

79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

APRIL 29, 1976

1 PRESIDENT:

2 The hour of ten having arrived, the Senate will come to
3 order. Will our guests in the Gallery please stand as we have
4 the prayer by Rabbi Meyer M. Abramowitz, Temple B'Rith Sholom,
5 Springfield, Illinois.

6 RABBI ABRAMOWITZ:

7 (Prayer by Rabbi Abramowitz)

8 PRESIDENT:

9 Reading of the Journal. Senator Lane.

10 SENATOR LANE:

11 Good morning, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I
12 move that reading and approval of the Journals, Monday, April 26th,
13 1976, Tuesday, April 27th, 1976, and Wednesday, April 28th, 1976,
14 be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journals.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 You heard the motion. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed
17 Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. Committee reports.

18 SECRETARY:

19 Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills assigns
20 the following bill to committee: Senate Bill 1922 to Appropriations.
21 Senator Hynes, Chairman of Appropriations refers out the following
22 bills: Senate Bill 1708 and House Bill 3277 with the recommendation
23 Do Pass. Senate Bill 1606, 1616 and 1744 with a recommendation
24 Do Pass as Amended.

25 The Rules Committee met on April 28, 1976 pursuant to notice.
26 The following members were present: Senator Partee, Rock, Donnewald,
27 Harris and Howard Mohr. By unanimous vote, the following bills
28 were reported out of committee, ordered read a first time, and
29 referred to the Committee on Assignment of Bills. Senate Bill 1516,
30 1526, 1581, 1643, 1699, 1724, 1725, 1726, 1734, 1740, 1747, 1768,
31 1786, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807,
32 1811, 1828, 1849, 1871, 1872, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882,
33 1883, 1884 and 1885.

1 PRESIDENT:

2 Senate Bills on 1st reading.

3 SECRETARY:

4 Senate Bill 1516

5 (Secretary reads title of bill)

6 Senate Bill 1526

7 (Secretary reads title of bill)

8 Senate Bill 1581

9 (Secretary reads title of bill)

10 Senate Bill 1643

11 (Secretary reads title of bill)

12 Senate Bill 1699

13 (Secretary reads title of bill)

14 Senate Bill 1724

15 (Secretary reads title of bill)

16 Senate Bill 1725

17 (Secretary reads title of bill)

18 Senate Bill 1726

19 (Secretary reads title of bill)

20 Senate Bill 1734

21 (Secretary reads title of bill)

22 Senate Bill 1740

23 (Secretary reads title of bill)

24 Senate Bill 1747

25 (Secretary reads title of bill)

26 Senate Bill 1768

27 (Secretary reads title of bill)

28 Senate Bill 1786

29 (Secretary reads title of bill)

30 Senate Bill 1798

31 (Secretary reads title of bill)

32 Senate Bill 1799

33 (Secretary reads title of bill)

1 Senate Bill 1800
2 (Secretary reads title of bill)
3 Senate Bill 1801
4 (Secretary reads title of bill)
5 Senate Bill 1802
6 (Secretary reads title of bill)
7 Senate Bill 1803
8 (Secretary reads title of bill)
9 Senate Bill 1804
10 (Secretary reads title of bill)
11 Senate Bill 1805
12 (Secretary reads title of bill)
13 Senate Bill 1806
14 (Secretary reads title of bill)
15 Senate Bill 1807
16 (Secretary reads title of bill)
17 Senate Bill 1811
18 (Secretary reads title of bill)
19 Senate Bill 1828
20 (Secretary reads title of bill)
21 Senate Bill 1849
22 (Secretary reads title of bill)
23 Senate Bill 1871
24 (Secretary reads title of bill)
25 Senate Bill 1872
26 (Secretary reads title of bill)
27 Senate Bill 1887 or 1877
28 (Secretary reads title of bill)
29 Senate Bill 1878
30 (Secretary reads title of bill)
31 Senate Bill 1879
32 (Secretary reads title of bill)
33 Senate Bill 1880

1 (Secretary reads title of bill)

2 Senate Bill 1881

3 (Secretary reads title of bill)

4 Senate Bill 1882

5 (Secretary reads title of bill)

6 Senate Bill 1883

7 (Secretary reads title of bill)

8 Senate Bill 1884

9 (Secretary reads title of bill)

10 Senate Bill 1885

11 (Secretary reads title of bill)

12 1st reading of the following bills.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14 Any further committee reports or messages? Messages from
15 the House.

16 SECRETARY:

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

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

22 House Joint Resolution 29, Constitutional Amendment

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24 Executive.

25 SECRETARY:

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

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

31 House Joint Resolution 40, Constitutional Amendment

32 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

33 Executive.

1 SECRETARY:

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

3 Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate
4 that the House of Representatives has passed a bill with the
5 the following...bills with the following titles in the passage
6 of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate,
7 to-wit:

8 House Bill 3171, 3315, 3370.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Rules Committee. Senate Bills...Senate Bills 2nd reading.
11 Senate Bill 1535. Senate Bill 1590, Senator Vadalabene. Senate
12 Bill 1591, Senator Vadalabene. Senate Bill 1601, Senator Netsch.
13 Senate Bill 1639, Senator Regner. Senate Bill 2nd reading,
14 Joint Committee on Legislative Information. Hold. Senate Bill
15 1680, Senator Carroll. Senate Bill 1713, Committee on Finance
16 and Credit Regulations, McCarthy-Bloom. Read the bill, Mr.
17 Secretary.

18 SECRETARY:

19 Senate Bill 1713

20 (Secretary reads title of bill)

21 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments. One Floor
22 amendment offered by Senator McCarthy.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

24 Senator McCarthy, will you...explain the amendment, please?

25 SENATOR MCCARTHY:

26 Yes, Mr. President and members of the Body, this is a
27 Floor amendment, but it was agreed to by the committee members.
28 What it provides for is in the expansion of the membership of
29 the committee, provides for an expansion of two public members
30 to be selected from the nonbanking community. Presumably, that
31 would pick up the retailers, other people that are interested in the
32 Electronic Fund Transfer System. It's as I say, it represents
33 an absolute consensus of the Financial Institution's Committee.
34 Senator Bloom is agreeable to it. If there's no objections or

1 questions, I would move it be adopted.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

3 Any discussion? Senator McCarthy moves the adoption of
4 Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1713. All in favor say Aye. All
5 opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Any
6 further amendments? 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1921, Senator
7 Rock. Senator Rock wanted to move that bill, I'm sure. Read
8 the bill, Mr. Secretary.

9 SECRETARY:

10 Senate Bill 1921

11 (Secretary reads title of bill)

12 2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

14 Any amendments from the Floor? 3rd reading. House Bills
15 2nd reading. For what purpose does Senator Graham arise? Excuse
16 me, just one moment, Senator Graham, could we break up the caucus
17 behind Senator Graham. Senator Graham.

18 SENATOR GRAHAM:

19 That was the purpose of my arising, partially, Mr. President.
20 The Senate of the State of Illinois is now occupying some very
21 excellent new quarters. I think that the decorum of this Senate
22 and the action and attitude of the members should also reflect
23 our respect for these new quarters and I would like for us to have
24 a little order around here when we're working on bills on 2nd
25 reading, amendments, and discussion of bills at voting stage.
26 I think it's appropriate. I don't think it's out of order to
27 ask our colleagues to cooperate with this. I think it's in the
28 best interest of the people of the State that we do.

29 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

30 Senator Graham, the Chair certainly concurs with your opinion
31 and we will continue to try bring calm to the Body. Senate Bill...
32 House Bills 2nd reading. House Bill 273, Senator Carroll. House
33 Bill 2736, Senator Netsch. House Bill 3062, Committee on Insurance,

1 Senator Fawell. House Bills 3115, Senator McCarthy-Senator Rock,
2 creates the Illinois Residential Mortgage and Foreclosure Act.
3 Hold. 3180, Senator Rock-Regner, supplemental appropriation to
4 the Legislative Information Service. Hold. The Senate will
5 stand at ease for one moment. May I have the attention of the
6 members, please. The Senate will stand in recess subject to
7 the call of the Chair. There is a Democratic caucus scheduled
8 for 10:30 in the President's Office. Senator Weaver.

9 SENATOR WEAVER:

10 There will be a Republican caucus in Room 400 at 10:30,
11 also.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR BRUCE)

13 The Senate will stand in recess subject to the call of
14 the Chair.

15 (RECESS)

16 (AFTER RECESS)

17 PRESIDENT:

18 The hour of two having arrived, the Senate will come to
19 order. Resolutions.

20 SECRETARY:

21 Senate Resolution 309, introduced by Senator Partee. It's
22 congratulatory.

23 PRESIDENT:

24 Senator Donnewald moves there be a suspension of the
25 rules for immediate consideration of this resolution. All in
26 favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The rules are suspended. Senator
27 Donnewald moves the immediate adoption of this resolution. All
28 in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The resolution is adopted.
29 The leave has been...is asked for by Senator Donnewald to show
30 all members as cosponsors. Leave. Leave is granted. Committee
31 reports.

32 SECRETARY:

33 Senator Donnewald, Chairman of Assignment of Bills, assigns

1 the following bills to committee: Agriculture, Conservation
2 and Engery, Senate Bill 1849; Appropriations, Senate Bills 1581,
3 1724, 1880; Education, Senate Bills 1526, 1643, 1748, 1768,
4 1798, 1811, 1871, 1872; Executive, Senate Bills 1726, 1879 and
5 1881; Insurance and Licensed Activities, Senate Bills 1799,
6 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1807 and 1828;
7 Judiciary, Senate Bills 1882, 1883, 1884 and 1885; Local Govern-
8 ment, Senate Bills 1699, 1734 and 1740; Pensions, Personnel
9 and Veteran's Affairs, Senate Bills 1877 and 1878; Revenue,
10 Senate Bills 1516 and 1725; Transportation, Senate Bill 1786.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Resolution.

13 SECRETARY: -----

14 Senate Joint Resolution No. 72, introduced by Senator Rock.

15 (Secretary reads SJR 72)

16 PRESIDENT:

17 Senator Harris...

18 SECRETARY: ' o

19 (Secretary continues reading SJR 72)

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Senator Buzbee, for what purpose do you arise?

22 SENATOR BUZBEE:

23 Question, Mr. President. The Senate when it stands adjourned,
24 when was that date, Mr. Secretary?

25 PRESIDENT:

26 On Friday...

27 SECRETARY:

28 ...On Friday...

29 SENATOR BUZBEE:

30 On Friday, thank you.

31 PRESIDENT:

32 Senator Harris, may I have your attention, just your
33 attention. I didn't, so that the other members would be informed,

1 we had planned to leave today, but there will be a Perfunctory
2 Session tomorrow at eleven, and then we will be...we will adjourn
3 until tomorrow for a Perfunct at eleven, and then we will back
4 Tuesday at noon as prescheduled. Senator Demuzio. Just a moment,
5 for one...is that one of...finish this...Senator Rock moves for
6 the adoption of this resolution. All...suspension of the rules
7 and the immediate consideration of this resolution. All in favor
8 will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are
9 suspended. Senator Rock now moves the adoption of this resolution.
10 All in favor say Aye. Opposed Nay. The resolution is adopted.
11 Resolution.

12 SECRETARY:

13 Senate Resolution 310, introduced by Senator Mohr. It's
14 congratulatory.

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Senator Howard Mohr.

17 SENATOR MOHR:

18 Yes, Mr. President, I ask that we suspend the rules for
19 consideration of this resolution. It's congratulatory.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Senator Mohr moves the suspension of the rules for the
22 immediate consideration of this resolution. All in favor will
23 say Aye. Opposed Nay. The rules are suspended. Senator Mohr
24 now moves the adoption of this resolution.

25 SENATOR MOHR:

26 All...all members, if I may...

27 PRESIDENT:

28 And that all members be shown as cosponsors. All in favor
29 will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The resolution is adopted. For
30 what purpose does Senator Bell arise?

31 SENATOR BELL:

32 For purpose of making a motion.

33 PRESIDENT:

1 Senator Bell is recognized for a motion.

2 SENATOR BELL:

3 I'd like leave of this Body, Mr. Presidentm to be added as a
4 co-sponsor to Senator Mohr's bills, Senate Bills 1923 and 1924.

5 PRESIDENT:

6 Is leave granted? Leave is granted. For what purpose does
7 Senator Schaffer arise?

8 SENATOR SCHAFFER:

9 Mr. President, there's a bill residing in the Senate
10 Education Committee bill...Senate Bill 17...1727, which is an
11 emergency bill relating to a problem in my area which needs to
12 be cleared up legislatively to provide for a referendum prior
13 to July 1. I've discussed it with the committee chairman, and
14 he indicates he's not sure when the next committee meeting would
15 be held, and I have his permission to discharge committee. It's
16 a, I think, a pretty much agreed bill, and I'd like to move at
17 this time...I believe both sides have...have examined it, and I
18 think there is consensus. I'd like to move that the Committee
19 on Education be relieved of further consideration, and that the
20 bill be advanced to 2nd reading without reference.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Any discussion on the request in motion? The motion is
23 shall Senate Bill 1721 be...

24 SENATOR SCHAFFER:

25 1727...

26 PRESIDENT:

27 ...motion is to discharge Senate Bill 1727 from the Committee
28 on Education and place it on the Calendar. All in favor will say
29 Aye. Opposed Nay. The motion carries. Senator Nimrod.

30 SENATOR NIMROD:

31 Yes, Mr. President, I would ask leave to be shown as a
32 cosponsor of Senate Bills 1923 and 24, and also for Senator
33 Pate Phillip.

1 PRESIDENT:

2 Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Ring the bell, Mr.
3 Sergeant-at-Arms. (machine cut off) the membership will be
4 informed, the press jacks are open and they will be recording.
5 Senator Rock, are you ready with your...do you want to go on
6 those? Senate Bills on 3rd reading. Senate Bill 1635,
7 Senator Fawell. Read the bill.

8 SECRETARY:

9 Senate Bill 1635

10 (Secretary reads title of bill)

11 3rd reading of the bill.

12 PRESIDENT:

13 Senator Fawell.

14 SENATOR FAWELL:

15 This bill was discussed several days ago. It is the annual
16 appropriation for the Children's Commission. It's been approved
17 by the Appropriations Committee. Senator Demuzio had some
18 objections: He's indicated to me that he has withdrawn all
19 objections, and I shan't go over the details again, but would
20 ask for a favorable roll call.

21 PRESIDENT:

22 Senator Demuzio.

23 SENATOR DEMUZIO:

24 All my objections have been clearly answered by Senator
25 Fawell, members of the Commission. I have no objections at all.

26 PRESIDENT:

27 Any further discussion? Senator Fawell may close the debate
28 if he desires. The question is shall Senate Bill 1635 pass.
29 Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The voting is open.
30 Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On this question,
31 the Ayes are 46, the Nays are none, with 1 Voting Present. Senate
32 Bill 1635 having received the Constitutional majority,
33 is declared passed. House Bills on 3rd reading. For what purpose

1 does Senator Rock arise?

2 SENATOR ROCK:

3 Thank you, Mr. President, on the order of House Bills 3rd
4 reading, is House Bill 3356, sponsored by Representative Shea
5 and myself. I do have an amendment, Mr. President. I wonder if
6 I might ask leave of this Body to call that bill back to 2nd reading
7 for the purpose of an amendment, get the amendment adopted, so that
8 we can proceed today.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Leave is granted. We'll take it...are you ready now with
11 it?

12 SENATOR ROCK:

13 Yes, Sir...

14 PRESIDENT:

15 We'll do it right now. Is the amendment on the Secretary's Desk?

16 SENATOR ROCK:

17 The amendment is on the Secretary's Desk, Mr. President. It
18 is an amendment to House Bill 3356 which adds some twenty-five
19 thousand dollars. I would move the adoption of Amendment No. 1.

20 PRESIDENT:

21 Any discussion? The question is on the adoption of Amendment
22 No. 1 to House Bill 3356. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed
23 Nay. The amendment is adopted. Are there any additional amend-
24 ments? 3rd reading.

25 SENATOR ROCK:

26 ...After intervening business, Mr. President, I would like
27 to get back to that bill.

28 PRESIDENT:

29 We will indeed, Sir.

30 SENATOR ROCK:

31 Thank you.

32 PRESIDENT:

33 House Bill 2728, Senator Netsch.

1 SENATOR NETSCH:

2 Yes, Mr. President. If I might have just a word to explain,
3 this is a series of revisory bills...

4 PRESIDENT:

5 One moment, please...

6 SENATOR NETSCH:

7 Yeah...

8 PRESIDENT:

9 For what purpose does Senator Berning arise?

10 SENATOR BERNING:

11 On a point of parliamentary inquiry, I assume would be the
12 proper designation, Mr. Chairman...Mr. President.

13 PRESIDENT:

14 State your point, Sir.

15 SENATOR BERNING:

16 It appears to me we are still operating under the joint
17 rules, and if I interpret them correctly, and I'm willing to
18 be corrected if I am wrong, this series of bills, while perhaps
19 of little import, certainly do not represent an emergency in the
20 context that I feel this Session of the Legislature is standing,
21 but more importantly the bills, in my opinion, are illegally on
22 the Calendar since the joint rules under which we still operate
23 for this Session indicate that bills must have been referred to
24 Rules Committee in order to appear on our Calendar. There is
25 nothing that I can see from the rules that justify measures
26 having been held in committee and now moved out on our Calendar.
27 If I am wrong, please correct me, but if I am correct, then I
28 think these bills are illegally on the Calendar and we ought not
29 to be addressing them.

30 PRESIDENT:

31 Just for the information of the Body, these bills were passed
32 by the House and sent to the Senate on May the 11th, 1975. They
33 were here already. Senator Harris.

1 SENATOR HARRIS:

2 Well, but the fact is, that these bills were not acted on
3 by June 13 of...of 1975. That's...that's the specific rule that
4 applies and if...you know, if somebody wants to reintroduce these
5 bills and start them over, fine, but for these to be acted on, there
6 has to be a suspension of the joint rules with the respect to
7 consideration of these bills.

8 PRESIDENT:

9 Senator Netsch.

10 SENATOR NETSCH:

11 There is no question that this raises a rather basic issue
12 that might as well be resolved for all time, I would think.
13 It is my understanding, and this is the way it has...we have acted
14 in the past, is that bills which had passed the House, in this
15 case, had come to the Senate, were placed in committee, were
16 heard but needed some additional work, and were put in a sub-
17 committee, were still, in every sense of the word, alive and
18 ready to be acted on at any time that they might come out of
19 subcommittee and out of committee and on to the Floor. If that
20 it is not the case, then it applies to a very large number
21 of bills, which I think sponsors both House and the Senate, and
22 the leadership is not conscious of, but the bills that were in
23 subcommittee were acted on and finally reported out by the
24 committee itself just this last week. I...I see nothing in the
25 rule that says that they are not in every respect alive, well,
26 and ready to be acted on now.

27 PRESIDENT:

28 Senator Berning.

29 SENATOR BERNING:

30 Senator Netsch is quite correct. There are a good many
31 other bills, which are so affected, and that, Mr. President, is the
32 reason for my calling attention to these...this series right now,
33 and I re-refer then to the schedule under our Joint Rules, and it

1 states very specifically, June 13th, final day for standing
2 committees of each House to complete all action on bills
3 originating in the other House. Now, if we are abiding by the
4 rules, then this forecloses our attending to these bills and
5 others, and if we are going to bypass the rules in this instance,
6 then there are a good many other instances, some of which affect
7 bills of mine personally, that I would beg the same indulgence
8 for.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Senator Netsch.

11 SENATOR NETSCH:

12 Senator Berning is quite correct. That is what the rule
13 says, but what it refers to, is action to be taken in the first
14 year, that is the odd-numbered year of the Session. June 13th
15 was indeed the final day for action on bills that were to be acted
16 on in last year's Session. These bills were not called out by
17 that time, but they were put into a subcommittee to be held over
18 for this year. If you read the next part of the rule, which
19 talks about in even-numbered years all bills shall be referred
20 to the Rules Committee of each House except those that implement
21 the State budget or are introduced by a majority of...of the
22 members of a standing committee of either House. That applies
23 to introductions of bills in this the even-numbered Session. There
24 is nothing in our temporary joint rules that covers the question
25 of what happens to bills which have already passed one House and
26 are in working committee of second House. They are simply not
27 covered explicitly by any of the language of either of these
28 provisions of the rule.

29 PRESIDENT:

30 Senator Harris.

31 SENATOR HARRIS:

32 Well, I would respectfully call attention to Senator Netsch
33 the language in my copy of the Joint Rules, and it applies to the...

1 the very first word is, introduction of bills. That...and then
2 we proceed, however, that such deadlines in odd-numbered years
3 shall be no later than the following. So, a bill introduced in
4 the odd-numbered year must meet that deadline, and the deadline
5 is June 13 in an odd-numbered year. These are the rules of the
6 79th General Assembly. I think it is explicit that final action
7 must be taken by June 13 or the bill to receive further consideration
8 must have the Joint Rules suspended. I think it is clear.

9 PRESIDENT:

10 Any further discussion? The Chair would like just a minute
11 to look at the rules again before we enter an order. I'm in-
12 clined to believe...well, just be at ease for a moment. Now, the
13 Chair is prepared to rule on the question as asked by Senator
14 Berning. The rule, House Joint Resolution No. 30, which are
15 temporary joint rules, starts with introduction of bills, and
16 does, in fact, say - as to those bills introduced in an odd-
17 numbered year that June 13th is the final date for standing
18 committees of each House to complete all action on those bills
19 which originated in the other House. That is, without question,
20 there can be no reputation to that fact. Now, as to bills in
21 even-numbered years, all of them, in accordance with the rules,
22 shall be referred to the Rules Committee of each House, except
23 those bills that implement the State budget or are introduced
24 by a majority of the members of a standing committee of either
25 House. It is obvious that this bill is not a bill introduced
26 by a majority of the members of a standing committee of the
27 House, and further that it does not implement the State budget.
28 The next exception is that the deadline provided in paragraph
29 a do not apply to bills appropriating funds for the ordinary and
30 contingent expenses of the departments and agencies of State
31 government. This bill clearly does not come within that umbrella.
32 Two, if it is a bill introduced by a majority of the members of
33 a standing committee of either House, I have no information that

1 this is a bill introduced by a standing committee of either House.
2 Three, must be then a bill determined a majority of all of the
3 appointed members of the Rule Committee...Rules Committee of each
4 House to be an emergency bill necessary for the operation of
5 government. This bill does not fit into that category. The Chair
6 then consequently rules that these bills are out of order...the
7 bill in question, what it relates to, the whole series...I...we
8 don't want to do it on each bill, do you? Now, may I suggest to
9 you...Senator Netsch.

10 SENATOR NETSCH:

11 Mr. President, since we have a matter that I think requires
12 some reflection, I will just simply take the bills out of the
13 record and not move them at all today.

14 PRESIDENT:

15 Take them out of the record. House...House Bill 3365,
16 Senator Rock. Pardon me, let the record show that was an error. It's
17 House Bill 3356. Senator Rock.

18 SECRETARY:

19 House Bill 3356

20 (Secretary reads title of bill)

21 3rd reading of the bill.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 Senator Rock.

24 SENATOR ROCK:

25 Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
26 Senate. This is the bill upon which the House has been waiting.
27 This is the deficiency appropriation for the operation of the
28 General Assembly caused in great part by the increased printing
29 costs and all other costs. It's in the amount of about approximately
30 eight hundred thousand dollars. I would ask for a favorable roll
31 call.

32 PRESIDENT:

33 Any discussion? The question is shall House Bill 3356 pass.

1 Those in favor vote Aye...just a moment, Senator Buzbee, for
2 what purpose do you arise?

3 SENATOR BUZBEE:

4 I'm sorry, Mr. President. I wonder if I could ask a question
5 of the sponsor.

6 PRESIDENT:

7 He indicates he'll yield. Senator Buzbee.

8 SENATOR BUZBEE:

9 Senator Rock, has...has the House passed the Joint Rules yet?
10 I was wondering.

11 PRESIDENT:

12 Senator Rock.

13 SENATOR ROCK:

14 Thank you, Mr. President. The answer to Senator...

15 PRESIDENT:

16 Just...just a moment, Senator Palmer and you, will you
17 take the conference somewhere, please. Senator Rock.

18 SENATOR ROCK:

19 ...I was interrupted by the Jewish block here. As I under-
20 stand it, on the House Calendar on Thursday, April 29, on...
21 order of Consideration Postponed, is SJR 68, which calls for the
22 joint rules adopting certain deadlines. It has not, in fact,
23 been passed by the House.

24 PRESIDENT:

25 Senator Buzbee.

26 SENATOR BUZBEE:

27 Has...it is my understanding that some of these increased
28 costs are due to the transcription costs due to long tapes and long
29 number of hours spent by transcribers as various House members
30 explain their votes. Has there been any move made to...to limit
31 that kind of...of debate on the Floor of the House.

32 PRESIDENT:

33 Senator Rock.

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1 SENATOR ROCK:

2 As I indicated in my opening remarks, a great majority of
3 the deficiency is due to increased printing costs. Part of those
4 attributable directly to the fact that many of the members of the
5 House have a tendency to explain their votes, or nonvotes, or
6 presence or absence.

7 PRESIDENT:

8 Any further discussion? The question is, shall House Bill
9 3356 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed Nay. The
10 voting is open. Have all voted who wish to vote? Take the
11 record. Senator Bruce. Senator Bruce.

12 SENATOR BRUCE:

13 Mr. President, since this bill would take effect, would it
14 not require thirty-six votes to have an immediate impact it will
15 pass?

16 PRESIDENT:

17 During the biennium...when we were in biennium Sessions,
18 you were quite right. Under the new Constitution...between January
19 and June, it only requires thirty votes.

20 SENATOR BRUCE:

21 That's correct, yeah...yeah.

22 PRESIDENT:

23 On this question, the Ayes are...on this question, the Ayes
24 are 34, the Nays are 6, with 8 Voting Present. House Bill 3356
25 having received the constitutional majority is declared passed.
26 House Bill 3358, Senator Don Moore. Senator Moore is recognized.

27 SENATOR DON MOORE:

28 Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Mr.
29 President, I would like leave to bring this bill back to order of 2nd
30 reading for the purposes of an amendment.

31 PRESIDENT:

32 Is leave granted? The bill is on 2nd reading. Is the amendment
33 on the Secretary's Desk? You may explain the amendment.

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1 SENATOR DON MOORE:

2 Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate. Amendment
3 No. 1, Mr. President, members of the Senate, reduces the deficiency
4 appropriation of the Department of Public Aid which as the bill
5 originally was written was one hundred and forty-five point six plus
6 million dollars, reduces it by seventy-three million one hundred and
7 seventy-three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars. So, the
8 bill as it will be amended will give a supplemental of seventy-
9 two million four hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred
10 and sixty-four dollars. This will be sufficient monies for the
11 Department of Public Aid to operate for the ensuing months. The reason
12 for this amendment, Mr. President, members of the Senate, are that
13 the members on this side of the aisle at the caucus that we had
14 were exceedingly reluctant to vote a one hundred and forty-five plus
15 million dollar deficiency for the Department of Public Aid. They
16 are of the opinion that because of the fraud, overutilization
17 and agency error that exist in the Department in the amount of
18 conservatively two hundred and fifty million dollars that some-
19 thing has to be done. We are near a crisis stage in the Department
20 of Public Aid. I would just like, Mr. President, to show you
21 how this has gone. Back in 1967, ten short years ago, our total
22 budget for the Department of Public Aid was three hundred and
23 fifty-eight million dollars. This year's budget is two billion
24 dollars. The legitimate vendors in the State of Illinois,
25 we have all heard from them, not having their bills paid on time.
26 I think every hospital in everybody's district has been complaining
27 to you, the members of the General Assembly, about not getting their
28 bills paid. The cash crisis that exists in Illinois is by in large
29 responsible for...through the...the problems created with the
30 Public Aid System that we have. It's the feeling on this side of
31 the aisle, Mr. President, that we need some performance, we need
32 some answers, and we need above all some solutions to this problem.
33 We...

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1 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2 Just a moment, just a moment, Sir. Senator Rock, for
3 what purpose do you arise?

4 SENATOR ROCK:

5 Pass.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7 I'm sorry, you may proceed, Senator.

8 SENATOR DON MOORE:

9 ...and above all, we need some solutions by the administration
10 in order to do something to stem off the welfare crisis that
11 we have in Illinois. Reform is needed. The members on this
12 side of the aisle feel that...although that we realize there are
13 truly needy people in the State of Illinois that are dependent upon
14 our action that if...that if we provide approximately half
15 of this amount of money, it would give the administration some
16 time to come in with some solid concrete proposals on how we can
17 get a handle on this spiraling welfare budget that we have. So,
18 what this amendment does it...at this time comes up with a
19 supplemental appropriation for the Department of Public Aid in
20 the amount of seventy-two million four hundred and seventy-three
21 thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars, and I would move
22 for its adoption, Mr. President.

23 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

24 Senator Partee.

25 SENATOR PARTEE:

26 Well, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I have, of
27 course, during the years that I have been here been very supportive
28 of the Commission of which the sponsor is chairman relating to
29 Public Aid. They have done a very good job. They've been about
30 the country looking at various and sundry operations in this area,
31 and have sought, I think, valiantly to do a good job with this
32 program. I am really surprised and perhaps shocked that at this point
33 this amendment would be offered, because all it is doing is deferring

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1 an obligation. We deferred the obligation, I suppose, in the
2 first instance when the appropriation did not cover the amount
3 of money necessary for the operation of this bureau of government.
4 We knew it. Senator Moore said it, as did other members of the
5 Public Aid Advisory Commission, that the money as appropriated
6 would not be adequate for the purpose. Now, we come to a deficiency
7 appropriation which the House has already passed, and we are now
8 seeking to defer again that part of an obligation which has manifested
9 itself. I don't know what the reason is. I was only informed
10 just a moment ago that this amendment was going to be offered to
11 proffer half the money at this time, and hopefully the other half
12 at a later date. I don't know if it's intended to imagize us as
13 being spendthrifts as we vote for the elimination of this amend-
14 ment, for its demise, and whether or not, the plan is to imagize
15 you on that side of the aisle as being persons who are very concerned
16 about how money is spent, but the fact of the matter is, the money
17 is owed. There're hospitals throughout this State. There're
18 hospitals in your district that are...some of whom are on the brink
19 of disaster, because they have not been paid by the State. There're
20 many of them to stay afloat which are borrowing money which increases
21 the cost to the consumer, if you will, the poor patient in the
22 hospital, because as the money is not paid that means the hospitals
23 have to borrow money in order to pay...to borrow money they must
24 pay a rate of interest on the money borrowed, and eventually, what
25 you're saying to people in hospitals, whether they're on welfare
26 or not, is that you're eventually going to pay more money for a
27 hospital bed because the Illinois State Senate deferred, if you
28 please, the monies due and owing to hospitals. The same thing
29 applies to doctors and all other providers of care in this State.
30 Now, we have deferred this once. We didn't put into the budget
31 the amount of money which all of us knew was going to be required.
32 We, of course, did not know what the precise figure was, but we
33 certainly knew the estimates you gave us from time to time did

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1 run about in the vicinity of this. At one time I even heard it
2 said by...on...on a specific authority that it would be about a
3 hundred and eighty million dollars. It now eventuates that it's
4 a hundred and forty-seven million dollars. The House has passed
5 it. It's here, I see no reason to defer it, and we should vote
6 to eliminate and destroy and give this amendment its demise as
7 quickly as possible and go on about the business of living up to
8 our obligation of passing this deficiency. It is, in fact, a
9 deficiency which no one's questions. Everybody knows it's owed.
10 Everybody knows it's due. Everybody knows that there are providers
11 all over this State waiting to be paid for services that they
12 have rendered at the behest and request of this State. To me,
13 it is imprudent to defer it, and I would certainly wish that the offerer
14 of this amendment would reconsider the position of even offering
15 it. At this late point in time, at this date knowing it's due,
16 knowing people are waiting for...to be paid for services they have
17 already rendered the State, it gives us a real credibility gap.
18 It'll cause people to believe that it does not augur well to do
19 business with the State, that the State is somehow always seeking
20 to avoid and avert its responsibility, or at least to place people
21 in a position where they have to as it were pay, pay for the
22 privilege of doing business with the State. I think it's wrong.
23 I think it...it imagizes us in a very bad way.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

25 Senator Rock.

26 SENATOR ROCK:

27 Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the
28 Senate. I will not be so kind in my remarks as was the good Senator
29 from Chicago, Senator Partee. I think this amendment is totally
30 irresponsible. We sat in the Appropriations Committee and heard
31 from the Director that this is a one time, one and only supplemental
32 appropriation for money that is due and owing. There is ninety
33 million dollars of this amount, of the total amount, that's due

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1 right now for medical reimbursement payments, and this amendment
2 would propose to cut the total appropriation in half. It's totally
3 irresponsible, and I rise in absolute opposition to Amendment No.
4 1.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

6 Senator Glass.

7 SENATOR GLASS:

8 Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senator Partee
9 mentioned that there is apparently no one that denies that this money
10 is due. Well, from what I've heard, I don't think there's anyone
11 that denies what Senator Moore stated, and that is that there is
12 at least two hundred and fifty million dollars a year in Public
13 Aid fraud in Illinois, and probably the figure is much higher.
14 And if that's true, it means that the State of Illinois is paying
15 money out to persons who are not entitled to it. Now, the administra-
16 tion hasn't done its job in finding out who is responsible for
17 that fraud, and if this General Assembly is going to blithely
18 appropriate whatever the Department says it needs, then I don't
19 think it's going to find out who's responsible for that fraud.
20 It seems to me that one way we can get the attention of the
21 administration and begin to address the serious problem that we
22 all face this year of cutting back State expenditures, this is an
23 excellent place to start. And Senator Moore mentioned that the
24 monies involved in his amendment would see the State through for
25 at least another month. We're going to be down here. I think
26 this is a sound amendment and one that deserves the support of
27 this entire Body, and I certainly hope we'll get support on both
28 sides of the aisle for the amendment.

29 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

30 Senator Fawell.

31 SENATOR FAWELL:

32 Mr. President, members of the Senate, I can agree to a great
33 degree with what Senator Partee has said, and yet the fact is, as

1 I understand it, we have a real overall fiscal problem in the
2 State of Illinois. Some reports indicate that we're not going
3 to have enough money to pay our bills in the Fall. A lot of
4 cynics say that after the election, there'll have to be a tax
5 increase - but nobody understandably wants to talk about that
6 right now, but what strikes me is that what we have had done for us
7 by the Governor, and I don't necessarily wholly criticise him for
8 this, but what he has done is to make the priority decision for
9 us. Everybody seems to admit we don't have enough money to be
10 able to pay to all of the many deserving public entities the
11 supplemental appropriations which they request. I have before
12 me, for instance, only in the area of public education,
13 elementary, secondary and higher, of the great amount of
14 supplemental appropriations, which are pending somewhere in the
15 House and Senate, in the area certainly of a hundred and fifty
16 million dollars. Some of these involving programs of handicapped
17 children and I can only recall that on a number of occasions and
18 advised them that when we did get back here in the Session that
19 I would then help make some priority decisions and although I
20 rate certainly Public Aid as being very high. I don't know how
21 much fraud there is. I gather there's a lot. I would have to
22 say, of course, that the vast majority of recipients are deserving
23 people, but I have to say also, that in terms of priority we just
24 haven't done any real evaluating here. What we're saying here...
25 what the Governor really is saying for us, because we haven't...
26 done much thinking about it, is that as far as Public Aid is
27 concerned we will always take the position one hundred percent
28 supplemental appropriations - if you want it, you get it but insofar
29 as the public schools are concerned, for instance, and even the
30 categorical grant programs, in which I am very concerned and which
31 I did vote for a twenty-four million dollar supplemental appropriation
32 in the Fall when we're back here that we're of the opinion
33 apparently that that just isn't as high a priority, and everything that

1 Senator Partee has said about the credibility gap of the State
2 of Illinois about not living up to our responsibilities insofar
3 as Public Aid is concerned, one would have to agree with. But
4 on the other hand, those same conclusions can be attributed to
5 our credibility gap insofar as our public school officials in
6 the State of Illinois are concerned, and I repeat an awful lot
7 of detriment is going to be accomplished if we do not fully fund
8 and live up to the promises which many of us made amidst the
9 clashing of bulbs and statements to the press and so forth and
10 so on about fully funding and meeting the obligations, which we
11 by the way have mandated upon the public schools. It wasn't
12 something they even were requesting, especially in the categorical
13 grant programs involving handicapped children. So, what is
14 high priority? I think we ought to discuss it, and I think there's
15 nothing wrong, therefore, at this point, saying to the Public
16 Aid recipients that we will give you one-half of what we know
17 we have promised to you, but whether we can fulfil the rest of
18 that promise insofar as Public Aid is concerned, depends upon a
19 rating of priorities which we, I repeat, have not really addressed
20 ourselves to, and which I think we must address ourselves to. It
21 may well be that we will say to all supplemental appropriations
22 that we will give you X percentage of what we know you need, and
23 we regret the fact that we do not have sufficient money, but this
24 is all that we can do, and everyone of you are very needy recipients,
25 and so, at this point, I don't think that this any type of precipitous
26 action. I don't think that it's ill-advised. I think it a very
27 concrete basis can be made for what it is being done here, and I
28 hope, therefore, that all of us will address ourselves then to those
29 very hard priority questions, because there's a not a person here
30 who is going to talk about an increase in the State Income Tax,
31 which is the other alternative I think of any rational basis that
32 we can look to. So, I do rise in support of this, and I don't think
33 it should be wholly condemned by the other side as being ill-advised

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1 at all.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

3 Senator Mitchler. You're...you're...I have the list in
4 front of me, Senator. Senator Mitchler. On Senator Berning's mike,
5 Senator Mitchler.

6 SENATOR MITCHLER:

7 Yes. Mr. President, I'd like to ask the sponsor of this
8 amendment a question?

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

10 Sponsor indicates...Senator Moore, will you yield for a
11 question? Sponsor indicates he will yield.

12 SENATOR MITCHLER:

13 Senator Moore, your original presentation you alluded to
14 some figures and listening to the debate, Senator Glass pointed
15 out a two hundred and fifty million dollar fraud in the Public Aid
16 System in the State of Illinois, and as I recall reading Illinois
17 is ranked, I guess, number one in the percentage of fraud cases
18 that we have in our Public Aid System, and now, you gave some
19 figures, Senator Moore, comparing the increase in Public Aid over
20 the last ten years, and I grabbed my pad and I started to write
21 those down, would you give those to me again, please?

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

23 Senator Moore.

24 SENATOR MOORE:

25 In Fiscal Year 1977, the appropriation for the Department
26 of Public Aid was three hundred and fifty-eight million forty-
27 four thousand one hundred dollars. That was in fiscal '67, and
28 the budget as presented by the Department for this Fiscal Year
29 '76 is a shade over or just a shade under two billion dollars,
30 one billion nine hundred and ninety-eight million.

31 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

32 Senator Mitchler.

33 SENATOR MITCHLER:

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1 Well, the significant thing that I deduct from the figures
2 there the amount of fraud as reported, and I have to accept
3 that as being legitimate from the sources I have, two hundred
4 fifty million almost equals what the entire Public Aid budget
5 was ten years ago, and then we hear everybody screaming that we're
6 not responsive, we're holding back, we're not making payouts.
7 It looks like we've been taken to the cleaners. Thank you.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9 Senator Chew.

10 SENATOR CHEW:

11 Thank you, Mr. President. I...I regret that Senator Moore
12 was virtually badgered into this position of having to offer this
13 amendment. Possibly this amendment means to secure some support
14 from various individuals who had indicated support none prior.
15 What we're doing here, Mr. President, is playing with the life
16 blood of individuals. We played with them when we did not fully
17 fund Public Aid in our appropriations for Fiscal '76. Now, every-
18 body here knows that what we are appropriating today or attempting to
19 appropriate today is certainly for services having been rendered. The
20 question is not whether we have the revenue to appropriate the money, the
21 question is that we as legislators think that we ought to have
22 the authority to ascertain how it should be appropriated, not-
23 withstanding that there are persons and corporations out in this
24 State of Illinois that are in dire need of these funds for having
25 rendered service. We're all independently elected to represent a
26 given number of constituents, whether they're on welfare or whether
27 they aren't. I didn't find any hesitance in appropriating money
28 for the General Assembly in 3356. We got sufficient number of
29 votes, and since we are independently elected, I think this bill
30 requires separation of boys from men or integrity from hypocrisy.
31 I think those of us that will or will not support this bill ought
32 to stand tall and do or do not, but let us not come with the piece-
33 meal and expect people that are unfortunate to be on welfare, too,

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1 in fact, have to come to us on their knees again. And what it does,
2 Mr. President, it indicates that we are not quote "responsible
3 as we should be". We know it is here to stay. It was here when
4 we came, and it'll be here when we leave. It is our responsibility
5 as responsible legislators, elected to represent the people, to
6 do what is basically required for us to do. We have to fund
7 welfare. I don't like welfare anymore than the persons that's
8 on it. As far as the fraud is concerned, there's been fraud
9 advocated in welfare for 10 many years. There've been concentrated
10 efforts, Mr. President, to eliminate it. I have no doubt in my
11 mind that nobody who's connected to the agency would like to
12 see all fraud eliminated, and so would you. We have departments
13 that are constantly working on it. I think Senator Don Moore has
14 done an excellent job in that area. I think the various directors
15 have done excellent jobs in that area, but let us not hold that
16 as a means of punishing the Department. Now, what are we saying -
17 we'll take four or five days to pass a half bill, then we come back
18 another four or five days and pass the other half, where if we are
19 men and responsible men and women, why not go on and appropriate
20 the necessary funds that we cut them short in the origin of the
21 appropriation for Fiscal '76. Let's defeat this amendment, call
22 the bill with the full allocation, and vote it up or down, and let
23 the people of the State of Illinois decide who should be here
24 and who should not, and we should not play politics with the life
25 blood of people, human beings, people that are not as fortunate as we
26 are, but people that hope we will be responsible enough to help them
27 That's all we're saying, to help them, and as far as Senator...what...
28 Mitchell says, about ten years ago is almost the entire appropriation.
29 Ten years ago, Senator, you were being paid eight thousand dollars.
30 Today you're being paid twenty, so, your argument is not valid.
31 That's just a statement of no substance. You have accepted your
32 money as raises have come before the General Assembly, and there is
33 no indication that you have refused to accept it, nor is there an

1 indication that you have given it back to the State. So, you
2 just come up with a whole lot of unnecessary rhetoric to take up
3 time. If you are as sincere about what is going on ten years ago
4 and what is today, then why the hell don't you give your salary
5 back that you weren't getting ten years ago, and stop being a
6 hypocrite. I would urge this...the defeat of this defeat, and
7 I still have the utmost respect for Senator Moore, and I think
8 he's doing an excellent job, but we ought to get on with the
9 peoples' business of the State of Illinois.

10 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

11 Senator Dougherty.

12 SENATOR DOUGHERTY:

13 Thank you, Mr. President, fellow members of the Senate. As
14 we go by, I have heard mentioned of times in the past. Sometime
15 ago as my...I happened to have some of the Calendars of this
16 Body. The Calendar of June the 5th, in 1955 is in my desk in
17 my office in Chicago, and at that...that time the appropriation
18 for the Department of Public Welfare, as it was called at that time
19 under a commission, was two hundred and sixty-six million dollars
20 for a two year period. Today we know what the budget is. Now,
21 I also happened to remember going back to another June. In June
22 of 1963, when the Public Aid deficiency was some ninety-three
23 million dollars and the membership on the other side of the aisle
24 decided that they're going to oppose it, and they were going to
25 impose some restrictions upon it. There was going to be a limit
26 on the amount of rent we could pay. There was going to be a limit
27 on practically everything we could do unless we succumb to what
28 the leadership on the other side offered us...we were...the deficiency
29 was going to go down the drain. However, there was some sensible
30 men in the Senate that were able to work out this program called the
31 Public Aid Advisory Committee of which I have been a member ever since
32 that date, and this Public Aid Advisory Committee and my...and
33 my experience has done a remarkable job in trying to forecast and

1 to try to assay to do take care of the...needs of the people,
2 and we've done a remarkable job. I can remember this June day in
3 1955 or 1963, if you will, when there were thousands of people out
4 here on the lawns in protest of this action, many thousands of them
5 out here, and we worked in the far late of the night to try to
6 bring about this program, and we did succeed, and I would say
7 the sensible members of the other side agreed to this program even
8 though they...the conditions they imposed upon us at that time
9 were entirely unrealistic, we lived with it. Now, Senator Moore
10 is the chairman...is the chairman of the Public Aid Advisory Committee.
11 I know of no man that has put in more time and more effort and
12 conscientious effort in trying to resolve these programs. However,
13 we reach the point where Senator Don Moore and I must disagree
14 for the reason we got...we can't go...we have to go whole hog.
15 Why must we postpone to another day of reckoning. Bearing in mind,
16 ...this bill, as amended here, will go back to the House, and God
17 only knows what will happen to it over there. We're just post-
18 poning the final day of reckoning. I urge my friends and I have
19 apologized to Don Moore for the efforts he's put forth to do a
20 good job. I'm going to find myself opposing this amendment, because
21 I do believe we owe the money. Why in the name of goodness don't
22 we pay it and get it off the road. It's needed, and we want no
23 trouble. I warn you if we offer this amendment...accept it, all
24 hell is going to break loose down here. I urge defeat of the
25 amendment.

26 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

27 Senator Fred Smith.

28 SENATOR SMITH:

29 Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, during
30 the brief moments I shall stand here, I'm not going to berate
31 anyone. I'm not going to berate members on the other side of the
32 aisle, and I am not going to picture as gods those of my same
33 political faith who sit here on this side of the aisle. I start

1 where Senator Chew closed. He made reference to the great Senator
2 from Aurora or Oswego or one of those two places or both. He re-
3 presents them both, I'm sure. The good Senator saw fit to decry the
4 fact that the total amount asked for originally in this amendment. I
5 like him, I have seen, I confess, the appropriations rise and rise
6 and rise until I confess, yes, today it has reached staggering pro-
7 portions. You're right, Senator, in saying that the amount is a great
8 amount that we ask for. I have seen other things happen in the past
9 two or three years, so has inflation risen, so has unemployment risen.
10 If I may be humorous for just a brief second and yet it is a fact, I
11 like tomatoes. My wife, as you...many of the older members know, she
12 travels wherever civilized man lives or exists. I'm fond of tomatoes.
13 Very recently, I got off the "El" after I had completed my day's work,
14 and I left that "El" at 51st Street, and as I came down the stairs,
15 I saw beautiful solid baskets of tomatoes, and I went over and I asked
16 to buy some of the tomatoes, and the little lady asked me about how
17 much in price I wished to pay. And I told her that just one person
18 will eat them, give me ten or fifteen cents worth of tomatoes. She
19 looked at me, she shrugged her shoulders and she said, "Mr., I'm
20 sorry, we don't slice them". The price of all things have risen,
21 so has the cost in this particular field of government, it has
22 risen. You gentlemen who were here last year when this appropriation
23 came on for passage, you will recall that both Senator Moore,
24 Senator Dougherty, who just yielded the Floor, and this your
25 humble servant who stands here at this mike, told you, then,
26 that the amount that we had asked for in the bill, was far less
27 than the amount actually needed to fund this particular department
28 of government. Some asked for estimates. I don't recall what amount
29 Senator Moore suggested. I do not...recall the amount that
30 Senator Dougherty suggested. I do know what Fred Smith stated. I
31 told you that you were unfunding that bill in the amount of at
32 least a hundred million dollars. We finally came in with a bill
33 asking for the amount that's in the bill that you're now...seeking

1 to reduce, and I find that I didn't miss it very much. I said
2 approximately a hundred million dollars, you are short, will be
3 needed. Later someone suggested in the amount of two hundred
4 million dollars. We went between the two extremes when this bill
5 was drafted, and as presented here, as of I think it was yesterday
6 that I first received knowledge of the fact that the bill had
7 arrived. Now, bearing in mind the statements that we made one
8 year ago today, I'm not surprised to find that the funds have
9 been exhausted, and it becomes needful and necessary for us ...
10 hat in hand, to stand here now before you and I ask as I will ask, that
11 you oppose the amendment offered by my very good friend, and
12 he is my friend. We've traveled together the length and breath
13 of this country, but I must ask, and do ask that you defeat this
14 amendment. Seventy-two dollars...seventy-two thousand dollars
15 is as Fred Smith sees it is a considerable sum. It almost staggers
16 my imagination. Yet, it's a million more that the good Senator
17 seeks to strike from the provisions of this bill. If I mistake
18 not, and if I stand here and if I'm dividing correctly, you seek
19 to strike about seventy-three million and leave some seventy-
20 two billion. Is that about right, Senator? It's approximately
21 right, yes. You strike a little more than you leave. Is that
22 right? Yes. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,
23 when I saw the figures in the hand of my very good friend, I knew
24 then what my position would be with the regard to support or
25 withholding my support from his motion. I cannot for the life of
26 me see how you gentlemen who talk about the monies that you say
27 have been wasted if you knew...you either don't know the facts or
28 you are unwilling to admit the facts. Approximately half of the
29 entire appropriation for Public Aid last year went to Medicaid.
30 It's in the Medicaid Department, not the recipient's...part of
31 the bill where the scandals have risen. Now, I know that we will
32 have a change of administration the first of the year, and I know
33 that Medicaid and other things that have caused eyebrows to raise

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1 and have caused many to say that there is cheating and so forth
2 among the Public Aid recipients, but I can't forget, nor do I close
3 my close eyes or put my fingers to my ears and say that I have gotten
4 the facts. Last year I think it was, someone brought or sent into
5 the City of Chicago one hundred and fifteen investigators from
6 downstate. They brought or sent them there for the express purpose
7 of ferreting out, as they said, chislers on relief. About that time,
8 or perhaps a little prior thereto, His Excellency, I would that I
9 could recall the gentleman's name, he ran for office in the March
10 primary. What is his name, that they appointed down there? What's
11 his...no, no, not Walker. Moore...Moore. Paid him a handsome salary
12 and his duty was to ferret out chislers. Then the Department
13 immediately thereafter or before appointed one Mr. Simon, whom they
14 told us was a most brilliant lawyer and an excellent investigator,
15 and they put him out to ferret out the so-called chislers. Mr. Simon,
16 attorney Simon, stated that he found none. I didn't believe then
17 that he had done any investigating, but he didn't find a one. We've
18 never had one from the other gentlemen, and Mr. Simon, I think
19 you said his name is, or whatever his name, and I say that respect-
20 fully, he hasn't reported yet. He was too busy running for
21 public office. He called it running, but when he submitted his
22 candidacy to the people, he later found that they had reduced his
23 running to a walk. So, you've had your investigators. Now, we
24 are informed by HEW, and HEW is a hard branch of government to
25 deal with, and I speak from experience. They say they are bringing
26 in thirty-five to thirty-eight investigators. I'm in error. It
27 was not HEW. It was their local representative, their state
28 representative. Have I it right now? Yeah, someone said I have.
29 Yes. Then HEW said we put out a hundred and eight additional ones on a
30 permanent basis. If that is true and if they do it, I see a ray
31 of hope. HEW says she's going to have...what are those things
32 you have, computers, I guess that's what they call them...

33 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

1 Senator, I must ask you to please conclude.

2 SENATOR SMITH:

3 I...I have finished, but please allow me to close.

4 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

5 Yes, Sir.

6 SENATOR SMITH:

7 At a cost of a million five hundred thousand dollars. The
8 ones that are guilty if anyone, it's not the poor frightened person
9 on public welfare. He isn't the one that has created this scandal.
10 Many of those on Public Aid would, if possible, accept work at a
11 decent livable wage tomorrow, if offered work. When Senator Carroll
12 who used to sit there where the young man is now sitting as I look
13 forward to your immediate left, is a newspaper man, over in his
14 area of the State, and he ran an ad for three days and...asking
15 for workers and at the end of the three days, he did not publish
16 that ad anymore, and I asked him why. And he said - he had too many
17 applicants. When they learned that they could get decent work at a
18 livable wage, they flooded his office in a downtown...in a City
19 of Chicago office that he had then opened. It isn't so much the
20 frightened individual on public welfare. He's knows that you passed
21 the Flat Grant System in October 1973. I can remember when,
22 because...I didn't bother you, Chew, when you were...while you were
23 talking out...I'll yield...I'll yield to Senator Chew.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25 Senator Chew is out of order, Senator.

26 SENATOR SMITH:

27 All right, all right,...

28 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

29 That...that would be absolute delight.

30 SENATOR SMITH:

31 All right. And he wouldn't say anything. I...I admit he
32 didn't say anything, but he was talking. Nevertheless, Mr.
33 President...

1 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2 Senator, I must ask you to conclude...

3 SENATOR SMITH:

4 I...I sit down. I'm not going to change a vote anyway,
5 but I'm going to vote against the amendment.

6 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

7 Thank you, Senator. Senator Newhouse.

8 SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

9 Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, it...it's Spring
10 again and the sap is rising, and it's time to kick anything that
11 won't kick back, and there aren't very many kickees left. I'm
12 going to be mindful of the time here for several reasons, not the
13 least of which is, that we each sat here and very deliberately
14 passed out a deficiency appropriation for eight hundred thousand
15 dollars, four hundred thousand dollars of which was for talking
16 on these microphones. We did that at that time recognizing that this
17 deficiency had been anticipated for more than a year. We knew
18 that it was coming. It's no surprise to anyone. We talked a
19 few moments ago about the percentage of fraud cases that had been
20 initiated. I heard no one talk about the number of fraud cases
21 that had been successfully prosecuted. Not long ago, as Senator Smith
22 said, an army of folks descended upon Cook County looking for
23 Public Aid fraud, and we've never really received a report of an
24 absolutely staggering amount of money that we spent for those
25 investigations, and I noticed when I looked in the newspaper
26 just the other day, that a person that they've dubbed as the
27 welfare queen is still walking the streets of the City of Chicago. Perhaps
28 rather than looking for fraud and prosecuting public aid recipients,
29 what we ought to do is take those who are administering the money
30 and watching this fraud take place, and take action somehow against
31 them. Because if I recall correctly the method by which the
32 quote welfare queen unquote was milking money from the
33 State of Illinois, if that was the case, was so astoundingly simple that

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1 baby sister could have caught up with it yesterday morning. But, I
2 think we might be looking at the wrong end of the telescope in
3 this matter. We then appoint administrators, and either tie
4 their hands or don't expect them to do the job that they
5 proposed to do. I would suggest to you, Mr. President, that
6 social services of the State of Illinois are sort of a dumping
7 ground for many kinds of things. If you had sat with us on a
8 subcommittee, and I...I know that your time is limited, when we
9 looked at some of the things that were happening in a specific department
10 and you gentlemen on both sides of the aisle know which depart-
11 ment I'm talking about, the kind of manipulation of public
12 employees that was taking place within that department was some-
13 thing fierce. There isn't any question in my mind that the
14 manipulation that was taking place within that department was
15 absolutely responsible for the kind of moral that would make it
16 impossible for employees to begin to administer properly the
17 tax monies with which they are entrusted. You want to clean
18 house, we really want to look for fraud, if we really want to find
19 out what segment of this population takes the State of Illinois
20 for a patsy, I'm certain that we would find that the amount of
21 fraud monies in the Public Aid sector would be much less than
22 what is being uncovered in other areas by other people from day
23 to day. We are talking then about the children, about their age,
24 and about the infirms. That's what it all boils down to. We can
25 play games if we wish, and the fact is, they won't be able kick to
26 back, even though they might descend on this Capitol in droves, that
27 has been done in the past. This money is not unanticipated. This
28 money is not unneeded. It is not a fraud syndrome. What we
29 need to do is to pass this bill out in the form in which it was
30 initiated. It is the only, it is the only responsible thing to
31 do in the light of the fact that we have anticipated this for months
32 and months and months. I would certainly hope that we defeat this
33 amendment, pass the bill out in its original form, so that people
34 who are next to destitution perhaps might be able to survive and

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1 utilize the brains of the children who are involved to build
2 the State of Illinois with taxpayers. Thank you, Mr. President.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

4 Senator D'Arco.

5 SENATOR D'ARCO:

6 Thank you, Mr. President. Yesterday, a delegation of women
7 came to my office and they were concerned about the fact that they
8 were paying more for food stamps than they had paid in the last
9 six weeks. And they asked me why that was so, and I...I really
10 didn't know, so I tried to do some investigating on that point, and
11 I came up with a case called Banks vs. Trainor. And the Secretary
12 of Agriculture in Washington instituted a new regulation that
13 changed the formula ...whereby the eligibility to determine who
14 is eligible to be on...to be get food stamps was changed from a
15 Food Assistance Formula to an Income Base Formula, and the guy
16 who filed this lawsuit, Mr. Banks, he was paying more for food
17 stamps because of the change in the formula, so that's why he
18 filed the suit. Well, the suit went through the courts and
19 was remanded to the district court where was filed, and the case
20 has been settled. There was a preliminary injunction in the suit
21 to keep the old...formula intact until the case was decided. It
22 was decided. So, the change went into effect. So, these women
23 were stuck now with paying more for food stamps, and they also
24 heard that the Federal government was going to reduce the appropriation
25 for money that would be...allocated to the Food Stamp Program.
26 They were concerned about that, and they said we want you to attend
27 a meeting with your Congresswoman on May 22nd because we re concerned.
28 And they said we're also concerned about the fact that there's a
29 deficiency appropriation being considered in the Senate, and what
30 is your position on that, and I said - well, I understand your
31 position and I'll do whatever I can to help you people, because you
32 are needy. And as far as fraud goes, I don't know, they didn't
33 look too fraudulent to me. So, I...I just will reject this amend-

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1 ment, and I hope my colleagues will join me in doing that. Thank you.

2 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

3 Senator McCarthy.

4 SENATOR MCCARTHY:

5 Yes, Mr. President, I hadn't intended to verbalize on this
6 matter at all, but I got a request from the leader of our side
7 to...to make a few remarks and try to put my thoughts before this
8 Body urging them to defeat the amendment. First of all in the
9 bill, I never see the word "fraud" in the bill at all, doesn't
10 change the law. So, this issue of raising of fraud is and could
11 be branded fraudulent. This is an appropriation. The...no one
12 complains about the Act on Public Aid, and if they do, there's
13 a proper vehicle for it. But, I am aware of the fact that there is
14 no more popular political issue that people can understand and
15 complain than the whole spectrum of welfare payments. I know that
16 that's a popular political issue, because my wife informs me of
17 that fact, that what the voters are mad about is food stamp
18 abuses, what they're mad about is overpayment to people who
19 are too lazy to work. Incidentally, I asked my wife where she
20 gets this information. She tells me gets it at her tennis
21 club, and that she gets it at the beauty shop from other people,
22 and I don't think the people that are playing tennis at the
23 Decatur Racquet Club for eight dollars an hour or getting their hair
24 done are in a position really to know too much about it. But,
25 what the Republicans have done here, by introducing this amendment,
26 are strictly playing politics. They're attempting to divide this
27 issue in two parts, so that in about three weeks, we'll come down
28 and they can play the same old violin about the abuses of Public
29 Aid and people understand it, and newsmen know how to write it,
30 and the printers know how to print it, and so, the public will
31 read it about, and my wife will hear about it more vociferously at
32 the tennis club and at the beauty shop, and I'll hear more about
33 it. But, it doesn't have anything to do, nor has the representation

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1 been made that the State of Illinois will save one dime by dividing
2 this into two parts. If that has any validity, then we should do
3 it on a daily basis, but I suggest to you, Mr. President, that
4 their theory of resurrecting the theme of welfare abuse, daily,
5 weekly, everyday until now until July 1st, really obscures the
6 important issues that confront us, the issues that must be decided.
7 Not only do they obscure the issues and attention the people on
8 the results of poverty, they divert their attention from attempting
9 to investigate the causes of poverty. That game plan, I think,
10 may make smart politics on the Republican Party, but I think it
11 should be rejected by the Democrats, because we have important
12 things to do, insofar as attempting to address ourselves to the
13 cause of poverty, and we know, we know, Mr. President, in
14 the past seven and a half years. since January 20, 1969, when
15 Richard Nixon took office as President of the United States that
16 inflation has gone up, an economic result, that unemployment
17 has gone up, an economic result, and you can't blame God up there
18 for economics. Economic results are caused by the deliberate acts
19 of human people, men and women, who have powers in the seats of
20 government, and it's been this economic index discomfort which
21 has been defined as adding the prime rate and the unemployment,
22 which at one time last year was twelve percent on the prime rate
23 and eleven percent on the unemployment, gave you an economic
24 index...discomfort index of twenty-three that has caused the
25 reason for our necessitating ourselves to appropriate this supplemental
26 appropriation. I see that the clock has run out, and Senator
27 Partee, I don't want to abuse it, but I would say that...the...
28 thank you, Howard...there is...we're playing the game of talking
29 about fraud, because they want us to talk about fraud. If they
30 want to do something about fraud, bring in a change of the Act.
31 There're more Republican State's Attorneys in the State of Illinois
32 than there are Democratic State's Attorneys who are charged with
33 the responsibility of enforcing the existing Act. Nothing will be

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1 saved. All that will be done if we fall for this amendment is
2 that we will be rehashing it, the newspapers will be full of it, and
3 our attention will be diverted from other matters. I urge the
4 amendment be rejected.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

6 Senator Howard Mohr.

7 SENATOR HOWARD MOHR:

8 Yes, Mr. President, you won't have to turn the light on or
9 off, I'll be finished in the allotted time. I'm pleased to hear
10 Senator McCarthy is concerned with the economic concerns that we
11 all face, and he pointed out legislative acts sometimes cause
12 these things...I think...or he meant to point that out. I would remind
13 some of the people on leadership that yesterday morning, we had
14 a meeting with the Governor who did talk about the fiscal concerns
15 of this State. That was yesterday morning. He did point out that,
16 and is in agreement apparently with Comptroller Lindberg, who's
17 been telling us for a couple of years what are problems are, and
18 not too many people were concerned or would listen. But, now,
19 even the Governor, as of yesterday morning, shares the Comptroller's
20 concern, but last night when he was on the television tube, why
21 he said - we aren't in a fiscal crisis. So, one has to wonder, you
22 know, where we are. There's been a lot of talk about concern
23 for Public Aid fraud. Senator McCarthy, I'm happy that you brought that
24 up, too, because I'm going to ask that you be a cosponsor on my
25 two bills which will take care of some that fraud. Be happy to have
26 you join me as a cosponsor on Senate Bills 1923 and 1924 which
27 addresses itself to welfare fraud. There isn't a man on this side
28 of the aisle or in this House or the other House that isn't concerned
29 about helping people that need help. Unfortunately, everybody
30 doesn't feel that way when it comes to making sure that those that should
31 be taken care of, aren't always taken care of. I think we could
32 do a much better job for those that need help if we would eliminate
33 some of the fraud, but what we would like to have happen is to get

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1 people to be...that are able to be productive get them to do so,
2 and that's what we're after. Now, if anybody wants to join with
3 me on those bills, those of you that have expressed concerned
4 about fraud, they can be amended to take care of your concerns
5 in this area. All we have to do is get those two bills out of
6 Rules Committee and they are a matter of concern with regard
7 to revenue, so I think they do comply to the rules that have been
8 set down before this Body, so I enjoyed...would enjoy having you
9 in particular, Senator McCarthy, because I know of your concern
10 for...for helping all of the people of the State of Illinois, and
11 if you want I'll give you a copy of those bills. Thank you.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

13 Senator Nimrod on the Floor? He had asked for recognition.
14 Senator Hynes. Senator Harris.

15 SENATOR HARRIS:

16 Thank you, Mr. President. I want to join in expressing
17 the concern of the members of this side of the aisle for what
18 is our responsibility to fund the legitimate operations of the
19 Illinois Department of Public Aid. We're not dodging that
20 responsibility. This General Assembly has in its makeup an
21 overwhelming majority of Democrats in the two Houses. This
22 State is governed by a Democrat governor, a Democrat
23 governor. The Executive and Legislative responsibility is fixed.
24 The warrants for qualified recipients supported by the appropriations
25 to the Department of Public Aid will go forward on May 5th, if
26 there is unincumbered appropriation law operative on that date.
27 We find ourselves with no time left except next Tuesday, then,
28 to take action on this important piece of legislation which has
29 now been in this Body for three days. The responsibility for that
30 timetable rests with the Democrats, and the responsibility for
31 the continuing fraud and waste of Illinois resources rests with the Demo-
32 crats. I don't know what people say in tennis clubs, Senator
33 McCarthy, but I do know what people say in factory lunchrooms and

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1 in working neighborhoods. They say to me, Bill Harris, we're fed
2 up with shoveling out money to people who don't qualify for Public
3 Aid, and they're fed up and so are we. And we are suggesting that
4 there is a month in which this administration can show some progress
5 in curtailing fraud that we've heard discussed for three and a half
6 years now. But, no effective action has been forthcoming, and
7 with your majorities and with your governor, your record is miserable.
8 And we recognize our responsibility to the poor. We won't let them
9 run out of money, but we are saying - enough is enough with respect
10 to the waste of working peoples' resources that are extracted from
11 them to make up the revenues of the State of Illinois - and there
12 is a fiscal crisis that is impacted on the school children of Illinois.
13 and that fiscal crisis can be abated if this administration and
14 your majorities will join us in this month of time and get at
15 some effective reduction in fraud. Let us send a message to
16 the taxpayer, those wonderful middle income people of Illinois,
17 that mostly pay our bills, that spank their kids, that go to work
18 and usually don't qualify for any of the assistance programs of
19 this great country and this great State of ours, but they doggedly
20 go ahead week after week meeting their responsibilities and those
21 are the people who are sick and tired of reading about and knowing
22 about waste. Join us in making certain that the warrants will go
23 out on time next Wednesday, and serve notice that in this coming
24 month, we've got to see some absolute evidence of adjustment in the
25 rate of overparticipation and reduction in fraud, now that's
26 what it's about. Apply your majority to that.

27 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

28 Senator Knuppel.

29 SENATOR KNUPPEL:

30 Mr. President, members of the Body, I've got to say that
31 was one hell of a political speech. But, I've heard it six times
32 in six years, and I don't want to hear it again two weeks from
33 now or a month from now because we don't have a large enough

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1 appropriation. I heard them when they were here when Ogilvie
2 put on an additional one hundred enforcers. I've heard the same
3 speeches. I don't know why we don't record them for those people
4 who come back here and just play them every year we have a
5 deficiency, and every year we hear the same speeches. Let's vote.
6 Let's put the thing through the way it is, and be done with it.
7 Let's ... let's defeat the amendment.

8 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

9 Any further discussion? Senator Nimrod.

10 SENATOR NIMROD:

11 Mr. President and fellow Senators, it seems to me that we
12 have become aware that in order to eliminate the fraud that there
13 are certain things that ought to be required. And if we don't
14 take these steps that are being proposed today by this amendment,
15 then this fraud will continue and the waste will continue. I
16 don't believe that anyone has said, as Senator Harris has said,
17 this is very humane, very understanding, and it's very responsible.
18 But, I think it's also very responsible and it seems that's been
19 the message that's been brought about by this amendment that we
20 have to be held accountable, not only to the recipients of the
21 Public Aid but to the taxpayers, as has been pointed out, and that
22 we are faced with a financial and fiscal crisis that we have to
23 address ourselves to. There is time to do something about it.
24 You've been asked to join us on this particular move. I think
25 it's responsible and it's accountable, and it is the only means
26 and the only step open to show your good faith.

27 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

28 Senator Hynes.

29 SENATOR HYNES:

30 Mr. President and members of the Senate, I would like to second
31 Senator Knuppel's comments. It seems that with the primary, now
32 a few weeks behind us and a moribund period, having set in thereafter
33 that we have now finally launched Campaign 1976. And I think the

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1 remarks of the distinguished minority leader indicate...indicate
2 that he, in particular, having been on the campaign trail the
3 last several months has sharpened his approach, but that it is
4 not at all to say that we should allow this Session to...to
5 degenerate into a political battle between Democrats and Republicans.
6 This is only the first of many serious fiscal questions that we're
7 going to face in this Session, and if we're going to approach
8 all of those questions in this fashion, we're going to do a disservice
9 to the people of this State. It is clear to everyone who takes
10 the time to study it that all this amendment will do is delay for
11 one month the...the passage of the final part of the appropriation.
12 This is not a savings in any sense of the word. The money is
13 going to be needed to finish out the balance of this fiscal year.
14 The sponsor of the amendment, who is also Chairman of the Legisla-
15 tive Advisory Commission and the Department testified before our
16 committee the other day that, in fact, that was the case. And
17 anyone who thinks that by this action, and by delaying the final
18 installment of the payment for thirty days, that the problems
19 that exist are going to be cured within that thirty day period,
20 is either deluding himself or is attempting to delude the people
21 of this State. This amendment has no business being here. We
22 ought to pass the bill in its original form, and then we ought to
23 approach the problems that do exist in this area and others on
24 a bipartisan basis in an effort to get something done. But, this
25 kind of approach which ties up this Body for an hour and a half
26 and will bring about no concrete results, should not be repeated,
27 and I would urge also, that this amendment be rejected.

28 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

29 Any further discussion? Senator Don Moore may close the
30 debate.

31 SENATOR DON MOORE:

32 Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate. It's un-
33 fortunate, Mr. President, that three and a half years ago we had

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1 some five hundred million dollar surplus in our State Treasury,
2 and fifteen minutes ago, we had eighty-nine and a half million
3 dollars with the months of April and May being our heaviest income
4 producing months in this State. It's unfortunate that the deficiencies
5 that have been proposed by the administration, the senior citizens
6 for example, of six million, workmen's comp, four and a half million,
7 veterans scholarships, 4.8 million, higher education scholarships,
8 3.9 million, State Treasury refunds of a million, I could go on,
9 are going to come before this group. How much of that eighty-
10 nine million is going to be left when we get through with this,
11 I don't know. The House yesterday, I understand, or today, passed
12 a thirty-eight million dollar educational grant. Community colleges going
13 to be in for 11.2. We do have a fiscal crisis in Illinois.
14 I'm concerned with the needy people. I don't want people to
15 suffer. We do have poor people in this State. We do have the
16 aged, the blind, and the disabled. I'm concerned with them.
17 This side of the aisle is concerned with them. I know that the
18 checks have to go out on Monday or on Wednesday, May 5th. I want
19 some type of bill passed, and I am fearful that unless this amend-
20 ment is adopted there will not be sufficient votes to pass any
21 bill. We're not trying to delay. I'm not trying to delay, but
22 I think by coming up with this seventy-two million partial supple-
23 mental appropriation for the Department of Public Aid, perhaps
24 we can get some reaction from the administration. There are things
25 that can be done to help clean up this mess we have in Illinois. As
26 Senator Smith alluded to the cost of our medical assistance in
27 Illinois is approaching half of the Public Aid budget, and when I
28 speak of fraud and overutilization, believe me the vast majority
29 of it is in the field of Medicaid. There is recipient fraud.
30 Something should be done there. Going back to the medicaid problem,
31 both of the two nominees for governor, Mr. Howlett and Mr.
32 Thompson, have become aware of this fact. They both have said
33 something has to be done, either a not-for-profit corporation has

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1 to be created in order to get a handle on this, or we'll sub-
2 contract the thing out for a for-profit corporation, like the
3 State of North Carolina has done. There has to be something
4 done as far as the recipient fraud, as far...and also the vendor
5 fraud. Some type of positive identification so that the green
6 cards aren't passed around and used twenty-four times in a month
7 by one person, supposedly one person. The investigative unit,
8 we did react to that question and passed a bill in this...this
9 House. Sitting over in the House of Representatives, now, they took
10 the investigative unit out of the department. I think these are
11 things that this amendment should concern itself with, come up with
12 some positive concrete ideas, so that we can go ahead, get a handle on
13 the Public Aid mess that we have in Illinois, get some reforms,
14 and get the house in order. I think that this amendment will
15 give us sufficient time to do that, and I would urge a favorable
16 vote on the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3358.

17 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

18 The question is the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Those
19 in favor of the amendment signify by saying Aye. Those opposed.
20 The Noes have it. The amendment is...roll call has been requested.
21 Those in favor of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3358 will indicate
22 by voting Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open.
23 For what purpose do you arise...Senator Buzbee?

24 SENATOR BUZBEE:

25 Mr. President, may I rise to explain my vote?

26 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

27 You ...you may not.

28 SENATOR BUZBEE:

29 Oh, I see. Thank you.

30 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

31 Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,
32 the Ayes are 25, the Nays are 26. Amendment 1 fails. Senator
33 Harris, for what purpose do you arise?

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1 SENATOR HARRIS:

2 We request a verification of the No votes, please.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

4 Senator Harris has requested a verification. Will all the
5 Senators please be in their seats. The Secretary will read the
6 Negative votes.

7 SECRETARY:

8 The following voted in the negative: Brady, Carroll, Chew,
9 D'Arco, Demuzio, Donnewald, Dougherty, Egan, Kenneth Hall, Hynes,
10 Johns, Joyce, Knuppel, Kosinski, Lane, McCarthy, Morris, Netsch,
11 Newhouse, Palmer, Rock, Smith, Vadalabene, Welsh, Wooten,
12 Mr. President.

13 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

14 Hearing no objection....

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1. ...the roll has been verified. The Ayes are 25, the Nays are
2. 26. Amendment No. 1 fails. Any further amendments? Senator
3. Don Moore, for what purpose do you arise?

4. SENATOR MOORE:

5. Thank you Mr. President. Under the circumstances, Mr. President,
6. I request that this bill be leave...be left on the order of
7. 2nd reading. I was fearful that there would not be enough
8. votes to pass the bill in its...in its original condition.
9. I see by the scoreboard that my supposition was correct, and I
10. would therefore request that the bill be left on the order of
11. 2nd reading.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

13. Senator Moore has requested leave of this Body. Senator
14. Partee.

15. SENATOR PARTEE:

16. Well, I for one, would not readily give leave for that
17. purpose. I, for one, would not be presumptive. I would not
18. be presumptive enough to determine what the roll call is going
19. to be on the bill. Now, everybody knows that we're down to
20. the wire with reference to the payments involved. I personally
21. know, and most of you know, that the issue of fraud as raised
22. here has nothing to do, nor does it have any relationship to
23. the absolute need for this money to be paid immediately. It
24. has been suggested here and has been said by many of the people
25. speaking, including Senator Moore, that that part of it relating
26. to fraud, related more to the medical profession and providers
27. and to the recipients. It's been said that we are...people are fed
28. up with welfare. That's very true. People are also fed up with
29. not having jobs. Perhaps with a change of administration,
30. we'll have some jobs for people and consequently less welfare.
31. People in my area talk about being fed up, they talk about being
32. fed up with what they read in the paper about the millions of
33. dollars that go into subsidizing corporate entities, and international
34. scandals and bribing of public officials throughout the world, so

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1. we're going to talk about sin, let's talk about all of it.
2. And I would say, and would ask Senator Moore, to call this bill
3. and let's see how many people are going to vote on it,
4. don't hold it. I've taken some heat, Senator Moore, from many
5. of the people on this side of the aisle because of my support
6. of you as chairman of this committee. And I have supported
7. you and I still support you, but don't hold the bill. Run
8. the bill and let's see how the vote is. I don't make the
9. assumption that people won't vote for it, if it's called. Maybe
10. you're right. Maybe there are not enough people here with the
11. kind of concern and compassion for people who are suffering
12. and who are reading the papers in the morning waiting to see
13. what the plush, lush, Illinois Senate did, when they're hungry,
14. and in need of services, and hospitals who could charge fourteen
15. dollars a day less for every patient in there if they got their
16. money on time. A lot of people are concerned about this. Not
17. just poor people, poor people, middle class people, people
18. who need hospital services, people who need medical services,
19. they're all lumped into one basket. One basket of despair. One
20. basket of concern about what we're going to do about this problem.
21. It's no way for us to look at it. It's too late to defer it.
22. We must give it an answer today.

23. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

24. Senator Moore has requested leave. Leave...not...he has asked
25. leave to move the bill from 3rd reading to 2nd for the purpose
26. of consideration of Amendment No. 1, which has failed. The bill
27. is now back on 3rd reading. That motion is in order. As always.
28. All those in favor. All those opposed. The Nos have it.
29. The motion fails. We are on the order of House bills on 3rd
30. reading. For what purpose do you arise Senator Partee?

31. SENATOR PARTEE:

32. To request a ten minute recess.

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

34. The Senate will stand in recess for ten minutes.

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1. (RECESS)

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3. SENATOR WEAVER:

4. They'll be a Republican caucus in Room 400 immediately.

5. A Republican caucus in Room 400 immediately.

6. SENATOR PALMER:

7. Mr. President, there will be a Democratic caucus immediately

8. in the President's office. Immediately.

9. PRESIDENT:

10. If you will all go to your respective caucuses, we'll all
11. get back earlier and we'll get through earlier. You are the master
12. of your fate. You are the captain of your soul. Now let's
13. go.

14. (AFTER RECESS)

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

16. The Senate will come to order. Will the Sergeant-at-arms
17. please clear the Floor of those who are not authorized
18. to be on the Floor. You're next. On the order of House
19. Bills on 3rd reading is House bill 3358, Senator Don Moore.

20. SENATOR MOORE:

21. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Senate.
22. Mr. President and members of this Body, I have been interested
23. in the welfare system of our State for the past ten years
24. that I have served on the Legislative Advisory Committee on
25. Public Aid. Particularly the last three years that I've served
26. it as chairman. I've been concerned about the recipients of this
27. State, the children of this State. I think you can recall back
28. in '74 when we gave the first cost of living increase to our
29. recipients. I led the battle on that for them. In spite of the
30. Governor's veto, we overrode the Governor. And they received
31. their first cost of living in over ten years. I've been also
32. concerned about the taxpayers of this State. And with that
33. aspect in mind, we of the Legislative Advisory Committee, and you,

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1. the members of the Senate and the House, have made great
2. strides to reform the welfare system in Illinois. We went into
3. the Flat Grant System. Second or third state in the nation
4. to do that, eliminating some one hundred and eighteen variables
5. that were in the hands of the caseworkers and rolling them into
6. one flat grant. We come up with the disclosure of vendors after
7. the medicaid fraud that has come out here in the last four, five
8. or six months, so that the Department of Public Aid will know if
9. a doctor has an interest in ten or twelve nursing homes, ten or
10. twelve pharmacies, not that it's illegal, but it could give us
11. someplace to look. We have come up with the strongest support
12. of dependence act of any state in the United States. We've
13. given incentives to our States' Attorneys by way of paying
14. to them twenty-five percent of any recoveries that they get,
15. either through fraud, prosecutions, or through child support
16. collections. There are some things, yet, that have to be done,
17. in order to finish reforming the welfare system. Things that
18. I feel are...are exceedingly important, and I's just like to
19. name three of them. That I wish this administration would go
20. ahead with so that whoever the new Governor may be next
21. January, he would have the tools to get a handle on and truly
22. reform the welfare system in Illinois. My first recommendation
23. would be dealing with the medicaid field. I think the medicaid
24. section should be carved out of the Department of Public Aid,
25. and set up either with a not-for-profit corporation, or with a
26. for-profit corporation like the State of North Carolina has done.
27. Two, I think we should have some type of positive identification
28. of our recipients, through the use of photographs, and through
29. the use of fingerprints. I don't care what their name is. I
30. don't care what...how many names they have. I don't care how
31. many Social Security numbers they have. They only have one
32. fingerprint. And computers are available that can read
33. fingerprints. We would no longer be hearing about an eight or
34. ten or twenty percent ineligibility rate. Three, I think the

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1. investigative unit of the Department of Public Aid should
2. be taken away from the Department and set up in a special
3. office of the Governor. Both candidates agree with this. These
4. are three things that if they would happen, together with
5. the other legislation that the General Assembly of the State has enacted
6. over the last three or four years, with the proper
7. Chief Executive to administer and enforce these laws that we
8. pass true welfare reform can come about in Illinois
9. our benefits can be raised. I think if California, for example,
10. after they had the necessary legislation, three hundred thousand
11. were eliminated from the welfare rolls. All remaining
12. truly needy recipients received a twenty-seven percent increase
13. across the board. And the State ended up with five hundred
14. million dollars surplus in its treasury. When they started
15. they were on the brink of insolvency such as we are now.
16. And for this reason, Mr. Chairman, that I hesitated to call
17. this bill on 3rd reading. I thought that a delay of a
18. day or two, three, sometime prior to May 5th when the checks
19. go out, that maybe we might get some action from the administration
20. on these three things that I have just enumerated. I'm not prepared
21. to vote for this bill today. I think in fairness to the House
22. sponsor, who gave me this bill to handle, Representative Shea,
23. I think that in fairness to the President of the Senate,
24. who requested Representative Shea to give me this bill to handle,
25. that rather than to be stubborn and obstinate which is my right,
26. I don't have to call the bill. I think it would only be fair
27. to those two gentlemen that I would respectfully, at this time,
28. ask unanimous consent to withdraw as the Chief Sponsor of
29. House Bill 3358.

30. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

31. Is leave granted? So ordered. Senator Smith, for what
32. purpose do you arise?

33. SENATOR SMITH:

34. To compliment Senator Moore and to say that I agree with

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1 practically everything that he has said and I'm not going to
2 get started on trying to make a speech. Please understand.
3 I, too, am a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee
4 and I know of the many things that he has done. He is the
5 Chairman of that committee. I am the Vice-Chairman. I don't
6 know whether I would be out of order in saying that I yielded to
7 you, Senator Moore, in order that you might sponsor the bill.
8 When the gentleman that you spoke of came over here, he went
9 to the rostrum and he spoke with my leader, Senator Partee.
10 Senator Partee called me to the stand and asked me to handle the
11 bill. Out of deference to the service that you had given here-
12 tofore to the cause of Public Aid I thought it neat and proper
13 that you handle the bill. I'm not interested in the sponsorship
14 of measures. I am not seeking self-aggrandizement and I'm not
15 saying that you are. But, the splendid service that you had
16 rendered heretofore, I told him I thought the proper thing to
17 do was to recognize you. If you had then said that you did
18 not wish to sponsor the measure, I would then and there have
19 assumed sponsorship of the measure. Now, that you have stated
20 publically here that you release the sponsorship of the bill is
21 the next in authority if there be such thing insofar as the
22 Advisory Commission is concerned. I assume the sponsorship of
23 House Bill 3358.

24 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25 Senator Smith has asked leave to be shown as chief sponsor
26 of House Bill 3358. Is leave granted?

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1 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2 Senator Partee, for what purpose do you arise?

3 SENATOR PARTEE:

4 I just wanted to say that we are all interested in
5 this being a viable program. We all know that the dollar
6 proportions of this program have reached an unacceptable
7 level. The aged, the blind and disabled and all of the
8 legitimate recipients are entitled to surcease from their
9 government, and I say to you that those people who are
10 eligible for welfare are as concerned as every member of
11 this Senate, that those people who are ineligible be re-
12 moved from the rolls. They see people who are ineligible
13 being on the rolls in direct contravention to their own
14 rights, those who are eligible. Maybe it requires a review
15 by task forces, by both gubernatorial candidates, each of
16 which have said that they propose to have task forces look at
17 it. The press and the other media have all expressed their
18 feeling about the need for a task force and for a review.
19 We need to, and I hereby support and pledge further support
20 to any bill emanating from the mind of any member of this
21 Legislature without any kinds of demarcations or differentia-
22 tions, to support any bill that has as its purpose, that has
23 as its bottom line bringing the forces of this State toward
24 running a good and decent department, which serves the needs
25 and the desires of people who are legitimate recipients, and
26 a bill which will be destructive and inimical to the interest
27 of anybody who uses this welfare agency in an unauthorized
28 or improper or illegal fashion. And that includes doctors
29 and dentists and hospitals and medical centers and the re-
30 cipients. I plan to support this bill and be supportive, if
31 you will, of any legislation which will rid this system of
32 any wrong doing no matter where it emanates.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

3. SECRETARY:

4. House Bill 3358.

5. (Secretary reads title of the bill)

6. 3rd reading of the bill.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8. Senator Smith. The bill has been read a 3rd time, Senator...

9. SENATOR SMITH:

10. I do not...

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

12. ...I'm just affording you as the sponsor the first
13. opportunity to speak.

14. SENATOR SMITH:

15. I do not wish to make a speech, Mr. President. I think
16. the bill has been thoroughly discussed. And after discussion
17. you then invited any others who wished to speak to proceed.
18. No one wished to then, I know not other than the minority
19. leader, whether anyone will wish to speak even now. I am
20. ready for a roll call vote, and I hope that no member on this
21. side will take time out and hold us here needlessly because you're
22. not going to change the vote over there, and you're not going to
23. change one over here. I'm ready for a roll call.

24. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

25. Senator...Senator Berning. Senator Berning.

26. SENATOR BERNING:

27. Thank you Mr. President, and I somewhat resent the implication
28. that everytime I rise, it is for a obstructionist purpose or
29. needless. And that goes for anybody on the side over there who
30. cares to be so advised. My question stems, Mr. President, from
31. the reading of the bill by the Secretary who gave the date July
32. 2nd, 1975 and I question that because what I have in front of me
33. is March 19, 1976, and I just would like a clarification.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2. Mr. Secretary.

3. SECRETARY:

4. The bill does read July the 2nd, 1975 and it amends as of
5. that date. Right. The existing act was...is July the 2nd. This
6. amends that.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8. The date, I think, Senator, does not stem from the date
9. of introduction, rather the date of approval. Senator Berning.

10. SENATOR BERNING:

11. I'm not questioning, I just wanted to be sure that we were
12. reading into the record the proper terminology. I am normally
13. impelled to gage the date of a bill by what is on the face
14. plate and this one, House Bill 3358, was introduced March 19th,
15. 1976. I don't care what it amends, whether it amends a bill
16. of last year, or last century. It seems to me that this is the
17. date that we ought to be guided by.

18. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

19. Thank you Senator. Further discussion? Senator Harris.

20. SENATOR HARRIS:

21. Thank you Mr. President. I want to state for the record
22. and for the public to know that the Republican membership
23. of this Body is, in fact, mindful of the needs of the poor
24. and the blind and the aged, the deserving within the categories
25. of the Public Assistance Code of the State of Illinois. Make no
26. mistake of that. The Republican membership of this Senate
27. is no longer going to be affirmative about appropriations to this
28. department in the light of the miserable record of this administration.
29. A billion, almost nine hundred million dollars of the product
30. of working people of this State flowing into this obligatory
31. program of assistance to needful people and we're for that.
32. But we are against inordinate fraud. We are against too high
33. a percentage of participation determined by Federal statistical

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1. evaluation by the United States Department of Health,
2. Education, and Welfare, and we are in favor of action that will
3. communicate to the taxpaying public of Illinois, but this
4. membership, the Republican membership, wants something done
5. about it. There is a serious financial problem in Illinois.
6. The schools of Illinois are and the reason for them to exist,
7. the school children of Illinois are suffering. The failure
8. of this administration is responsible. The membership of this
9. side of the aisle will not vote against this appropriation.
10. But this side of the aisle will communicate to the public
11. that we're here ready to support this agency when evidence can
12. be communicated that it's going to cure the miserable mess
13. that this administration has directed and administered it.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15. Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

16. SENATOR BUZBEE:

17. Mr. President, I rise to speak after, and take in full
18. faith Senator Smith's admonition. I rise to speak only because
19. I voted with the Republican side on the amendment which would
20. have cut the appropriation in half and with...assuming that the
21. other half of the appropriation would be coming in approximately
22. thirty days. So, therefore, I rise, now, to say that I am
23. going to vote in support of the...of the bill. The reason I
24. supported the amendment is because I think that thirty days from
25. now I would be better able to determine where all of our
26. appropriation money is going to be spent, how much is going to
27. higher education, how much is going to...to the common school
28. formula, and so forth. However, I am not prepared, now, nor
29. will I ever be, to deny the blind, the disabled, the poor a right
30. to exist with some decency, and so, therefore, I rise in support
31. of this bill. Thank you Mr. President.

32. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

33. Senator Knuppel.

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1. Mr. President and members of this Body. The minority leader
2. would have us believe that a vote in favor of this is in some
3. manner going to send a message to Washington. I have never
4. previously voted for a deficiency appropriation for welfare and
5. this was true under the Ogilvie administration too, when they
6. got a hundred enforcers and the bill went up and up and up.
7. That was a political speech, and it doesn't mean that because
8. you vote against it that you're a...a hero, nor that you're a
9. friend of education on that side of the aisle because I remember
10. when we voted for full funding here last Fall and I looked up
11. at the board and I saw where the votes were so don't try to
12. mislead the people about getting a message because I've been
13. trying to get that message through for six years. Nobody's
14. heard it just because you vote against a deficiency appropriation
15. and we've been here since January 8th, and I well remember the
16. day because I almost crawled over here and I haven't seen any
17. legislation introduced on that side of the aisle to do anything
18. about this, they would do anything about it, and now you say you're
19. going to send a message by voting No.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21. Further discussion? Senator Mohr. Howard Mohr.

22. SENATOR MOHR:

23. Mr. President. We're not trying to send a message
24. just to Washington. We're trying to get a message to the second
25. floor, trying to get a message to you, trying to get a message
26. to the people of the State of Illinois and I submit to you,
27. Senator Knuppel, that there is legislation in the Rules Committee
28. and again would like your support on that...on those measures.

29. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

30. Further discussion? Senator Fawell.

31. SENATOR FAWELL:

32. Just...just briefly. I, perhaps shouldn't be saying anything
33. more, but we...we haven't discussed a great deal, the point that
34. I tried to stress. And I don't think we can escape what we're

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1. doing right now. Everybody in this Body right now is making
2. an election because you're saying that of the utmost and highest
3. priority is Public Aid over anything else, whether it's the
4. Categorical Grant Program for handicapped children, our
5. pledges to public school officials, whatever you may have.
6. Now, you may be right. But I think, at least, we ought to
7. admit to ourselves that we're making a priority and we know
8. very well we can't give one hundred percent to the other high
9. priorities. And I'm not convinced myself that as needful
10. as Public Aid recipients may be or may not be, in some
11. instances, that we should give them one hundred percent
12. and then turn around and probably have to say to our Categorical
13. Grant Programs, the Handicapped Children Programs that are
14. falling apart to a great degree in this State now, and to other
15. areas of great need, and perhaps as great as Public Aid that
16. we will not give you one hundred percent, cause you're making
17. that decision right now, everybody in that side of the aisle
18. is saying we're so sure that we will live up to this, we will
19. give you one hundred percent and you're making your priority
20. decision. I, frankly, don't have that much knowledge before me
21. and I really don't see anything wrong with our saying we're
22. going to continue the payments at a fifty percent rate and hopefully
23. we'll rationally address ourselves then to the question of whether
24. or not we should give one hundred percent to one needy area
25. but obviously have to deny it elsewhere, and the only other
26. alternative is that you're going to opt for a state income tax.
27. And in the final analysis maybe that's a very concrete and above
28. board thing to do. I...I am not going to be around here after
29. the end of this year. It's not going to be a decision for me to
30. make. But I think that if you're making one hundred percent
31. payments here, you've got to admit that you cannot make it in
32. the other needful areas and you're going to turn your back there
33. on those other needful areas or you're going to opt for a tax increase.
34. One or the other.

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1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

2. Senator Hynes.

3. SENATOR HYNES:

4. Well, Mr. President, I also am going to violate Senator
5. Smith's admonition, but I do think the point made by the last
6. speaker ought to be commented on, and the confusion that it will
7. sow ought to be dispelled. This is a supplemental appropriation
8. for the Department of Public Aid which will allow the Department
9. to finish out the current fiscal year which ends two months
10. from now. We are going to, in the next weeks, be looking at the
11. budget for the Department of Public Aid for the entire next
12. fiscal year. That is a massive appropriation. It will be
13. considered along with all of the other items that are going
14. to be in controversy, such as school aid and so on. It is
15. reasonable to take any kind of comprehensive look that's going
16. to be taken in that context, the context of the next fiscal year.
17. No one, no one is in a position within the next thirty days
18. which the amendment originally offered, no one is in a position
19. within that period of time to bring about any dramatic changes
20. in the Public Aid Program or any other agencies in state
21. government. As Senator Partee indicated, those of us on this
22. side of the aisle, as well as our colleagues on the Republican
23. side of the aisle, both candidates for Governor, in fact,
24. everyone that I know of, has come out in support of a proposal to
25. review all areas of state government, including the Department
26. of Public Aid, with a view toward bringing about a tightening
27. in efficiency and a savings of the taxpayers money. That is what
28. we must be about and we must do it promptly. We must do it with
29. respect to the budget for the next fiscal year. But to say
30. that somehow or other this vote today determines priorities and
31. determines that all of the things that the Department of Public
32. Aid or any other department has done, are to be approved, is
33. simply misleading. This is necessary to finish out this fiscal year,

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1. and it must be approved.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

3. The question is shall House Bill 3358 pass. Those in favor
4. will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is
5. open. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that
6. question the Ayes are 30, the Nays are 4, 19 Voting Present.
7. House Bill 3358, having received a constitutional majority,
8. is declared passed. Senator Partee.

9. SENATOR PARTEE:

10. Having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider
11. the vote by which that bill passed.

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

13. Senator Partee moves to reconsider the vote by which House
14. Bill 3358 is passed. Senator Carroll moves to lie that
15. motion upon the Table. All in favor signify by saying Aye.
16. Motion carries. Senator Harber Hall.

17. SENATOR HALL:

18. Mr. President, earlier today I understood there were two
19. bills introduced involving welfare, Senate Bill 1923 and
20. 1924 by Senator Howard Mohr, and I would like to be shown
21. as a cosponsor on those two bills.

22. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

23. Is leave granted? So ordered. Senators Regner, Ozinga,
24. Latherow, Schaffer, Merritt, Shapiro, McCarthy wish to
25. be shown as cosponsors. Senator Terrel Clarke, Senator
26. John Graham, Senator Jim Bell, also to be shown. Senator
27. Carroll...oh...Senator Carroll, for what purpose do you arise?

28. SENATOR CARROLL:

29. Mr. President, on a point of personal privilege. On that
30. last bill, which I favor and I think the people in my district
31. do also, there is a potential for a conflict of interest
32. in my behalf which is disclosed in my ethics statement because
33. of a corporation I have about a four or five or six percent interest in,

1 I just wanted to clear that conflict and say that it did not affect
2 my vote. I don't even know if that...they...that corporation
3 receives any money under the bill, but for purpose of the record
4 I'd like to declare that.

5 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

6 Will be so noted. Senator Howard Mohr, for what purpose
7 do you arise?

8 SENATOR MOHR:

9 Mr. President, earlier I had placed on the Secretary's Desk
10 a motion dealing with the Calendar and the number of bills on
11 there, that in my opinion don't belong on there, and ...

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

13 Is there leave...

14 SENATOR MOHR:

15 I'd like to

16 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

17 ...we...we...have

18 SENATOR MOHR:

19 ...hold that over till Tuesday?

20 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

21 ...oh, all right. If...can we...the Journal reflect that
22 Senator Howard Mohr has filed a Motion in Writing with the Secretary
23 and that he has asked that it be heard on Tuesday, May...

24 SENATOR HOWARD MOHR:

25 5th...4th...

26 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

27 ...4th...4th... It will be...leave is granted. So ordered.
28 Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

29 SENATOR DEMUZIO:

30 Mr. President, House Bill 3213 came over from the House yesterday.
31 I've spoken with Senator Harris and Senator Weaver on the other
32 side of the aisle as well as with Senator Partee and yourself. This
33 bill is currently lodged in the Rules Committee. It is a appropriation

1 bill. If this bill is not passed by Thursday or Friday, approximately
2 two hundred...twenty-five hundred people in Illinois will not be
3 able to be paid. It is my understanding that there's no State
4 money involved, that it's all Federal money. I'd like to move to
5 discharge this bill from the Rules Committee and have it put on
6 the Order of 2nd reading without reference to committee.

7 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

8 I think the...I think the proper motion is if there's no
9 objection, it's House Bill 3213, is that the number?

10 SENATOR DEMUZIO:

11 That is correct, Sir.

12 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

13 3213. The motion will be that the Committee on Rules be dis-
14 charged from further consideration of House Bill 3213 and that
15 the bill be discharged from that committee, read a 1st time, and
16 placed on the Calendar on the Order of 2nd reading. Is there
17 leave? Leave. Now, Mr. Secretary, read the bill a first time.

18 SECRETARY:

19 House Bill 3213

20 (Secretary reads title of bill)

21 1st reading of the bill.

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

23 Senator Demuzio has asked leave to House Bill 3213 placed on the
24 Order of 2nd reading without reference to committee. All those in favor
25 signify by saying Aye. The Ayes have it. So ordered. Senator
26 Demuzio.

27 SENATOR DEMUZIO:

28 Mr. President, I'd also be...like to be listed as a cosponsor
29 of Senate Bill 1576 if that order of business is in order now?
30 I'd like to ask this Body...

31 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

32 Leave to be cosponsor of Senate Bill 1576. Is leave granted?
33 So ordered. Senator Partee.

1 SENATOR PARTEE:

2 This is of particularly interest to the Democratic members.
3 We had scheduled a meeting for tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.
4 It has come to our attention that all of the information necessary
5 for a good meeting is not available, and perhaps will not be
6 available before Monday, so the meeting for tomorrow at nine is
7 cancelled. The new date for the meeting will Monday, May the
8 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. at the same place.

9 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

10 -- Is it...is it intent of the President to still have a
11 Perfunctory Session tomorrow? The question has been raised.

12 SENATOR PARTEE:

13 In that situation, I think it will not be necessary.

14 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

15 I think we have a...

16 SENATOR PARTEE:

17 It is...

18 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

19 ...it is in the adjournment resolution, Sir.

20 SENATOR PARTEE:

21 ...it is in the adjournment resolution?

22 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

23 Yes, Sir.

24 SENATOR PARTEE:

25 Well, we'll leave it that way.

26 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

27 All right. There will be a...according to the terms of the
28 adjournment resolution, we will be in Perfunctory Session at...
29 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, Senator? Elven o'clock tomorrow morning.
30 On the Order of Resolutions. Senate Resolution 311, Senator Hynes.

31 SENATOR HYNES:

32 Mr. President, this resolution extends the final reporting
33 date for the Committee on Fiscal Accountability to June 30th, 1976,

1 and I would move for the suspension of the rules, for the
2 immediate consideration and adoption of the resolution.

3 PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR ROCK)

4 Senator Hynes has moved to suspend the rules for the
5 immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 311.
6 All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed.
7 The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Hynes
8 now moves that Senate Resolution 311 be adopted. All those in
9 favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed. The Ayes
10 have it. The resolution is adopted. Is there any further
11 business to come before this Regular Session? Senator Egan,
12 you have no further business to come before this Regular Session?
13 All right. Pursuant to the adjournment resolution, then, the
14 Senate will stand adjourned until eleven o'clock tomorrow morning.