put the rules in the best shape before tomorrow, so that the succeeding Body of the 79th General Assembly has the best set of rules that we think can be provided to them. And, as the Sponsor of this Amendment... this Resolution amended the rules indicated, it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill and we all know from experience that the Speaker

of the House, whoever that person may be, is more instrumental in passing a Bill than anybody else and it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill, then it should take in the interest of the people in this State and in the interest of this Body, it should take 89 votes to elect a Speaker, and I therefore, seek your support of the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. In addressing myself to this issue, I have taken just a little time to do some research... not totally, and I find that we are now entering into what might be a 79th General Assembly and in 78 Sessions before, you never had a rule that said, you needed 89 Members to elect a Speaker of this House. I would dare say that those principles that have guided us in the past surely, ought to be able to guide us for one more day and at least until tomorrow. I believe that it is precipitous at this time for us to engage in any attempt to change the rules as has been so often heard without discussions, without reference to Committee, without having a chance to have our colleagues hear from their constituency and to hear testimony and advice on this issue. I think we are frauding and getting ready to abort the very principals which we hold dear. I think that if we want Democratic government, we had better let the rules stay as they have been for 78 Sessions before. We will have adequate time to listen to all proposals for rule changes, we will have adequate hearings... and the term hearings, is something that I have constantly heard from all the legal scholars in this Body who constantly demand the right to be heard... a hearing a chance for their district to hear about these rule changes. I suggest that if this rule has been good for 78 General Assemblies before, surely it will tide us over for one more day, and I think we would be

doing a greivous harm to the Body in attempting to change the rules and I for one would urge that the rules remain the same until we have at least a chance to study it."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Collins."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of this motion, partially for the reasons expressed by Representative Schlickman, that I think that it is perfectly reasonable to acquire the same number of votes to elect as important position as Speaker as it takes to pass a Bill of this House. I think that it's perfectly reasonable to change the rule and require 89 votes to elect the second most important office holder in the State of Illinois. But, beyond that I am disturbed as many of us are, by suggestions that have been made in the media and elsewhere that there are some Republicans who intend to cross over tomorrow to vote for one or another Democratic candidate for Speaker of the House. Now, I am of the opinion and I feel morally bond to the position that we are in support of our Republican candidate for Speaker, Representative Washburn... beyond that, we have absolutely no business meddling in the affairs of the Democratic side of the aisle. It's up to you Gentlemen over there to select your leader and I'm sure you will tomorrow... hopefully with no assistance from us. I would hope that when we elect a Speaker tomorrow there will be the acquired number for whoever your candidate is and there will be 76 Republican votes for our candidate. In keeping with that, I think it important that we support this proposed rule change, I think that any failure and I'm speaking only to the Republican Members now, I think that any failure to support this Resolution, at least give rise to the suggestion that there are those of us who feel that some point we will

have to or we will be compelled to go over and vote for a Democratic candidate. I think for the integrity of the Republican Membership of this House, 76 of us over here and I hope enough of Democratic support on the other side will support this Resolution to adopt this very important rule change. I feel this very deeply, I think that our reputation, our integrity is at stake and I would hope that every Republican would join me in support of this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Hirschfeld."

Hirschfeld: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of this Resolution and in reply to the comments made by my distinguished colleague from Cook, Representative Ewell, let me say this. I haven't heard anybody call this rule a good rule, it just happens to be a rule that has been with this House for a number of years and some of us have been through more than one leadership fight, some more than I have, but I well remember the stain that rubbed off from the leadership fight two years ago and I think should be avoided at all cost. Now, the media in the State of Illinois has been calling for changes in the General Assembly of this State for a least the past several months, the people have been calling for changes in this State for the past several years and finally we find a Legislator, Representative Matijevich, who has enough courage to stand up and make a Resolution calling for the same change that will bring about improvement on the floor of this House. It's fine to say that this is premature... but everything is premature if nobody's willing to support change and frankly, Ladies and Gentlemen, if you read the rules of this House you'll find that if we don't do this today, we'll never get it done. The simple reason is, that tomorrow the first order of business is to elect a Speaker and

after that we move to adopt the rules of the 78th General Assembly as those rules of the 79th General Assembly and if we have not included this rule as a rule of the 78th General Assembly, it will not be a rule tomorrow to guide us in electing a Speaker. I support the rule, I am very hopeful that all of the Republicans will and enough Democrats will also support their colleague, Representative Matijevich, to pass this Resolution today and provide for an orderly... or be it lengthy election of a Speaker, tomorrow."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: "Mr. Speaker, I'll keep my remarks extremely brief.

I would like to add only one thing to the suggestion made by Mr. Collins, that is that we will present a very solid side on the Republican side of the aisle tomorrow. However, I would not like to have the situation show up, that some of the Gentlemen on the other side of the aisle might wish to come over and vote for the Minority Leader for Speaker, should the blood flow and the wounds turn out to be irreparably deep on that side."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? I'm sorry, have all.... The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijevich... you want to close?"

Matijevich: "I would ask for 107 votes, Mr. Speaker. This is on the motion of the suspension of the rules."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the question is, shall the Gentleman's motion to suspend the provisions in rule 73 (d), pass? All those in favor will vote 'aye', opposed 'no', it requires 107 affirmative votes. Mr. Deuster."

Deuster: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just briefly explaining my 'yes' vote, I think as many of us know very well, the office of Speaker is a very powerful and a very difficult office and many times I think Members of this House maybe have sympathized with

the Speaker's responsibilities and duties. Surely if we're going to endow a man or a woman with this powerful and important office, we ought to strengthen them by having them elected by a majority of the Members elected to this Body and I think from the point of view of establishing leadership that is solid and strong, rather than shakey as you might find in some multimember or multiparty governments abroad, we ought to require that our Speaker start out with the support of 89, the Majority of those elected. So from the point of view of making sure the Speaker, whoever he or she might be, I think we can endow that Speaker with strength and stability by requiring that the Speaker be elected with 89 votes and I urge your affirmative vote in support of this good Resolution."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker, in all due deference some of my colleagues on this side who made a remark earlier that those of us who don't vote for this Resolution, we might have a plague vote upon us or words to that effect. I feel that this is a one party problem and it's on the other side of the aisle and two years ago we had plenty of problems here and no one seemed to care, so we can get our votes maybe 75, plus a few from the other side, to get our Minority Leader elected as I said, Speaker, and I'm voting 'no'."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Mr. Speaker, the logic that has been advanced on the other is absurd. To hear them tell it, we would elect the President of the United States only by a majority of all the people eligible to vote in the United States. We know that this is not the fact and we know that the rules of a democracy has always been, a majority of the votes cast. This is a fundamental requirement, it's very basic and any attempt to change it now... to say that you need 89 or more than the majority of the

votes cast, where will we find that tomorrow that they will ask for a 107 or 120, and finally e exactly 177 Members. I think that if we can elect the President of the United States as we have in the past... and the Governor and all elected officials and including ourselves, with a vote of less than 50% of the eligible voters, I think that we ought to follow that rule and it has been a fundamental, a good rule for this democracy all these years. And, this cry that we hear about a magic number... is strictly absurbe and I say to those Members of the other side of the aisle that the plauge that you cast upon us today may visit you tomorrow."

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Speaker Blair: "Mrs. Dyer."

Dyer: "Mr. Speaker, in explaining my 'yes' vote, I would vote 'yes' on this Resolution no matter which party has a better chance to elect the Speaker. I think we see the example in other countries, in parliament in France, in Italy, even sometimes in England when it is very difficult for a leader in the parliamentary body to really pull anything together or actually to govern or for the Legislative body to move forward because the Constitutional Majority of people haven't voted for that person. Representative Ewell, mentioned that the majority of people did not vote, you know, to elect people that were elected this time. I don't think that's a good thing, I think that's a bad thing... I think that it is reprehensible. I think it would take a pocket calculator to keep track of how many votes it's going take to elect if we don't adopt this very eminently fair rule. It's fair to all the candidates for Speaker. It simply says that, the majority of Constitutionally-elected should chose the Speaker, who would be the Speaker for the whole House not one party or the other and I strongly urge you to get five more 'yes' votes up on that board. The integrity of our General Assembly is at stake here. Thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? No, I'm sorry, Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I am going to say that when this is all over I would like a poll of the absentees but, first I would like to explain my vote. And, I want to say that I really believe that every Speaker that we have ever chosen in each General Assembly, I think if someone will research it, has taken a Constitutional Majority. No matter... so, what we are doing is implementing that tradition, so I don't think that anybody has to fear anything at all. Now, someone mentioned the fact that two years ago the

Republicans battled among themselves and therefore, that the Republicans shouldn't be a party of what we're going to do. Well, that's the purpose of this Resolution by extentions on that side of the aisle, you are going to participate in what we ought to be able... we ought to be selecting on this side of the aisle. I think that's very clear... some of you who have voted 'no' on that basis ought to look again at your logic, because everybody knows what you're trying to do. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that it is very important to understand that all we're doing is implementing a Constitutional Majority even when Paul Powell, was elected Speaker of House, when he went over on the Republican side of the aisle, he still obtained a Constitutional Majority. But, what I don't want to happen tomorrow... is somebody on that side of the aisle say, oh, we've gone through enough ballets it's none of our business... we're going to lay off our votes and because doing that you're going to elect a Speaker over here with a numerical minority. I don't think the people of Illinois deserve that and I think that we ought to stand firm and be responsible and really all of us say that it takes 89. After all if it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill in the House, it ought to take 89 votes to elect a Speaker. So, I would urge you to change your vote, use that illogic instead of logic."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Grotberg."

Grotberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I arise to explain my 'yes' vote, and hopefully get this thing up to about 106 votes to say the least. But, I would like to... in explaining my vote... take issue with one who questioned the logic of this side of the aisle and noticed several on the other side of the aisle, regarding a majority of those voting. The previous speaker suggested that we vote in

public in all of our general elections on the majority of those voting. I would also submit to you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and you, Mr. Speaker.... that we are elected by the majority of those voting to do only one thing, come down here and vote. But, I think the subject matter of that is considerably different from a public elected. The first test that every freshman will meet and the first test that all of us new Members of the General Assembly... starting tomorrow afternoon is to throw that switch. I think that maybe the mandate of the people to come down here and vote and I think that 89 is a respectable number to pass any decision out of this House and let's start by beginning with 89 votes."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Duff."

Duff: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would concur very much with some of the things that have been said on this side of the aisle. Most particularly that I feel committed to vote for the choice of our party, for as many ballots we might have. On the other hand, no system that we could design can be devoid of politics with a 177 people all elected to office involved in it. No system... I would bring to the attention of the House and particular to the Members of my own party, that two years ago we had 89 votes to 88... two years hence hopefully, we will have a majority if possible. I anticipate that it could be close in consideration of the history of this House where most of the time we have a very close margin for either party. We happen to be working today under an unusual... tomorrow under an unusual circumstances of a wide majority on the part of the other party. But, I can conceive of circumstances where, in a margin of 89 to 88, for either party... one person could thereby prevent this House from beginning to function. The previous speaker said,

our job is to come down here and vote, well a major part of our job is to come down here and form the organization of the 79th General Assembly and get started with the peoples work. It is very very possible with a stringent requirement of a majority of all those elected that that could never happen. That it would take weeks, it is our job to get going... I think that to put the future of the party that the people happens to put in the majority at state, is wrong. The people have elected a party with a majority, they will again? It may be ours next time, that party has a responsibility of solving its own problems. That has the accountability to the people of forming the leadership and I vote 'no'."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. Mr. Lechowicz."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I would like to ask for a verification of the Roll Call."

Speaker Blair: "I thought that you might like to do that. At this point in the proceeding, the 'ayes' are 109, the 'nays' are 10 and 17 voting 'present'. Now, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Lechowicz, has asked for a verification and of course that's in order. If the Members will be in their seats and those persons that are not entitled... you want to poll the absentees... Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, I said earlier, at the appropriate time I wanted a poll of the absentees."

Speaker Blair: "Well, you are certainly entitled to that. But, we want.... we want the persons that are not entitled to the floor... to leave the floor because we are going to be verifying....this is a very important Roll Call. We're going to be verifying on the basis of Members being in their seats and that's Members of the 78th Assembly. We're not going to start the verification

until Members are in their seats. Doorkeeper clear the aisles, get everybody off the floor that is not entitled to be here. All right... when we get the Members in their seats we'll start the verification. Members get in their seats and we'll start the verification. All right, poll the absentees."

Clerk Selcke: "Alsop, Anderson, Berry, Berman... Berman, 'present'. Boyle, Brandt... Brandt, 'present'. Brinkmeier, Capuzi, Carter, Brinkmeier, 'present'. D'Arco, Davis..."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I have abstained from voting, I guess because I've been in this House for a long time and I know what happened in the name of Paul Powell, who's gone on to glory was mentioned here. I know what happened in the Paul Powell election for Speaker. The reason that I know what happened is because I nominated the man who ran against Paul Powell, and they're both dead now Joe DeLaCour, and if... hear me now, I'm like the Shakespeare, in the Ides of March remember. I stood here and blood... and begged that we be let alone and let us settle our Party differences but the same kind of an argument my distinguished friend made on that side of the aisle... he made another kind of an argument and that argument was that they should cross over and elect a Speaker and they crossed over and elected the Speaker over my... I nominated Joe DeLaCour, on this House floor. And, the point is that if you had left us alone as Democrats... the records show that Paul Powell would not have been Speaker of this House. I make that point when somebody starts talking about integrity... this is the truth so help me God. He was elected when you crossed over... now, let me say this, that the Constitution... that we can change anything in this House, this House is sovereign, we can change any of the rules in this House except amend

the Constitution and there is nothing in the Constitution of the State of Illinois, even in the new Constitution... that says that we must... we must change this rule. The House is boss and I was a member of the Rules Committee, I'm still a member of the Rules Committee until the next one is appointed and we've had no such Resolution as this and we've been meeting almost the whole year in this House and if it isn't political, why are you putting it in now... and for that reason I'm going to vote 'present'.'

Clerk Selcke: "Davis, 'present'. Deavers, DiPrima, Epton, Farley, Garmisa, Giglio, Hanahan... Sparkie..."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Garmisa."

Garmisa: "Will you vote me 'present', please?"

Speaker Blair: "Record the Gentleman as 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "Garmisa, 'present'. Gene Hoffman, Hyde, Emil Jones, Juckett, Keller, Krause, Maragos, McAuliffe, McCormick, McLendon, McPartlin, Timmy Miller..."

Speaker Blair: "McPartlin, 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "Maragos, 'present'..."

Speaker Blair: "McLendon, 'present', Maragos, 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "North, Pappas, Schoeberlein, Shurtz, Timothy Simms, Ike Sims..."

Speaker Blair: "Simms, 'present'. Tim Simms."

Clerk Selcke: "Timothy Simms, 'present'. Springer, Taylor, Terzich, Thompson, Yourell."

Speaker Blair: "Yourell, 'no'. All right, now we're ready to verify the affirmative... if once again the Members will be in their seats. Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Prior to that could you just give us an announcement as to the vote total, so we'll know where we are?"

Speaker Blair: "Would be happy too."

Clerk Selcke: "At this time there are 109 'ayes', 11 'nays', and 26 'present'..."

Speaker Blair: "And, now if the Members will be in their

seats... as you well know, they can't see through you when they are trying to verify. So if those of you who voted 'yea', 'nay' or 'present', if you would be seated. All right will you..."

Clerk Selcke: "Are we ready?"

Speaker Blair: "Go slowly."

Clerk Selcke: "Okay."

Speaker Blair: "Go slowly and verify the affirmative."

Clerk Selcke: "Arnell, Barnes, Beaupre, Bluthardt, Bradley, Caldwell, Calvo, Campbell, Capparelli, Catania, Chapman, Choate, Clabaugh, Collins, Day, Dee, Deuster, Douglas, R. L. Dunne, Dyer, Ebbesen, Fleck, Flinn, Friedland, Getty, Gibbs, Giorgi, Greiman, Griesheimer, Grotberg, Harpstrite, Hart, Hirschfeld, Ron Hoffman, Jimmy Holloway, Robert Holloway..."

Speaker Blair: "Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Holloway."

Holloway: "Mr. Speaker, how am I recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Holloway: "Change me to 'present'."

Speaker Blair: "Change the Gentleman to 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "James Houlihan, Hudson, Hunsicker, Huskey, Jacobs, Jaffe, Jenison, Dave Jones, Katz, Kelly, Kempiners, Kennedy, Kent, Klosak, Kriegsman, Kucharski, Lauer, Leinenweber, Londrigan, Lundy, Macdonald, Madigan, Mahar, Mann, Martin, Matijevich, McAvoy, McClain, McCourt, McGah, McGrew, McMaster, Tom Miller, Molloy, Mugalian, Neff, Palmer, Peters, Philip, Pierce, Polk, Porter, Randolph, Rayson, Redmond, Rose, Ryan, Sangmeister, Schisler, Schlickman, Schneider, Schraeder, Sevcik, Sharp, Shea, Skinner, Soderstrom, Stiehl, Stone, Telcser, Tipsword, Totten, Tuerk, Waddell, Wall, Richard Walsh, William Walsh, Walters, Washburn, Washington, Williams, J.J. Wolf, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Blair: "All right, are there any challenges of the affirmative vote?"

Lechowicz: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Representative Beaupre."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Beaupre... against the..."

Lechowicz: "Representative Capparelli."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Capparelli, how is the Gentleman recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Blair: "Well, he's not in his seat so, take him off."

Lechowicz: "Representative Harpstrite."

Speaker Blair: "How is the Gentleman recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Blair: "All right, take him off the record... here he is, put him back on."

Lechowicz: "Representative Jacobs."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Kempiners."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Klosak."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Kucharski."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Madigan."

Speaker Blair: "He's back there in the middle."

Lechowicz: "Representative Mahar."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "McMaster."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Tom Miller."

Speaker Blair: "Miller, is in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Pierce."

Speaker Blair: "Representative Pierce, he has not come back."

Lechowicz: "Representative Waddell."

Speaker Blair: "Waddell, is in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Williams."

Speaker Blair: "Representative Williams... how is he recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Blair: "Take him off the record."

Lechowicz: "I have no further names."

Speaker Blair: "On this question there are 1..... Mr. Lechowicz."

Lechowicz: Mr. Speaker, I was wondering... my count is about 106... could we have... how is Representative Barnes, recorded?"

Speaker Blair: "Let's see... I'll have to ask the Clerk I frankly don't know where we are."

Lechowicz: "All right, thank you."

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Barnes?"

Clerk Selcke: "Yes."

Speaker Blair: "Are you challenging that?"

Lechowicz: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am."

Speaker Blair: "He's not in his seat, take him off."

Lechowicz: "Representative Jacobs, I think I questioned him surely."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Jacobs, how was he recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Matijeovich."

Speaker Blair: "He's there."

Lechowicz: "That's it."

Speaker Blair: "All right, do you have the Roll Call, Mr.

Clerk? On this question there are 106 'ayes', 11 'nays', 26 'present'. Who do you want, you've got five guys standing up back there, I can't tell you all yell... Duff or.... I'm going to stand here and recognize anybody that wants to be recognized. Mr. Hirschfeld."

Hirschfeld: "Mr. Speaker, point of parliamentary inquiry.

Do the rules require 107 votes on this or is it 3/5 th's?"

Speaker Blair: "The rules as announced by the Chair when the question was put, that it required 107 affirmative votes."

Hirschfeld: "The reason that I ask is, because we've had a couple of resignations and I thought that might affect the

amount that would be used in determining the final amount, in other words if it was 3/5 th's it wouldn't take 107."

Speaker Blair: "Yeah, I understand the question... 73 (h), says that this rule may be suspended only if, on the affirmative vote of 107 Members. Mr. Lundy, next."

Lundy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On a point of inquiry... I thought that I had heard Mr. Barnes, verified earlier in the verification and then he was verified a second time... was I mistaken?"

Speaker Blair: "I would put the question to the Clerk, I..."

Clerk Selcke: "No, Sir. Mr. Barnes name was not called at all until Mr. Lechowicz, called him before."

Lundy: "I had one further point of inquiry regarding verification procedure. I thought I had heard Mr. Lechowicz indicate that he had no further questions, prior to the time he asked about Mr. Barnes, would he still be permitted under the practice of the House to ask further questions after that point?"

Speaker Blair: "The Chair announces when we're moving from the verification of the affirmative to the verification of the negative... I never moved off the question of the verification of the affirmative."

Lundy: "All right, thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, only because I don't really know when we are going to adjourn to and when this vote is finally given so that the same hearts can keep beating right to the very end... I'm going to ask that it be postponed that the consideration be postponed."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Murphy."

Murphy: "Mr. Speaker, wasn't this on postponed consideration once... this same Resolution? Wasn't this same Resolution on postponed one other time?"

Speaker Blair: "No... the Resolution that's on postponed is

1191, I don't think Mr. Clerk, this has been on... no... 1191, is on postponed on the Calendar... this matter is not been on.... All right, where we are in the procedures is simply this, the Chair has announced that there are 106 'yeas', 11 'nays', 26 'present', I have not declared the Gentleman's motion is lost... the Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijevich has request for postponed consideration therefore, is in order. The Gentleman has leave? Okay, all right the matter will be placed on the order of postponed consideration. What purpose does Mr. Cunningham, arise?"

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Blair: "State your point."

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have been intimidated by the scorn that the news media keeps upon the head of any who is audacious as to salute excellence by a congratulatory Resolution but I would think less of myself and I think that it was unpardonable on my part if I were not to call to your attention the excellence, the heroic deeds of the Lawrenceville Indians at the Carbondale Invitational Basketball Tourney, last week. Inexorably, triumphly they marched forward to victory, they crushed a great team from Murphysboro, Carbondale, Collinsville and Thornridge. Their well deserved victory gladden the hearts of all the believers and as Ben Polk, said to in the boys room earlier today, their performance was quite an achievement from a little town that has no roads. The Representatives from that district, Ladies and Gentlemen, Representative Shurtz and Representative Keller and I, believe that the excellence demonstrated by the Lawrenceville Indians at Carbondale is typical of fine quality that characterize all of the constituents of the 54th district. And, while I'm saluting excellence

and I'm going to quit here in about a minute, I want to publicly say, what a pleasure it's been to be here next to Joe Gibbs, throughout these two terms. We'll miss him and I want to say, Mr. Speaker, in the field of excellence that I for one salute the Speaker of this House and his leadership, his leadership team for their skill and savoir-faire that they have brought to the 78th General Assembly and more than anything else in this world I want say to the Speaker, that he has made this House more equal than the House across the rotunda for that... on behalf of myself and all of the Members of the General Assembly, I say thank you to the Speaker and finally... hold your applause... finally I want to say in closing... back to the Lawrenceville Indians, I hope that it is not precipitous of me and I confide to you that I have spoken to Representative Washington, and I have asked Representative Washington for permission to bring the Lawrenceville Indians here in March, after the State Tournament to present to you the Lawrenceville Indians as the State Championship at Champaign. And, Representative Washington has taken it under advisement we hope to have them on the rostrum in March. Thank you, very much."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Borchers, for what purpose do you arise?"

Borchers: "I would just like... matter of asking a question.

Could... would someone tell me where Lawrenceville is?"

Speaker Blair: "All right, now I think that we have some

Agreed Resolutions.... We could address ourselves to these Agreed Resolutions, a number which are congratulatory tomorrow, so I've been informed by one of my aids that the Governor has indicated he will be sending some messages up here with respect to his actions concerning Bills that are still on his desk... prior to our adjourning tomorrow morning. So, I think it might be well if we go ahead tonight and get this work out of the

way so that we can address ourselves to the Governor's actions with respect to those Bills tomorrow. So, if you will proceed now, Mr. Clerk..."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1255, Tuerk, et al. House Resolution 1266, William Walsh. House Resolution 1269, Taylor, et al. House Resolution 1278, Wall. House Resolution 1279, Wall. House Resolution 1281, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1282, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1283, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1284, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1285, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1286, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1287, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1288, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1289, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1290, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1291, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1292, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1293, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1294, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1295, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1296, Washburn, et al. House Resolution 1280, Catania, et al."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. There are many congratulatory Resolutions here for departing Members and I guess we'll save them until last and read those that do not... first. House Resolution 1278, commends the Lawrenceville Indians... Oh, no we couldn't agree on that one. House Resolution 1278, congratulates Allen Pikowski. House Resolution 1279, commends Raymond Ondrick for the effort he made to qualify for the prestigious Eagle Scout Progress award. House Resolution 1280, has some substance, it says that we endorse the goals of equality, development and peace of International Women's Year 1975, whatever that is. And now, Mr. Speaker, I don't have copies of the Resolutions for the departing Members, I wonder if the Clerk is going to read that list of... they are all gone...."

okay, well the... there are a bunch of Resolutions Mr. Speaker and we went through many of these earlier this year, there are some Members who are departing that we didn't expect to depart earlier in the year. The Gentleman sitting in front of me for one, and I.... We've got another Agreed Resolution coming up, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Ryan has."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege... and inform the Members of the House and the Gentlemen of the press that I very much appreciate their expressed concern and good wishes and the rather extensive coverage that was given to my recent hospitalization. I was in for less than 24 hours for what was suspected to be a heart attack but after three electrocardiograms and two x-rays they discovered that I did not have a heart and that being the case, a heart attack was not the result and it was only a set of bronchial spasms but thank you all for your concern."

Speaker Blair: "All right, now are we ready, Mr. Walsh? Mr. Walsh, are you ready?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Speaker Blair: "All right."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. One other Agreed Resolution, this does not relate to retirees and that is House Resolution 1296, commends Captain Richard H. Higman of the Kankakee Fire Department who has retired during 1974, after 25 years service, and beginning with House Resolution 1255, we have Resolutions commending our retiring colleagues and the first one is for our colleague Bob Day, House Resolution 1266, commends Ken Miller. House Resolution 1269, Robert L. Thompson. House Resolution 1281, Bob Holloway. House Resolution 1282, Jake Wolf. House Resolution

1283, Bob Walters. House Resolution 1284, commends the Majority Leader and that is Sponsored by W. D. Walsh. House Resolution 1285, Bob Dunne. House Resolution 1286, Pat North. House Resolution 1287, C.L. McCormick. House Resolution 1288, Ken Miller, looks like Ken has two friends. House Resolution 1289, commends Art Telcser, in his capacity as the Assistant Majority Leader. House Resolution 1290, commends Bill Murphy in his retirement and also in his great work as Majority Whip. House Resolution 1291, Richard A. Walsh, who ever he is. House Resolution 1292, Joe Gibbs. House Resolution 1293, commends Bud Washburn on the excellent job he did as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. House Resolution 1294, Ben Harpstrite. House Resolution 1295, our good friend John Kriegsman. House Resolution 1297, C.L. McCormick. House Resolution 1298, Bill Murphy... again and House Resolution 1299, I don't know if that was on there, 1299?"

Speaker Blair: "All right, these are Agreed Resolutions.

All those in favor of the adoption of Agreed Resolutions say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. One Death Resolution."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1276, Geo-Karis. Respect to the memory of Benjamin Kubelsky."

Speaker Blair: "Mrs. Geo-Karis."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Death Resolution is in memory of one of the finest performers on the stage, radio and screen... Bennie Kubelsky who is really known to all of us and loved by all of us as Jack Benny and I would like to ask a unanimous Sponsorship of this Resolution.... I would like to have all the Members to be entered on this Resolution as adopted... as sponsoring it and I move the adoption to have all the Members Sponsor this Death Resolution in memory of a very fine and honorable

Gentleman who made us... gave us many laughs when we needed them the most. He was borne in Waukegan, Illinois, in the 31st District of Illinois of Lake County. We were proud to have him and we had a High School named after him, that's how much we thought of him and I ask unanious sponsorship and I so move."

Speaker Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the adoption of the Death Resolution say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. There is a further motion on the Clerk's desk... is Mr. Griesheimer out there... there he is..."

Clerk Selcke: "We've got that... House..... Motions, I move that the suspension of Rule 41 (a), and thereby request immediate consideration of House Resolution 1277, respectfully submitted, Ronald E. Griesheimer."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Griesheimer."

Griesheimer: "Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a Resolution... House Resolution 1277, which calls for the Legislative Investigation Commission to be directed by the House of Representatives to go to Lake County, Illinois to investigate a rather serious situation which has been brought to the attention of the people up there in about the last thirty to sixty days. The nursing homes in our area have been under intense scrutiny by a number of newspaper investigators and a number of concerned citizens because of several deaths which they feel are attributable to rather poor conditions in our nursing homes. We have been requested and when I say we, I mean all of the Legislators in our county and all of the House Members are co-sponsoring this Resolution, we have been requested to have the House Legislative Investigation Commission, come to Lake County to immediately investigate this very very serious situation. In order to accomplish this, I must have 107 votes from the House Members to suspend the rules so that this Resolution

is not submitted to Committee for consideration. I would certainly urge you to vote and give me this opportunity to have this Resolution considered immediately so that the Commission can take affect and go to work on this matter immediately in Lake County. I hope that the other Members of the Body, from Lake County who are personally aware of this situation will join with me in urging you to support this. This is not a partisan matter and I certainly hope that this has no bearing upon the last vote that was requested to suspend the rules and I would urge you to vote. It does require 107 votes."

Speaker Blair: "Any further discussion? Mr. Borchers."

Borchers: "Mr. Speaker and fellow Members of the House.

In my own area we've had a good deal of trouble about this in the past and were able to clean it up, but I can assure you that the situation is something that I believe that would be urgent upon the part of this House to support this Resolution. For example, at a certain place... a nursing home in our area that I went up with some others to inspect, we saw the dried urin all over the floor from the incogitant people, old people on this particular floor. The things that can go on are incredible and anyone of us... anyone of us that should ask to have a Resolution of this nature, we should support him because these things are occuring in the districts of everyone here and is a constant struggle to fight it. I might point out as a side matter, that you will know about it and it has been lately made the rule that before a nursing home is inspected they have to have a thirty day notice. Well, this is bologna... the very fact that you have thirty days notice means that you can go ahead and do anything you want because it's all over for another thirty days and rules like this are being pushed over on to the people, the old

people who cannot defend themselves. It is our duty to try to help this Resolution pass."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I have talked extensively with the Waukegan News Sun reporter, Steve Brockman, who has written a series of stories exposing the All Seasons Nursing Home in Zion and I must say that I find it absolutely incredible. One of the quotes that was received from a Doctor Mendleson, was that if the State of Illinois had designed a way to kill retarded children, they could not have designed a better way than letting them out of the custodial institutions at Lincoln and Dixon and putting them into nursing homes such as this one in Lake County. Now, if we are not in favor of killing retarded children and that is what is at stake here, we ought to pass this Resolution now, we don't have to pass it now... we ought to... we don't have too, we can pass it the next time we come back but I think we ought get this thing on the road now. There are doctors in Lake County that are signing death certificates from using the clause of food asphyxiation, do you know how you get food asphyxiation? You have attendants who has to feed too many people in too short of period of time and they cram the food down their throats and they breathe it in and they choke. Now, you know the last time we were back here I was taking about licensing programs and how I hadn't found one in the State of Illinois that's working yet, there is at least one doctor and probably two in Lake County at this nursing home that ought to law their licenses yanked today and I don't know what's taking the Department of Registration and Education so long, but then again I'm not even sure that Department should even exist. The second licensing program that's not working is the one for nursing homes, this one nursing

home sure as hell should not have a license and there are others throughout the state that shouldn't have licenses. This... after we have a thorough investigation of this situation, we may as a Legislature or our successor Legislature, may conclude that it is better for society and better for the children involved, to give seven hundred dollars a month to the family of a child and keep the child at home rather than giving it to one of these nursing homes that will provide minimal care at best. There has been twelve deaths in Lake County that are suspicious now, I don't know how many we need but it seems to me that it is an absolute must that this Resolution either pass now or in the very near future."

Speaker Blair: "Geo-Karis."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am a co-sponsor of this Resolution for two reasons. Some of the nursing homes in our counties who are reputable have requested investigations and the other reason is, those that are not reputable should be put out of business. And, therefore, I would urge all my colleagues to support this Resolution and I'm going to put myself on record now... as to supporting another Resolution in the future to investigate nursing homes all over Illinois for the same reason. We have to help the helpless, if we don't help the helpless Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Any further discussion? The question is, shall the Gentleman's motion in respect to House Resolution 1277... pass. All those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. This takes 107. Mr. Borchers."

Borchers: "In explaining my vote... in this particular nursing home Macon County, I'm speaking about... it is strictly a financial affair. I found on the one floor that had fifty-two incogitant old people, two attendants.

I'm telling you that two attendants cannot take care of fifty-two old people, I was able to get the State to come in and check that nursing home out. They made them hire for the whole home twenty-seven more employees to comply with the law. What they were doing was making a devil of a good thing for the stockholders and I think this is so important that I urge that any one of us that needs help on a Bill... on a Resolution like this, we should grant it to them and help them."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Simms."

Simms: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I would like to urge another seven votes be placed up there to pass this Resolution. We had a similar circumstance in Rockford last year, when the Rockford Newspaper disclosed that seven patients had been transferred from a State Mental Hospital to a nursing home, had died of... at a very rapid length of time and also the circumstances were questionable. We've had Crime Commission hearings on this, that were very fruitful. In one case, an eighty-nine year old man was transferred out of a State Institution.... and I see that we have enough votes, thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? Mr. Davis 'aye'. The Clerk will take the record. 122 'ayes', no 'nays' and the Gentleman's motion prevails. Now, we are on the question of adoption of...."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1277, Griesheimer."

Speaker Blair: "All right, Mr. Griesheimer."

Griesheimer: "Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of the fellow Legislators here that spoke on this amply described the situation. I do wish to impress upon all the Legislators present that I am not condemning any practices in Lake County at the present time, the very purpose of our Legislative Investigation Commission, is to go into areas and look into fact or situations which are alledged



to find out whether they are true or whether they need corrections by way of Legislation. I'm urging you today to give this authority to the Legislative Investigation Commission, so they can go immediately into Lake County to look into these. As my fellow Legislator said, from our district.... we are not condemning all nursing homes in our area but certainly some of the practices which has come to light through the News Sun, in Waukegan, indicates that it needs some immediate investigation. I would urge your vote to pass this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "The question is on the adoption of the Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Further Resolutions?"

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1272, Matijevich."

Speaker Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the Gentlemen's motion, say 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Session is adjourned until the hour of 10 A.M. tomorrow."

Speaker Blair: "The House will be in order, the invocation will be by Father Robert Becker, Assistant Pastor, St. Agnes Church, Springfield."

Father Becker: "Thank you, Mr. Blair. Dear God, how can we take You for granite. It seems sometimes that we even find it a little hard to find time for You in our busy work day. Our work piles up, people press upon us, we have so many things on our mind and sometimes don't turn to You as frequently as we should or as we need. So, I thank You now Lord for this few minutes, an opportunity to clear our minds, to open ourselves up to You. You know us Lord, You know when we are with You and where we stand and our Lord make us all instruments of Your work, may we place ourselves in Your hands this day and every day to be shaped and turned around as You might see fit. Help only the best of intentions to be in our heart always, we thank You God for all of the good You have showered upon us. For the opportunities that You have now presented to us, we promise our best efforts to view everyone and everything as part of Your devine plan. O Lord, open our minds now to accept and understand others even if we might differ with them in our opinions or political views and finally God, as the almighty law maker, guide us in our work so that what we do here today may be according to Your will. We ask especially a special prayer this afternoon for Mrs. Rita Hirschfeld, a wife of John Hirschfeld, who was operated on today and in need of our prayers. We ask that You keep us always in Your heart and Your mind and we may always be blessed by You. Amen."

Speaker Blair: "Roll Call for attendance. For what purpose does the Gentlemen from Cook, Mr. Walsh, arise?"

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, will the records show that Representative Juckett and Springer are absent because illness? Rep-



representative Springer, is in the hospital had difficulties with his back..."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Journal will so indicate.

For what purpose does Mr. Douglas, arise?"

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Blair: "Oh, just a minute. Speaker Walsh."

Walsh: "Excuse me, Representative Harold Anderson, is absent because of illness."

Speaker Blair: "The Journal will so indicate. All right, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Douglas."

Douglas: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

While in this temporary state of pause before starting today's business, I would like on a point of personal privilege to bring to the attention of those Members of the House which excludes myself, who will be returning that at the request of a number of Members of the present House who will be returning, that I have spoken to each of the candidates for Speaker, at least the declared candidates, and one presently undeclared candidate who the newspapers would probably considered to be declared, and I'm pleased to inform the Members of the House that every person who is running for Speaker, has agreed that he will do all he can to satisfy sections on both sides of the aisles for nonsmokers. Now, to some this may be humorist and to those in the process of lighting up right now, it may even be an unwelcome piece of information, but as someone who will not be returning, nothing would please me more as many of you know, than to leave here knowing that at least those of you who care will have an opportunity because each of the declared candidates for Speaker said that he will with your help tomorrow because there will be some technical changes in the rules that will have to be made, set aside sections on both sides of the House so that when you select your seats tomorrow, you will have



an opportunity to select a seat in a section in which smoke will not be allowed and I wish you good health in the next Session. Thank you, very much."

Speaker Blair: "All right, Mr. Collins."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker, and Representative Douglas, it has been four long years, Bruce, but I'm happy on your last day that we have finally found something about which we agree."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Clerk is going to take the Roll now, so anybody that's here that hasn't indicated it on the Roll Call, if they would do that. Mr. Craig, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Mr. Craig."

Craig: "Mr. Speaker, I really would like to have you get a little order here. I would like to do something here that I would like for the Members to be conscious of..."

Speaker Blair: "Would the Membership please be conscious."

Craig: "Same at least. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, in particular. I would like to take this opportunity at this time to introduce the lovely wife of the Speaker, Pat and their very fine son, Steve, over here... would they please stand."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Tazewell, Mr. Kriegsman."

Kriegsman: "Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I wish you would have the Clerk, read a letter that he has from a great Representative and a friend of many of the Members here in this House, Mr. J. Norman Shade."

Speaker Blair: "All right, without objection, the Clerk will read the communication from our former colleague."

Clerk Selcke: "January 2, 1975, Fredric B. Selcke, Clerk of the House, Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois. Friend Mr. Selcke: Naturally, I am deeply grateful to the Members of the House of Representatives for the recent honor bestowed upon me. This expression of loyalty makes Norm Shade quite proud of the friendship maintained with Representatives I met, some over 20



years ago. Indeed, it must be heartwarming to my friend Representative Jim Von Boeckman to realize the prestige he maintains in the House of Representatives. Having so many friends on both sides of the aisle is an accomplishment few attain. Jim Von Boeckman's cooperation with Senator Sommer and his ability to receive, as I understand, the unanimous approval of his colleagues in naming the new bridge which will span the Illinois River the Shade-Lohmann Bridge. Many praiseworthy compliments have been heard in behalf of Jim Von Boeckman and Senator Sommer. Naturally, the accomplishment of our personal friend of longstanding, you may rest assured, made Norm Shade and former State Senator Lohmann quite proud. We likewise feel certain Representative Von Boeckman, like Senator Sommer, can justifiably feel honored in having the unanimous support of his colleagues. Therefore, Mr. Selcke, with the approval of the Speaker of the House, Senator Lohmann and I would greatly appreciate if you would read this letter into the minutes during a Session of the House of Representatives at a time convenient to you. Thanking you for the courteous treatment always received by me when I was a State Representative, and wishing you well always, I beg to remain. Yours truly, J. Norman Shade."

Speaker Blair: "Senate Bills, Third Reading."

Clerk Selcke: "Senate Bill 1682, an Act making certain non-substantive revisions of the law to resolve differences among several forms of certain Sections amended by more than one Act of the 78th General Assembly and differences between the statutory law and the Constitution. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the Gentleman from Peoria, Mr. Day. This is Third Reading so you might want to pay attention."

Day: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the



House. This is the annual revisory Bill prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau. It now has the Amendments on it which was offered back in December, by Representative Lundy and as I say, it is a revisory Bill that simply corrects technical matters that arose by the passage of conflicting Bills during the past Session. So, I would appreciate your support in favor of this Bill so that we can get it over to the Senate and the Senate can concur in the House Amendment which we adopted on December 5."

Speaker Blair: "All right, any further discussion? All right, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1682 pass. All those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. This is a revisory Bill and it has a House Amendment, so it has to be concurred in by the Senate if it is to become effective before we adjourn the 78th SINE DIE. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Kosinski."

Kosinski: "Mr. Speaker, I can understand the exuberance of this House and I know a great number of problems face us, but nevertheless there is a Senate Bill on the floor and Mr. Speaker, I don't know how to vote because I haven't heard anything. The noise level has been such that I'm not sure what's going on. Now, if the Chair would like to explain to me, what this is all about I would be delighted to vote."

Speaker Blair: "Well, the Gentleman's point is well taken.... If Mr. Day, would like to go over it once again, the substantive Bill for the Gentleman."

Day: "Well, Mr. Speaker..... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen at the end of each Session of the Legislature, the Reference Bureau draws up a revisory Bill which simply makes technical changes which are required in order to remove any inconsistency or confusion which might have resulted because of the fact that different Sections of the statutes were amended by different Bills, it requires



a change in the numbering system on some of the Bills and that's the purpose of this revisory Bill, simply to correct nonsubstantive technical changes. Now, when the Bill was presented last December, an Amendment was offered by Representative Lundy, which was adopted by this House without any objection of any kind and the Bill is now in shape to go over to the Senate and it is very important that we get it over to the Senate today so that they can concur in this Amendment. This is a Senate Bill which has been passed by the Senate, it has been amended by the House and we are now going to send it back to the Senate so they can concur in this Amendment and get this revisory Bill on the books so that these technical changes can be made. Now, if anyone has any question of any kind about the Bill, I would be happy to try and answer them. But, it is something that is done as a matter of course at the end of every Session... as I say, in order to remove any technical problems which may have arisen as the result of the passage of various statutes, which amends various Sections of the statutes and chapters and corrects such things as numbering changes. That's all it does."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. Mr. Lundy.... Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: "Mr. Speaker, point of information. How many votes does it take for this Bill to become effective immediately?"

Speaker Blair: "89..."

Lauer: "89..."

Speaker Blair: "We've passed the first..... On this question there are 109 'ayes', 3 'nays', 5 'present' and Senate Bill 1682, is hereby declared passed. All right, we are gathering together the Agreed Resolutions and in just a moment we'll..... we will be considering those in just a few minutes here, if you will bear with us. Agreed Resolutions."



Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1273, Grotberg, et al. House Resolution 1274, Palmer. House Resolution 1275, Palmer. House Resolution 1276, Geo-Karis, et al. We will strike 1276."

Speaker Blair: "Go ahead. Oh, is that it? Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. These are Agreed Resolutions, House Resolution 1273, congratulates Mr. Charles Daniel Peacock Haether upon his approaching 50th anniversary. House Resolution 1274, congratulates Mr. & Mrs. Frey, of Blue Island upon the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. House Resolution 1275, congratulates Mr. Salvatore Ruffolo, who was awarded the Cavaliere award for outstanding service to mankind by the President of the Republic of Italy. And, I move the adoption of these Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker Blair: "Is there discussion? All those in favor of the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions, say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Gentleman from Cook, Mr. William Walsh."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the House stand in recess for 20 minutes for the purpose of a Republican Conference to be held in Room 212, immediately and we will return to the floor at four o'clock, promptly."

Speaker Blair: "All those in favor of the Gentleman's motion say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the House will be in recess for 20 minutes for the purposes of a Republican Conference, in Room 212, we'll be back on the floor at 4 P.M."

Speaker Blair: "All right, we have coming down the center aisle, the Secretary of State, we decided we'd save everybody a long night and go ahead and get on with the business of electing a Speaker for the 79th. Now, if



Secretary will come on up, why we can get the 79th started and.... for what purpose does.. Mr. Shea, arise?"

Shea: "I'm wondering as long as we're going to have the election now, can those Members of the 78th and the 79th vote for the new Speaker?"

Speaker Blair: "No problems, it's all one happy family. Everybody do their own thing. Seriously, the Secretary or the.... media want to get a picture of the Secretary."

Howlett: "I won't presume to tell the Members how to vote tomorrow but, let's do it in a hurry. Thanks for the use of the hall...."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the House will be back in order. On the order of business appears an order on the motions and..."

Clerk Selcke: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the rules of 73 (d), be suspended for the purpose of immediately considering House Resolution 1272, Matijeovich."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijeovich."

Matijeovich: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House... could I have a little order on this very important Resolution? Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, tomorrow at noon the next General Assembly will meet to elect a Speaker of the House, and I have introduced House Bill 1272, so that this House or the next House, will elect a Speaker with a majority of the Members elected to this House. In affect, House Bill 12.... House Resolution 1272, will change the rule that now says, that it shall be a majority of Members..... majority of votes cast and remember, under Rule 1, a Member who votes 'present' is not a vote cast. I think that it is very sufficient that when we call for a Constitutional Majority on any Bill that becomes law, that we also by our House Rules ought to require 89 votes, a Constitutional Majority to elect the second most powerful person in State government. This motion therefore, requires 107 votes... surely for



the consideration to suspension of the rules, so that I can consider this House Resolution. I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Blair: "All right, any discussion? Mr. Schlickman."

Schlickman: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Precedent is in support of our adoption of this Resolution amending the rules of this House. Both by tradition and by statute the rules of the preceding General Assembly become the temporary rules of the exceeding General Assembly until new rules are adopted by that Body. Now, until January of 1972, the rules of the House did not provide or prescribe the vote required to elect a Speaker. The determination as to the votes required was left to the temporary presiding officer, being the Secretary of State and you may recall that in January of 1974, after much deliberation the Secretary of State, ruled that a majority of those present and voting was required to elect the Speaker. Subsequently, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House... this Body amended its rules, the rules of the 78th General Assembly to provide that the person receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected Speaker. We already once in this General Assembly have provided in the rules the vote that's required and what we did, was simply to follow a ruling of the then, temporary Speaker... Temporary Chairman, Secretary of State. It would seem to me that that is appropriate and it's with precedence that we review that decision that was made two years ago and do what we think is right... now and put the rules in the best shape before tomorrow, so that the succeeding Body of the 79th General Assembly has the best set of rules that we think can be provided to them. And, as the Sponsor of this Amendment... this Resolution amended the rules indicated, it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill and we all know from experience that the Speaker

of the House, whoever that person may be, is more instrumental in passing a Bill than anybody else and if it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill, then it should take in the interest of the people in this State and in the interest of this Body, it should take 89 votes to elect a Speaker, and I therefore, seek your support of the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. In addressing myself to this issue, I have taken just a little time to do some research... not totally, and I find that we are now entering into what might be a 79th General Assembly and in 78 Sessions before, you never had a rule that said, you needed 89 Members to elect a Speaker of this House. I would dare say that those principles that have guided us in the past surely, ought to be able to guide us for one more day and at least until tomorrow. I believe that it is precipitous at this time for us to engage in any attempt to change the rules as has been so often heard without discussions, without reference to Committee, without having a chance to have our colleagues hear from their constituency and to hear testimony and advice on this issue. I think we are frauding and getting ready to abort the very principals which we hold dear. I think that if we want Democratic government, we had better let the rules stay as they have been for 78 Sessions before. We will have adequate time to listen to all proposals for rule changes, we will have adequate hearings... and the term hearings, is something that I have constantly heard from all the legal scholars in this Body who constantly demand the right to be heard... a hearing a chance for their district to hear about these rule changes. I suggest that if this rule has been good for 78 General Assemblies before, surely it will tide us over for one more day, and I think we would be



doing a greivous harm to the Body in attempting to change the rules and I for one would urge that the rules remain the same until we have at least a chance to study it."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Collins."

Collins: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of this motion, partially for the reasons expressed by Representative Schlickman, that I think that it is perfectly reasonable to acquire the same number of votes to elect as important position as Speaker as it takes to pass a Bill of this House. I think that it's perfectly reasonable to change the rule and require 89 votes to elect the second most important office holder in the State of Illinois. But, beyond that I am disturbed as many of us are, by suggestions that have been made in the media and elsewhere that there are some Republicans who intend to cross over tomorrow to vote for one or another Democratic candidate for Speaker of the House. Now, I am of the opinion and I feel morally bond to the position that we are in support of our Republican candidate for Speaker, Representative Washburn... beyond that, we have absolutely no business meddling in the affairs of the Democratic side of the aisle. It's up to you Gentlemen over there to select your leader and I'm sure you will tomorrow... hopefully with no assistance from us. I would hope that when we elect a Speaker tomorrow there will be the acquired number for whoever your candidate is and there will be 76 Republican votes for our candidate. In keeping with that, I think it important that we support this proposed rule change, I think that any failure and I'm speaking only to the Republican Members now, I think that any failure to support this Resolution, at least give rise to the suggestion that there are those of us who feel that some point we will



have to or we will be compelled to go over and vote for a Democratic candidate. I think for the integrity of the Republican Membership of this House, 76 of us over here and I hope enough of Democratic support on the other side will support this Resolution to adopt this very important rule change. I feel this very deeply, I think that our reputation, our integrity is at stake and I would hope that every Republican would join me in support of this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Hirschfeld."

Hirschfeld: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of this Resolution and in reply to the comments made by my distinguished colleague from Cook, Representative Ewell, let me say this. I haven't heard anybody call this rule a good rule, it just happens to be a rule that has been with this House for a number of years and some of us have been through more than one leadership fight, some more than I have, but I well remember the stain that rubbed off from the leadership fight two years ago and I think should be avoided at all cost. Now, the media in the State of Illinois has been calling for changes in the General Assembly of this State for a least the past several months, the people have been calling for changes in this State for the past several years and finally we find a Legislator, Representative Matijevich, who has enough courage to stand up and make a Resolution calling for the same change that will bring about improvement on the floor of this House. It's fine to say that this is premature... but everything is premature if nobody's willing to support change and frankly, Ladies and Gentlemen, if you read the rules of this House you'll find that if we don't do this today, we'll never get it done. The simple reason is, that tomorrow the first order of business is to elect a Speaker and



after that we move to adopt the rules of the 78th General Assembly as those rules of the 79th General Assembly and if we have not included this rule as a rule of the 78th General Assembly, it will not be a rule tomorrow to guide us in electing a Speaker. I support the rule, I am very hopeful that all of the Republicans will and enough Democrats will also support their colleague, Representative Matijevich, to pass this Resolution today and provide for an orderly... or be it lengthly election of a Speaker, tomorrow."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: "Mr. Speaker, I'll keep my remarks extremely brief.

I would like to add only one thing to the suggestion made by Mr. Collins, that is that we will present a very solid side on the Republican side of the aisle tomorrow. However, I would not like to have the situation show up, that some of the Gentlemen on the other side of the aisle might wish to come over and vote for the Minority Leader for Speaker, should the blood flow and the wounds turn out to be irreparably deep on that side."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? I'm sorry, have all.... The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijevich... you want to close?"

Matijevich: "I would ask for 107 votes, Mr. Speaker. This is on the motion of the suspension of the rules."

Speaker Blair: "All right, the question is, shall the Gentlemen's motion to suspend the provisions in rule 73 (d), pass? All those in favor will vote 'aye', opposed 'no', it requires 107 affirmative votes. Mr. Deuster."

Deuster: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just briefly explaining my 'yes' vote, I think as many of us know very well, the office of Speaker is a very powerful and a very difficult office and many times I think Members of this House maybe have sympathized with



the Speaker's responsibilities and duties. Surely if we're going to endow a man or a woman with this powerful and important office, we ought to strengthen them by having them elected by a majority of the Members elected to this Body and I think from the point of view of establishing leadership that is solid and strong, rather than shakey as you might find in some multimember or multiparty governments abroad, we ought to require that our Speaker start out with the support of 89, the Majority of those elected. So from the point of view of making sure the Speaker, whoever he or she might be, I think we can endow that Speaker with strength and stability by requiring that the Speaker be elected with 89 votes and I urge your affirmative vote in support of this good Resolution."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker, in all due deference some of my colleagues on this side who made a remark earlier that those of us who don't vote for this Resolution, we might have a plague vote upon us or words to that effect. I feel that this is a one party problem and it's on the other side of the aisle and two years ago we had plenty of problems here and no one seemed to care, so we can get our votes maybe 75, plus a few from the other side, to get our Minority Leader elected as I said, Speaker, and I'm voting 'no'."

Speaker Blair: "Mi. Ewell."

Ewell: "Mr. Speaker, the logic that has been advanced on the other is absurd. To hear them tell it, we would elect the President of the United States only by a majority of all the people eligible to vote in the United States. We know that this is not the fact and we know that the rules of a democracy has always been, a majority of the votes cast. . This is a fundamental requirement, it's very basic and any attempt to change it now... to say that you need 89 or more than the majority of the



votes cast. Where will we find that tomorrow that they will ask for a 107 or 120, and finally exactly 177 Members. I think that if we can elect the President of the United States as we have in the past... and the Governor and all elected officials and including ourselves, with a vote of less than 50% of the eligible voters, I think that we ought to follow that rule and it has been a fundamental, a good rule for this democracy all these years. And, this cry that we hear about a magic number... is strictly absurbe and I say to those Members of the other side of the aisle that the plague that you cast upon us today may visit you tomorrow."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Klosak."

Klosak: "A point of order, Mr. Speaker. My point, Mr. Speaker is that my copy of House Resolution 1272, shows that the subject matter is being resolved by the 79th General Assembly... under those.... has something been done are we completely off base?"

Speaker Blair: "The Resolution has been corrected on its face so it reads 78th. Mr. Rayson."

Rayson: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I am arising in support of this Resolution and explain my vote therefore, I suggest that the last speaker who spoke, his prophecy will probably haunt him before the next Session ends because this should not be the kind of situation that we can live to when play the games and musical chairs and have a peculiar kind of vote to elect a Speaker of the House. This Speakership is too important of business to have it pass by unless there is the 89 votes or for the speaker on the other side that talked about maybe there will be games played on the Republican side. I would like to suggest to him that they all come over too, but I hope the Democrats pull 89 votes for the Speaker. Thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Mrs. Dyer."



Dyer: "Mr. Speaker, in explaining my 'yes' vote, I would vote 'yes' on this Resolution no matter which party has a better chance to elect the Speaker. I think we see the example in other countries, in parliament in France, in Italy, even sometimes in England when it is very difficult for a leader in the parliamentary body to really pull anything together or actually to govern or for the Legislative body to move forward because the Constitutional Majority of people haven't voted for that person. Representative Ewell, mentioned that the majority of people did not vote, you know, to elect people that were elected this time. I don't think that's a good thing, I think that's a bad thing... I think that it is reprehensible. I think it would take a pocket calculator to keep track of how many votes it's going take to elect if we don't adopt this very eminently fair rule. It's fair to all the candidates for Speaker. It simply says that, the majority of Constitutionally elected should chose the Speaker, who would be the Speaker for the whole House not one party or the other and I strongly urge you to get five more 'yes' votes up on that board. The integrity of our General Assembly is at stake here. Thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? No, I'm sorry, Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I am going to say that when this is all over I would like a poll of the absentees but, first I would like to explain my vote. And, I want to say that I really believe that every Speaker that we have ever chosen in each General Assembly, I think if someone will research it, has taken a Constitutional Majority. No matter... so, what we are doing is implementing that tradition, so I don't think that anybody has to fear anything at all. Now, someone mentioned the fact that two years ago the



Republicans battled among themselves and therefore, that the Republicans shouldn't be a party of what we're going to do. Well, that's the purpose of this Resolution by extentions on that side of the aisle, you are going to participate in what we ought to be able... we ought to be selecting on this side of the aisle. I think that's very clear... some of you who have voted 'no' on that basis ought to look again at your logic, because everybody knows what you're trying to do. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, I think that it is very important to understand that all we're doing is implementing a Constitutional Majority even when Paul Powell, was elected Speaker of House, when he went over on the Republican side of the aisle, he still obtained a Constitutional Majority. But, what I don't want to happen tomorrow... is somebody on that side of the aisle say, oh, we've gone through enough ballets it's none of our business... we're going to lay off our votes and because doing that you're going to elect a Speaker over here with a numerical minority. I don't think the people of Illinois deserve that and I think that we ought to stand firm and be responsible and really all of us say that it takes 89. After all if it takes 89 votes to pass a Bill in the House, it ought to take 89 votes to elect a Speaker. So, I would urge you to change your vote, use that illogic instead of logic."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Grotberg."

Grotberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I arise to explain my 'yes' vote, and hopefully get this thing up to about 106 votes to say the least. But, I would like to... in explaining my vote... take issue with one who questioned the logic of this side of the aisle and noticed several on the other side of the aisle, regarding a majority of those voting. The previous speaker suggested that we vote in



public in all of our general elections on the majority of those voting. I would also submit to you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House and you, Mr. Speaker.... that we are elected by the majority of those voting to do only one thing, come down here and vote. But, I think the subject matter of that is considerably different from a public elected. The first test that every freshman will meet and the first test that all of us new Members of the General Assembly... starting tomorrow afternoon is to throw that switch. I think that maybe the mandate of the people to come down here and vote and I think that 89 is a respectable number to pass any decision out of this House and let's start by beginning with 89 votes."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Duff."

Duff: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would concur very much with some of the things that have been said on this side of the aisle. Most particularly that I feel committed to vote for the choice of our party, for as many ballots we might have. On the other hand, no system that we could design can be devoid of politics with a 177 people all elected to office involved in it. No system... I would bring to the attention of the House and particular to the Members of my own party, that two years ago we had 89 votes to 88... two years hence hopefully, we will have a majority if possible. I anticipate that it could be close in consideration of the history of this House where most of the time we have a very close margin for either party. We happen to be working today under an unusual... tomorrow under an unusual circumstances of a wide majority on the part of the other party. But, I can conceive of circumstances where, in a margin of 89 to 88, for either party... one person could thereby prevent this House from beginning to function. The previous speaker said,



our job is to come down here and vote, well a major part of our job is to come down here and form the organization of the 79th General Assembly and get started with the peoples work. It is very very possible with a stringent requirement of a majority of all those elected that that could never happen. That it would take weeks, it is our job to get going... I think that to put the future of the party that the people happens to put in the majority at state, is wrong. The people have elected a party with a majority, they will again? It may be ours next time, that party has a responsibility of solving its own problems. That has the accountability to the people of forming the leadership and I vote 'no'."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? Have all voted who wished? The Clerk will take the record. Mr. Lechowicz."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time I would like to ask for a verification of the Roll Call."

Speaker Blair: "I thought that you might like to do that. At this point in the proceeding, the 'ayes' are 109, the 'nays' are 10 and 17 voting 'present'. Now, the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Lechowicz, has asked for a verification and of course that's in order. If the Members will be in their seats and those persons that are not entitled... you want to poll the absentees... Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, I said earlier, at the appropriate time I wanted a poll of the absentees."

Speaker Blair: "Well, you are certainly entitled to that. But, we want... we want the persons that are not entitled to the floor... to leave the floor because we are going to be verifying...this is a very important Roll Call. We're going to be verifying on the basis of Members being in their seats and that's Members of the 78th Assembly. We're not going to start the verification

until Members are in their seats. Doorkeeper clear the aisles, get everybody off the floor that is not entitled to be here. All right.... when we get the Members in their seats we'll start the verification. Members get in their seats and we'll start the verification. All right, poll the absentees."

Clerk Selcke: "Alsup, Anderson, Berry, Berman... Berman, 'present'. Boyle, Brandt... Brandt, 'present'. Brinkmeier, Capuzi, Carter, Brinkmeier, 'present'. D'Arco, Davis..."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I have abstained from voting, I guess because I've been in this House for a long time and I know what happened in the name of Paul Powell, who's gone on to glory was mentioned here. I know what happened in the Paul Powell election for Speaker. The reason that I know what happened is because I nominated the man who ran against Paul Powell, and they're both dead now Joe DeLaCour, and if... hear me now, I'm like the Shakespeare, in the Ides of March remember. I stood here and blood.... and begged that we be let alone and let us settle our Party differences but the same kind of an argument my distinguished friend made on that side of the aisle... he made another kind of an argument and that argument was that they should cross over and elect a Speaker and they crossed over and elected the Speaker over my... I nominated Joe DeLaCour, on this House floor. And, the point is that if you had left us alone as Democrats... the records show that Paul Powell would not have been Speaker of this House. I make that point when somebody starts talking about integrity.... this is the truth so help me God. He was elected when you crossed over... now, let me say this, that the Constitution.... that we can change anything in this House, this House is sovereign, we can change any of the rules in this House except amend



the Constitution and there is nothing in the Constitution of the State of Illinois, even in the new Constitution... that says that we must... we must change this rule. The House is boss and I was a member of the Rules Committee, I'm still a member of the Rules Committee until the next one is appointed and we've had no such Resolution as this and we've been meeting almost the whole year in this House and if it isn't political, why are you putting it in now... and for that reason I'm going to vote 'present'.'

Clerk Selcke: "Davis, 'present'. Deavers, DiPrima, Epton, Farley, Garmisa, Giglio, Hanahan... Sparkie..."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Garmisa."

Garmisa: "Will you vote me 'present', please?"

Speaker Blair: "Record the Gentleman as 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "Garmisa, 'present'. Gene Hoffman, Hyde, Emil Jones, Juckett, Keller, Krause, Maragos, McAuliffe, McCormick, McLendon, McPartlin, Timmy Miller..."

Speaker Blair: "McPartlin, 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "Maragos, 'present'..."

Speaker Blair: "McLendon, 'present', Maragos, 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "North, Pappas, Schoeberlein, Shurtz, Timothy Simms, Ike Sims..."

Speaker Blair: "Simms, 'present'. Tim Simms."

Clerk Selcke: "Timothy Simms, 'present'. Springer, Taylor, Terzich, Thompson, Yourell."

Speaker Blair: "Yourell, 'no'. All right, now we're ready to verify the affirmative... if once again the Members will be in their seats. Mr. Ewell."

Ewell: "Prior to that could you just give us an announcement as to the vote total, so we'll know where we are?"

Speaker Blair: "Would be happy too."

Clerk Selcke: "At this time there are 109 'ayes', 11 'nays', and 26 'present'."

Speaker Blair: "And, now if the Members will be in their



seats... as you well know, they can't see through you when they are trying to verify. So if those of you who voted 'yea', 'nay' or 'present', if you would be seated. All right will you..."

Clerk Selcke: "Are we ready?"

Speaker Blair: "Go slowly."

Clerk Selcke: "Okay."

Speaker Blair: "Go slowly and verify the affirmative."

Clerk Selcke: "Arnell, Barnes, Beaupre, Bluthardt, Bradley, Caldwell, Calvo, Campbell, Capparelli, Catania, Chapman, Choate, Clabaugh, Collins, Day, Dee, Deuster, Douglas, R. L. Dunne, Dyer, Ebbesen, Fleck, Flinn, Friedland, Getty, Gibbs, Giorgi, Greiman, Griesheimer, Grotberg, Harpstrite, Hart, Hirschfeld, Ron Hoffman, Jimmy Holloway, Robert Holloway..."

Speaker Blair: "Oh, I'm sorry, Mr. Holloway."

Holloway: "Mr. Speaker, how am I recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Holloway: "Change me to 'present'."

Speaker Blair: "Change the Gentleman to 'present'."

Clerk Selcke: "James Houlihan, Hudson, Hunsicker, Huskey, Jacobs, Jaffe, Jenison, Dave Jones, Katz, Kelly, Kempiners, Kennedy, Kent, Klosak, Kriegsmann, Kucharski, Lauer, Leinenweber, Londrigan, Lundy, Macdonald, Madigan, Mahar, Mann, Martin, Matijevich, McAvoy, McClain, McCourt, McGah, McGrew, McMaster, Tom Miller, Molloy, Mugalian, Neff, Palmer, Peters, Philip, Pierce, Polk, Porter, Randolph, Rayson, Redmond, Rose, Ryan, Sangmeister, Schisler, Schlickman, Schneider, Schraeder, Sencik, Sharp, Shea, Skinner, Soderstrom, Stiehl, Stone, Telcser, Tipsword, Totten, Tuerk, Waddell, Wall, Richard Walsh, William Walsh, Walters, Washburn, Washington, Williams, J.J. Wolf, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Blair: "All right, are there any challenges of the affirmative vote?"



Lechowicz: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Representative Beaupre."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Beaupre... against the..."

Lechowicz: "Representative Capparelli."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Capparelli, how is the Gentleman recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Blair: "Well, he's not in his seat so, take him
off."

Lechowicz: "Representative Harpstrite."

Speaker Blair: "How is the Gentleman recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Blair: "All right, take him off the record.... here
he is, put him back on."

Lechowicz: "Representative Jacobs."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Kempiners."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Klosak."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Kucharski."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Madigan."

Speaker Blair: "He's back there in the middle."

Lechowicz: "Representative Mahar."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "McMaster."

Speaker Blair: "He's in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Tom Miller."

Speaker Blair: "Miller, is in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Pierce."

Speaker Blair: "Representative Pierce, he has not come back."

Lechowicz: "Representative Waddell."

Speaker Blair: "Waddell, is in his seat."

Lechowicz: "Representative Williams."

Speaker Blair: "Representative Williams... how is he recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."



Speaker Blair: "Take him off the record."

Lechowicz: "I have no further names."

Speaker Blair: "On this question there are 1..... Mr. Lechowicz."

Lechowicz: Mr. Speaker, I was wondering... my count is about 106... could we have... how is Representative Barnes, recorded?"

Speaker Blair: "Let's see... I'll have to ask the Clerk I frankly don't know where we are."

Lechowicz: "All right, thank you."

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Barnes?"

Clerk Selcke: "Yes."

Speaker Blair: "Are you challenging that?"

Lechowicz: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I am."

Speaker Blair: "He's not in his seat, take him off."

Lechowicz: "Representative Jacobs, I think I questioned him surely."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Jacobs, how was he recorded?"

Clerk Selcke: "The Gentleman is recorded as voting 'aye'."

Lechowicz: "Mr. Matijevec."

Speaker Blair: "He's there."

Lechowicz: "That's it."

Speaker Blair: "All right, do you have the Roll Call, Mr. Clerk? On this question there are 106 'ayes', 11 'nays', 26 'present'. Who do you want, you've got five guys standing up back there, I can't tell you all yell... Duff or.... I'm going to stand here and recognize anybody that wants to be recognized. Mr. Hirschfeld."

Hirschfeld: "Mr. Speaker, point of parliamentary inquiry.

Do the rules require 107 votes on this or is it 3/5 th's?"

Speaker Blair: "The rules as announced by the Chair when the question was put, that it required 107 affirmative votes."

Hirschfeld: "The reason that I ask is, because we've had a couple of resignations and I thought that might affect the



amount that would be used in determining the final amount, in other words if it was 3/5 th's it wouldn't take 107."

Speaker Blair: "Yeah, I understand the question... 73 (h), says that this rule may be suspended only if, on the affirmative vote of 107 Members. Mr. Lundy, next."

Lundy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On a point of inquiry... I thought that I had heard Mr. Barnes, verified earlier in the verification and then he was verified a second time... was I mistaken?"

Speaker Blair: "I would put the question to the Clerk, I..."

Clark Selcke: "No, Sir. Mr. Barnes name was not called at all until Mr. Lechowicz, called him before."

Lundy: "I had one further point of inquiry regarding verification procedure. I thought I had heard Mr. Lechowicz indicate that he had no further questions, prior to the time he asked about Mr. Barnes, would he still be permitted under the practice of the House to ask further questions after that point?"

Speaker Blair: "The Chair announces when we're moving from the verification of the affirmative to the verification of the negative... I never moved off the question of the verification of the affirmative."

Lundy: "All right, thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, only because I don't really know when we are going to adjourned to and when this vote is finally given so that the same hearts can keep beating right to the very end... I'm going to ask that it be postponed that the consideration be postponed."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Murphy."

Murphy: "Mr. Speaker, wasn't this on postponed consideration once... this same Resolution? Wasn't this same Resolution on postponed one other time?"

Speaker Blair: "No... the Resolution that's on postponed is

1191, I don't think Mr. Clerk, this has been on... no... 1191, is on postponed on the Calendar... this matter is not been on.... All right, where we are in the procedures is simply this, the Chair has announced that there are 106 'yeas', 11 'nays', 26 'present', I have not declared the Gentleman's motion is lost... the Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Matijevich has request for postponed consideration therefore, is in order. The Gentleman has leave? Okay, all right the matter will be placed on the order of postponed consideration. What purpose does Mr. Cunningham, arise?"

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Blair: "State your point."

Cunningham: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have been intimidated by the scorn that the news media keeps upon the head of any who is audacious as to salute excellence by a congratulatory Resolution but I would think less of myself and I think that it was unpardonable on my part if I were not to call to your attention the excellence, the heroic deeds of the Lawrenceville Indians at the Carbondale Invitational Basketball Tourney, last week. Inexorably, triumphly they marched forward to victory, they crushed a great team from Murphysboro, Carbondale, Collinsville and Thornridge. Their well deserved victory gladden the hearts of all the believers and as Ben Polk, said to in the boys room earlier today, their performance was quite an achievement from a little town that has no roads. The Representatives from that district, Ladies and Gentlemen, Representative Shurtz and Representative Keller and I, believe that the excellence demonstrated by the Lawrenceville Indians at Carbondale is typical of fine quality that characterize all of the constituents of the 54th district. And, while I'm saluting excellence



and I'm going to quit here in about a minute, I want to publicly say, what a pleasure it's been to be here next to Joe Gibbs, throughout these two terms. We'll miss him and I want to say, Mr. Speaker, in the field of excellence that I for one salute the Speaker of this House and his leadership, his leadership team for their skill and savoir-faire that they have brought to the 78th General Assembly and more than anything else in this world I want say to the Speaker, that he has made this House more equal than the House across the rotunda for that... on behalf of myself and all of the Members of the General Assembly, I say thank you to the Speaker and finally... hold your applause... finally I want to say in closing... back to the Lawrenceville Indians, I hope that it is not precipitous of me and I confide to you that I have spoken to Representative Washington, and I have asked Representative Washington for permission to bring the Lawrenceville Indians here in March, after the State Tournament to present to you the Lawrenceville Indians as the State Championship at Champaign. And, Representative Washington has taken it under advisement we hope to have them on the rostum in March. Thank you, very much."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Borchers, for what purpose do you arise?"

Borchers: "I would just like.... matter of asking a question.

Could.... would someone tell me where Lawrenceville is?"

Speaker Blair: "All right, now I think that we have some Agreed Resolutions..... We could address ourselves to these Agreed Resolutions, a number which are congratulatory tomorrow, so I've been informed by one of my aids that the Governor has indicated he will be sending some messages up here with respect to his actions concerning Bills that are still on his desk... prior to our adjour... convening tomorrow morning. So, I think it might be well if we go ahead tonight and get this work out of the



way so that we can address ourselves to the Governor's actions with respect to those Bills tomorrow. So, if you will proceed now, Mr. Clerk..."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1255, Tuerk, et al. House Resolution 1266, William Walsh. House Resolution 1269, Taylor, et al. House Resolution 1278, Wall. House Resoution 1279, Wall. House Resolution 1281, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1282, Blair, et al. House Resoution 1283, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1284, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1285, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1286, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1287, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1288, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1289, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1290, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1291, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1292, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1293, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1294, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1295, Blair, et al. House Resolution 1296, Washburn, et al. House Resolution 1280, Catania, et al."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Walsh."

Walsh: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. There are many congratulatory Resolution here for departing Members and I guess we'll save them until last and read those that do not... first. House Resolution 1278, commends the Lawrenceville Indians... Oh, no we couldn't agree on that one. House Resolution 1278, congratulates Allen Pikowski. House Resolution 1279, commends Raymond Ondrick for the effort he made to qualify for the prestigious Eagle Scout Progress award. House Resolution 1280, has some substance, it says that we endorse the goals of equality, development and peace of International Women's Year 1975, whatever that is. And now, Mr. Speaker, I don't have copies of the Resolutions for the departing Members, I wonder if the Clerk is going to read that list of... they are all gone."



okay, well the... there are a bunch of Resolutions Mr. Speaker and we went through many of these earlier this year, there are some Members who are departing that we didn't expect to depart earlier in the year. The Gentleman sitting in front of me for one, and I.... We've got another Agreed Resolution coming up, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Ryan has."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Lauer."

Lauer: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege... and inform the Members of the House and the Gentlemen of the press that I very much appreciate their expressed concern and good wishes and the rather extensive coverage that was given to my recent hospitalization. I was in for less than 24 hours for what was suspected to be a heart attack but after three electrocardiograms and two x-rays they discovered that I did not have a heart and that being the case, a heart attack was not the result and it was only a set of bronchial spasms but thank you all for your concern."

Speaker Blair: "All right, now are we ready, Mr. Walsh? Mr. Walsh, are you ready?"

Walsh: "Yes."

Speaker Blair: "All right."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. One other Agreed Resolution, this does not relate to retirees and that is House Resolution 1296, commends Captain Richard H. Higman of the Kankakee Fire Department who has retired during 1974, after 25 years service, and beginning with House Resolution 1255, we have Resolutions commending our retiring colleagues and the first one is for our colleague Bob Day, House Resolution 1266, commends Ken Miller. House Resolution 1269, Robert L. Thompson. House Resolution 1281, Bob Holloway. House Resolution 1282, Jake Wolf. House Resolution



1283, Bob Walters. House Resolution 1284, commends the Majority Leader and that is Sponsored by W. D. Walsh. House Resolution 1285, Bob Dunne. House Resolution 1286, Pat North. House Resolution 1287, C.L. McCormick. House Resolution 1288, Ken Miller, looks like Ken has two friends. House Resolution 1289, commends Art Telcser, in his capacity as the Assistant Majority Leader. House Resolution 1290, commends Bill Murphy in his retirement and also in his great work as Majority Whip. House Resolution 1291, Richard A. Walsh, who ever he is. House Resolution 1292, Joe Gibbs. House Resolution 1293, commends Bud Washburn on the excellent job he did as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. House Resolution 1294, Ben Harpstrite. House Resolution 1295, our good friend John Kriegsman. House Resolution 1297, C.L. McCormick. House Resolution 1298, Bill Murphy... again and House Resolution 1299, I don't know if that was on there, 1299?"

Speaker Blair: "All right, these are Agreed Resolutions.

All those in favor of the adoption of Agreed Resolutions say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. One Death Resolution."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1276, Geo-Karis. Respect to the memory of Benjamin Kubelsky."

Speaker Blair: "Mrs. Geo-Karis."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Death Resolution is in memory of one of the finest performers on the stage, radio and screen... Bennie Kubelsky who is really known to all of us and loved by all of us as Jack Benny and I would like to ask a unanimous Sponsorship of this Resolution... I would like to have all the Members to be entered on this Resolution as adopted... as sponsoring it and I move the adoption to have all the Members Sponsor this Death Resolution in memory of a very fine and honorable



Gentleman who made us... gave us many laughs when we needed them the most. He was borne in Waukegan, Illinois, in the 31st District of Illinois of Lake County. We were proud to have him and we had a High School named after him, that's how much we thought of him and I ask unanimous sponsorship and I so move."

Speaker Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the adoption of the Death Resolution say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. There is a further motion on the Clerk's desk... is Mr. Griesheimer out there... there he is..."

Clerk Selcke: "We've got that... House..... Motions, I move that the suspension of Rule 41 (a), and thereby request immediate consideration of House Resolution 1277, respectfully submitted, Ronald E. Griesheimer."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from Lake, Mr. Griesheimer."

Griesheimer: "Mr. Speaker, today I introduced a Resolution... House Resolution 1277, which calls for the Legislative Investigation Commission to be directed by the House of Representatives to go to Lake County, Illinois to investigate a rather serious situation which has been brought to the attention of the people up there in about the last thirty to sixty days. The nursing homes in our area have been under intense scrutiny by a number of newspaper investigators and a number of concerned citizens because of several deaths which they feel are attributable to rather poor conditions in our nursing homes. We have been requested and when I say we, I mean all of the Legislators in our county and all of the House Members are co-sponsoring this Resolution, we have been requested to have the House Legislative Investigation Commission, come to Lake County to immediately investigate this very very serious situation. In order to accomplish this, I must have 107 votes from the House Members to suspend the rules so that this Resolution



is not submitted to Committee for consideration. I would certainly urge you to vote and give me this opportunity to have this Resolution considered immediately so that the Commission can take affect and go to work on this matter immediately in Lake County. I hope that the other Members of the Body, from Lake County who are personally aware of this situation will join with me in urging you to support this. This is not a partisan matter and I certainly hope that this has no bearing upon the last vote that was requested to suspend the rules and I would urge you to vote. It does require 107 votes."

Speaker Blair: "Any further discussion? Mr. Borchers."

Borchers: "Mr. Speaker and fellow Members of the House.

In my own area we've had a good deal of trouble about this in the past and were able to clean it up, but I can assure you that the situation is something that I believe that would be urgent upon the part of this House to support this Resolution. For example, at a certain place.... a nursing home in our area that I went up with some others to inspect, we saw the dried urin all over the floor from the incogitant people, old people on this particular floor. The things that can go on are incredible and anyone of us... anyone of us that should ask to have a Resolution of this nature, we should support him because these things are occuring in the districts of everyone here and is a constant struggle to fight it. I might point out as a side matter, that you will know about it and it has been lately made the rule that before a nursing home is inspected they have to have a thirty day notice. Well, this is bologna... the very fact that you have thirty days notice means that you can go ahead and do anything you want because it's all over for another thirty days and rules like this are being pushed over on to the people, the old



people who cannot defend themselves. It is our duty to try to help this Resolution pass."

Speaker Blair: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I have talked extensively with the Waukegan News Sun reporter, Steve Brockman, who has written a series of stories exposing the All Seasons Nursing Home in Zion and I must say that I find it absolutely incredible. One of the quotes that was received from a Doctor Mendleson, was that if the State of Illinois had designed a way to kill retarded children, they could not have designed a better way than letting them out of the custodial institutions at Lincoln and Dixon and putting them into nursing homes such as this one in Lake County. Now, if we are not in favor of killing retarded children and that is what is at stake here, we ought to pass this Resolution now, we don't have to pass it now... we ought to... we don't have too, we can pass it the next time we come back but I think we ought get this thing on the road now. There are doctors in Lake County that are signing death certificates from using the clause of food asphyxiation, do you know how you get food asphyxiation? You have attendants who has to feed too many people in too short of period of time and they cram the food down their throats and they breathe it in and they choke. Now, you know the last time we were back here I was taking about licensing programs and how I hadn't found one in the State of Illinois that's working yet, there is at least one doctor and probably two in Lake County at this nursing home that ought to law their licenses yanked today and I don't know what's taking the Department of Registration and Education so long, but then again I'm not even sure that Department should even exist. The second licensing program that's not working is the one for nursing homes, this one nursing



home sure as hell should not have a license and there are others throughout the state that shouldn't have licenses. This... after we have a thorough investigation of this situation, we may as a Legislature or our successor Legislature, may conclude that it is better for society and better for the children involved, to give seven hundred dollars a month to the family of a child and keep the child at home rather than giving it to one of these nursing homes that will provide minimal care at best. There has been twelve deaths in Lake County that are suspicious now, I don't know how many we need but it seems to me that it is an absolute must that this Resolution either pass now or in the very near future."

Speaker Blair: "Geo-Karis."

Geo-Karis: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am a co-sponsor of this Resolution for two reasons. Some of the nursing homes in our counties who are reputable have requested investigations and the other reason is, those that are not reputable should be put out of business. And, therefore, I would urge all my colleagues to support this Resolution and I'm going to put myself on record now... as to supporting another Resolution in the future to investigate nursing homes all over Illinois for the same reason. We have to help the helpless, if we don't help the helpless Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "Any further discussion? The question is, shall the Gentleman's motion in respect to House Resolution 1277... pass. All those in favor will vote 'aye' and the opposed 'no'. This takes 107. Mr. Borchers."

Borchers: "In explaining my vote... in this particular nursing home Macon County, I'm speaking about... it is strictly a financial affair. I found on the one floor that had fifty-two incogitant old people, two attendants."



I'm telling you that two attendants cannot take care of fifty-two old people, I was able to get the State to come in and check that nursing home out. They made them hire for the whole home twenty-seven more employees to comply with the law. What they were doing was making a devil of a good thing for the stockholders and I think this is so important that I urge that any one of us that needs help on a Bill... on a Resolution like this, we should grant it to them and help them."

Speaker Blair: "Mr. Simms."

Simms: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

I would like to urge another seven votes be placed up there to pass this Resolution. We had a similar circumstance in Rockford last year, when the Rockford Newspaper disclosed that seven patients had been transferred from a State Mental Hospital to a nursing home, had died of... at a very rapid length of time and also the circumstances were questionable. We've had Crime Commission hearings on this, that were very fruitful. In one case, an eighty-nine year old man was transferred out of a State Institution.... and I see that we have enough votes, thank you."

Speaker Blair: "Have all voted who wished? Mr. Davis 'aye'. The Clerk will take the record. 122 'ayes', no 'nays' and the Gentleman's motion prevails. Now, we are on the question of adoption of...."

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1277, Griesheimer."

Speaker Blair: "All right, Mr. Griesheimer."

Griesheimer: "Mr. Speaker, I believe that all of the fellow Legislators here that spoke on this amply described the situation. I do wish to impress upon all the Legislators present that I am not condemning any practices in Lake County at the present time, the very purpose of our Legislative Investigation Commission is to go into areas and look into fact or situations which are allegeded



to find out whether they are true or correct or whether they need corrections by way of Legislation. I'm urging you today to give this authority to the Legislative Investigation Commission, so they can go immediately into Lake County to look into these. As my fellow Legislator said, from our district.... we are not condemning all nursing homes in our area but certainly some of the practices which has come to light through the News Sun, in Waukegan, indicates that it needs some immediate investigation. I would urge your vote to pass this Resolution."

Speaker Blair: "The question is on the adoption of the Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Further Resolutions?"

Clerk Selcke: "House Resolution 1272, Matijevich."

Speaker Blair: "All right, all those in favor of the Gentlemen's motion, say 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the Session is adjourned until the hour of 10 A.M. tomorrow."



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