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1. PRESIDENT:

2. The Senate will come to order. Will our guests in
3. the gallery please rise for a prayer by Senator Merritt.

4. SENATOR MERRITT:

5. Yes, Mr. President. Our Heavenly Father, keep us
6. ever mindful and thankful for the many blessings Thou
7. hast bestowed upon us. We ask Thy divine guidance in our
8. deliberations in these final hours and days of our Session.
9. Amen.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. The Senate will be at ease. The Chair has an announcement. The
12. House is in recess until 1:30. They will return at 1:30 for
13. the purpose of a Democratic caucus. So, the Senate will be at
14. ease until at least 2:00 o'clock.

15. (Recess)

16. (After Recess)

17. PRESIDENT:

18. The Chair has an announcement. The House...the House
19. is now in conference. The Democrats there and very shortly
20. thereafter there will be possibly a run on the one bill that
21. has tied us up a bit. Then, I...as soon as that has happened,
22. I think we'll be in better position to know what we are...
23. where we are in terms of time. I appreciate...the Chair
24. appreciates your remaining here. It's the only thing we can
25. do to wait to see what happens there. Senator...Senator
26. Vadalabene.

27. SENATOR VADALABENE:

28. Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Is there anyway that
29. possibly I could leave. I got a call that I've been awarded
30. a doorprize and I want to go get it.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Hynes.

33. SENATOR HYNES:

1. I wonder, Mr. President, if we could go...while we're...
2. we have some time here if we could go to the order of first
3. ...of introduction of bills. There's some of us that have
4. some important matters we'd like to put in and we can move
5. them along and maybe we'll be able to consider them.

6. PRESIDENT:

7. Well, the abolition of the House we will not consider.
8. Senator Mohr...Howard Mohr.

9. SENATOR MOHR:

10. Mr. President, we were asked to be back here at 2:00
11. and it looks like we have a pretty good number of people
12. here. I have something that I would like considered. It's
13. a Senate resolution and there may be something else that
14. we can clean up. As long as we're here I think we ought to
15. do what we can and I'd like to give a copy...give the necessary
16. copies to the Secretary and take this. This might take a
17. little time and it might...might move right along. I don't
18. know.

19. PRESIDENT:

20. Could we see a copy of it, please?

21. PRESIDENT:

22. For what purpose does Senator Welsh arise?

23. SENATOR WELSH:

24. Mr. President, I now announce a Democratic caucus in
25. the President's office.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Any indication about how much time will be needed?

28. SENATOR WELSH:

29. I would say approximately twenty minutes.

30. PRESIDENT:

31. Thank you. Senate...the Senate will stand in recess,
32. Can we come in now, so that we can start moving, please.

33. (Recess)

(After Recess)

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will come to order. Those not entitled to the Floor, please leave the Floor. Senator Howard Mohr is recognized.

SENATOR MOHR:

Yes, Mr. President. One hour and forty minutes ago, I submitted a resolution, a Senate resolution, and a few minutes after that there was a Democratic caucus and now we're back here, hopefully to do some business. And I would say, Mr. President, that your members have had time to read the resolution and I would invite all members to join with me in the sponsorship of this resolution. I want the record to show, Mr. President, that I don't have to tell you I have been a supporter, I was one of the people that did work in putting the legislation together for this RTA, I have long supported CTA, ever since I've been here, against the wishes of many of the members on my side of the aisle. I've felt it was a responsible action on my part to do this, I'd also point out that many members on my side of the aisle have had legislation that I have personally voted against, which is hard to do. Legislation dealing with RTA, because of my strong feeling for it. I do recognize, Mr. President, that we have some very serious problems with the RTA as it exists today. I think you and all members on the other side recognize that whether it would be admitted is something else, that only those that would talk freely might admit to. Today or yesterday, the suburban board members of the RTA did not concur, did not support, vote for the budget. So, very shortly the crunch will be on, and I think I've been around here long enough, Mr. President, to know some of the strategy and the way some of the people in this Body and other Bodies operate. And I will predict, Mr. President, the crunch

1. will be on the people in suburbia until zero hour. As I
2. understand it, the RTA will disrupt suburban service for
3. a couple of months before the CTA is affected. And I will
4. predict, Mr. President, that just before the zero hour
5. arrives some accommodation will be made to take care of
6. the CTA. But I want you to know, Mr. President, and I, again,
7. being around here for some ten years, kind of know the way
8. this Body operates. I know that we've waited long enough
9. that we, again, lost a couple of members on this side of
10. the aisle through the use of the caucus system, but that's
11. all right. I feel very strongly about this resolution.
12. I feel that this Body on both sides should support it if
13. they're well intentioned. I said that the RTA Board did
14. not adopt the budget yesterday and I will predict, Mr. President,
15. that they will not until this Body and others recognize that
16. we have problems. If we're not going to recognize it, why,
17. God help us. Just today, as I understand, the Chicago Board
18. members of the RTA suggested the Chicago Association of
19. Commerce and Industry were asked to look into or make a study
20. of the RTA problems. Mr. President, that is not the Chicago
21. Association and Industry's problem. It's a nine county problem.
22. It's a problem that was created by this Body of the Legislature,
23. and I think it is our responsibility, not that of any business
24. group or whatever in the City of Chicago to rectify or study
25. these problems. My resolution is quite clear. It's simple,
26. it would call for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Minority
27. spokesman of the Transportation Committee of the Senate to be
28. three members of a seven committee membership. The other four
29. members, two would be appointed by you, Mr. President, and two
30. by the Minority Leader, making a total of seven members. Those
31. seven members would elect their chairman and any four members
32. could call a meeting of that committee. They are to look into
33. the matters of the RTA, study that operation, get whatever

1. testimony and documentation they can, bring it back here
2. and submit it to this Body on the 16th of November, which
3. I understand will be our first day back in the Fall. I
4. know that we have members that are considered anti-RTA and
5. we have those, like myself, that support RTA. And I'll
6. make it very clear and plain, Mr. President, my record is
7. clear. I supported the RTA, as I mentioned, and I also
8. point out that I've supported CTA ever since I've been
9. here, but I'm telling you right here and now, Mr. President,
10. if this resolution is not adopted today you will never and
11. I repeat, never get a vote for help from this Senator for
12. the CTA or the RTA, and I realize that's a pretty strong
13. statement, but is a true statement and I would just hope that
14. members on your side of the aisle would be decent enough to
15. recognize what this Senator has done for those two bodies, the
16. RTA and CTA, and I would like to continue to be helpful and
17. I can be helpful if we adopt this resolution. And you have
18. my word, Mr. President, that I'm interested in this, interested
19. in keeping the RTA alive and healthy, keeping it or getting
20. it on the right track, if you will, and come back to this Body
21. and introduce legislation if necessary that might correct
22. those ills. I will be happy to answer any questions that
23. you might have or any member has on this subject and then after
24. that has been done, I would ask for the adoption of this
25. resolution.

26. PRESIDENT:

27. Senator Rock.

28. SENATOR ROCK:

29. A question of the Chair. What order of business are we
30. on?

31. PRESIDENT:

32. We're on the order of...of resolutions.

33. SENATOR ROCK:

1. Is there a resolution and a number before the Body?

2. PRESIDENT:

3. No. What is the number, Mr. Secretary?

4. SECRETARY:

5. Senate Resolution 423 introduced by Senators Mohr, Howard
6. Mohr, Bell and Morris.

7. SENATOR ROCK:

8. All right. I just wanted to find out where we were.

9. Thank you.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator Rock.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. All right. Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentle-
14. men of the Senate. I appreciate the fact that you gave my
15. good friend, Senator Mohr, the benefit of the Democratic
16. clock, as Senator Soper would point out. Approximately one
17. hour and some minutes ago this resolution was, in fact, passed
18. out. We returned to this Floor approximately forty-five or
19. so minutes ago and found nobody here. I would report to the
20. membership on both sides that my information is, that the
21. House is still in caucus. I understand they have now broken
22. up and further to respond to Senator Mohr, I don't think it's
23. so much a six county or a nine county problem. This is cer-
24. tainly a hundred and two county problem and that's why we're
25. here. I would also point out that in my opinion, having now
26. had the chance to read Senate Resolution 423, it probably
27. comes right on the heels of the failure of the Board by a
28. single vote to adopt their budget. It probably comes because
29. of the suburban members of that Board playing Russian or Mass
30. Transit roulette in-so-far as they have said, as I read the
31. newspapers, that Pikarsky goes or mass transit stops and there
32. was, in fact, a counteroffer made by the chairman to have a
33. management study to either substantiate or refute the allegations

1. of those members which offer, I am again informed by the
2. news media, was turned down. The architect of that move-
3. ment or that mass-transit roulette was a member by the name
4. of Baldino and in my opinion Senate Resolution 423 is an
5. attempt to shore up Mr. Baldino's error. Now, the Senator
6. very well knows, and I would point out for those who don't,
7. that there is already statutorily constituted a legislative
8. advisory committee to the Regional Transportation Authority.
9. In Chapter 111 and two-thirds, Section 703, the membership
10. of which is twelve. Six from each House, three from each
11. party and their function as set out in the statute is that
12. this committee shall meet with the Authority, its officers
13. and staff and shall review the policies and procedures of
14. the Authority and its administration of this Act. And let
15. me, for the benefit, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen
16. of the Senate, if for no one else, for the benefit of the
17. members of the press, because that's the way I read Senate
18. Resolution 423, let me point out the membership of this
19. already statutorily constituted committee whose function
20. it is to study and investigate the RTA. The chairman is the
21. Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Representative
22. Garmisa. The Vice-Chairman is Representative William Kempiners.
23. The other Vice-Chairman is Senator Howard Mohr. The Secretary
24. is Senator Charles Chew. Senators Lane and Nudelman have been
25. appointed by the President. Senators Moore, Schaffer and Soper
26. have been appointed by the distinguished Minority Leader. Appointed
27. by the Speaker is Representative John Matijevich from Lake County,
28. Representative George Sangmeister from Will County and appointed
29. by the Minority Leader is Representative Capuzi, Kempiners and
30. Representative Skinner from the County of Kane. There is already
31. a statutorily created committee to do exactly what you're
32. supposed to call for doing here. This is, in my judgement,
33. nothing more than a press release of sorts to say to Mr. Baldino -

1. Danny, we know you made a mistake, but we're with you.

2. Now, I have an amendment to Senate Resolution 423 which
3. I will place with the Secretary and ask to be distributed
4. to the membership, and if, in fact, the Senator persists
5. in going ahead with this resolution I would ask him to
6. seriously consider this amendment. All this amendment
7. does is say - Yes, have a study. But, it also says...
8. recognizes the fact that we have, by virtue of Illinois
9. law, a committee already constituted to do exactly this
10. and it mandates that committee to do it, and I would like
11. the Senator to respond to the proposed amendment.

12. PRESIDENT:

13. Senator Mohr.

14. SENATOR MOHR:

15. Well, Mr. President, I would first respond by saying
16. that normally the Senate is called to order by the Senate
17. President or one of his assistants. Normally, when the
18. Democrats come out of a caucus or if the Republicans are in
19. a caucus, when they return to the Floor the Senate is re-
20. convened. I don't have the power, Senator Rock, to call
21. this Body to order, but I would just hope that somebody would
22. call it to order and keep it in order and keep us moving here.
23. This is not a press release. This is a serious attempt on
24. my part to get our problems straightened out with RTA. Now,
25. when the RTA Advisory Commission was set up, it was set up
26. with the necessary numbers to control that committee. I would
27. ask you, Senator, how many meetings that group has had and
28. what report they have submitted...that's correct, but the
29. Vice-Chairman doesn't have control of the committee no more
30. than he has control of this Body. The last meeting I...I
31. know of two meetings that were held. The last one for political
32. reasons and to help a Senate candidate in a certain district.
33. The RTA Commission, Advisory Commission, is chaired by Representative

1. Garmisa who I don't have to tell you, I have a high regard
2. for personally, but he's a Chicago Democrat, he's a right
3. arm when it comes to transportation problems. He's very
4. closely aligned with the CTA, offices close to the CTA,
5. and is just very, very close to that operation. In my
6. opinion he represents Chicago. This committee could do the
7. job, I think, and I would point out that I recall serving
8. on a Sanitary District Committee Hearing. It was a committee
9. made up of members of this Body back in about 1969 or '70.
10. Some very interesting things came out of those meetings and
11. I think some very interesting things might come out of meetings
12. that we might have. I think, Senator Rock and Mr. President,
13. that I would just hope that you would believe me when I tell
14. you that I'm serious and I'm not looking for work during the
15. Summer months. This Summer I really would like to take a
16. few days off, but I think I owe this to my colleagues on this
17. side of the aisle, in particular, to be involved and try and
18. come in with something that might solve the mess that we're
19. in. And I'm willing to do that. If you would want to take
20. my name off of that committee I would not be offended and I
21. would be delighted, but I would serve at the...at the will of
22. this Body. You talk about roulette. There's nobody that knows
23. the game of roulette better than us that are down here, and
24. sometimes that's the only way you get the attention, Mr.
25. President, of the Body and I would commend Dan Baldino and the
26. other members of that Board for sticking to their guns, for doing
27. what they think is right, doing what they think has to be done
28. to help the other counties that are involved. Now, this State,
29. and I respect Chicago and the Mayor and all of the people in
30. the City of Chicago, but there are other people in the State
31. and other areas that have to be considered from time to time.
32. I would say, Mr. President, that the game of roulette will be-
33. come more prevelant here in the days, or weeks, or months ahead,

1. whatever it's going to happen to be and I was about to bet
2. the homestead that we wouldn't be here after June 30th, be-
3. cause that would take three-fifths vote to pass anything.
4. So, I don't know a lot about roulette, but I'm going to learn
5. and I'm going to play it and I'm going to use it. I just
6. want to be on record and that's the first time, I think,
7. that you've heard me make such threats, if you will, but I've
8. long been involved in trying to resolve problems on both
9. sides of the aisle, but the party is over, Mr. President.

10. PRESIDENT:

11. Senator...Senator Rock.

12. SENATOR ROCK:

13. Well, my...my distinguished colleague from Forest Park
14. did not respond to my inquiry. I would like him to favorably
15. consider an amendment, which I have, in fact, had drafted and
16. will be delighted to offer to call for this study by the
17. statutorily constituted committee.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Mohr.

20. SENATOR MOHR:

21. Well, I'll tell you what I told Senator Nimrod. He had
22. an amendment too and I'm not ready to accept any amendments.

23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Schaffer.

25. SENATOR SCHAFFER:

26. Senator Mohr has...it's not really a shortcoming, it's
27. really one of his finer qualities. He's really a very fine
28. gentleman. He seems to be a little reluctant to be candid
29. about the RTA Advisory Committee. I don't have any reservations
30. about being candid. I sponsored that bill here in the Senate.
31. I thought it would be meaningful. The committee was packed
32. to make sure that a pro-RTA majority was available at all times
33. They had a difficult time packing that committee and the few

1. of us "militants" managed to get on that committee and we
2. had the gall to question the omnipotous power of the CTA
3. and Chicago and the vested interest that brought the RTA
4. into creation. In fact, we were a little persistent in our
5. questions, and you know, we haven't had many meetings,
6. Senator Rock, we haven't had many meetings at all because
7. some of the people don't want those questions even asked,
8. let alone answered. I can recall one meeting held in this
9. building where some of the proponents of RTA failed to
10. show up and the opponents seemed to, at the moment, have
11. a majority at the meeting and the chairman of that august,
12. and I use the term lightly, committee summarily adjourned
13. the meeting and there was, at the time he adjourned it, a
14. quorum there, in my opinion. I think we have to get at the
15. RTA. I have to commend Senator Rock and some of the others
16. that seem to have a hard line, no give attitude on RTA, because
17. you are fast accomplishing something I wasn't sure could ever
18. be accomplished, you're unifying my political party. This year
19. we fought together as a group for the first time on RTA. He
20. also seemed to be bringing about some defections in your own
21. party by those people who have some belief in fair play and
22. justice. I don't think you've got the picture, Senator. The
23. votes are turning on you. That this party is unifying in its
24. purpose against the RTA and members of your party are seriously
25. questioning that particular monster. We're gaining strength,
26. we're gaining support. Our areas are too militant, too dedicated
27. to let us do anything else. And the other thing that I have to
28. commend you to, and it is not a partisan thing, I've always
29. kind of felt that the suburban members, be they Democrat or
30. Republicans, really were kind of pussy cats compared to the
31. Chicago tigers...tigers and the southern Illinois lions, if you
32. will. And, you know, you're turning some of us pussy cats into
33. tigers on this issue and we're getting militant and we're getting

1. upset about being stuck everytime we come down here by the
2. City of Chicago with an occasional alliance with some of
3. our downstate friends and we aren't going to put up with
4. that any more and we're going to fight you on RTA and
5. we're going to fight you on school aid funding and we're
6. going to fight you on Public Aid and we're going to fight
7. you on every issue that you try and rip our people off on,
8. and until you give us some justice and some fair play for
9. the suburbs, don't look for any pussy cats, because the
10. people aren't going to send any of them down here.

11. PRESIDENT:

12. Senator Knuppel.

13. SENATOR KNUPPEL:

14. Mr. President and members of the Body, as a downstater,
15. you know, this thing seems to be very strange to me if it's
16. not a press release because it happens after June 30th at
17. midnight. If this problem was as serious as...as you all
18. say it is, it seems like there would have been a resolution
19. here some time ago. I realize there's a lull in things that
20. are happening here today and these fellow here have to make
21. a living too. They're going to write about what they hear.
22. But as I told you, the pumpkin...the carriage turned back to
23. a pumpkin at midnight last night and it looks like the horses
24. and coachmen turned back to the rats and the mice that they
25. were, and we don't want those rats and mice fighting with
26. you pussy cats. They ain't got a chance. My father told me
27. when I was a boy, that when I saw two brothers fighting that if
28. one of them come to me complaining of his brother, just to
29. listen and keep my damn mouth shut, because the week after
30. that if I agreed he'd go back and the brother would makeup and
31. he'd...they would say that I said it just because I agreed with
32. the one that was complaining. I learned a long time ago to keep
33. out of the messy fights between my friends, that is marital

1. fights between man and woman. As a downstater, yes, we're
2. interested in seeing a strong RTA in the Chicago area. I
3. don't think this is our problem even though that Senator
4. Mohr may think it is, or Senator Rock may think it is.
5. I don't think it's our problem at all. You people...we want
6. to see a strong RTA, but we don't know who's right and who's
7. wrong in this issue. You maybe think we should know. We
8. don't. And I don't think it's for us to solve. I think it's
9. your problem, and all the bloodletting, you go right ahead.
10. As far as I'm concerned I would have to, on this resolution,
11. I'd just have to refrain from voting at all, because it's
12. your fight and I'm going to stay out of it and I think every-
13. body else from downstate that doesn't have anything to do
14. with it, would be very wise to stay out of it. You let the
15. husband and wife solve their own problems, you let the brothers
16. solve their problem and you let the RTA and the suburban counties
17. and Cook County solve their own problem, because I'll tell
18. you, without some kind of an RTA you're going to die, and I
19. personally think this about those collared counties, I think
20. they want something for nothing. They go into Chicago and
21. they make their livings. They practice law in there and they
22. do everything else, but they're selfish and they're gutless even if
23. they're pussy cats. They don't want to pay the bill. They
24. never have.

25. PRESIDENT:

26. Senator Morris.

27. SENATOR MORRIS:

28. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'm glad to see
29. that some of our downstaters are going to take a profile in
30. courage and not participate in the vote. I'd like to point
31. out that the Adams County puts about eight hundred and forty-
32. six thousand dollars a year into the RTA, and if it's not
33. worth voting on that for that much money out of one's district,

1. that's perfectly all right with me, but if they would like
2. to send the eight hundred and forty-six thousand dollars
3. to Lake County, I'd be happy to take it and I guess that
4. might be selfish, but, you see, we put five million dollars
5. from Lake County into the RTA last year and we got back
6. about six hundred thousand, if you give us some credit for
7. the commuter railroads, and I don't know if you have to be
8. a pussy cat, a tiger, a rat, or a cat or a mouse but that's
9. not a very good bargain anywhere. As for Senator Schaffer
10. talking about the RTA unifying his party, it's really
11. strengthened ours, Jack, because the fellow who wrote the
12. RTA used to be in the Senate from my district and he used to
13. sit on that side of the aisle. He's gone now. He's in
14. Waukegan waiting for an RTA bus to pick him up. On the other
15. side of the rotunda there was a fellow from your team, I guess,
16. and he was Speaker of the House. He's gone now, too, and we
17. have another Democrat over there, so while it may have gotten
18. your party more together, it's a little bit smaller because
19. you were good enough to give us the RTA to get some of your
20. people out. What the RTA has really done is, has taught people
21. who represent the collar counties in the suburbs, and I hope
22. downstaters are learning too, that Chicago does a terrific
23. job for its community. The Chicago legislators, Senator Partee,
24. Senator Chew and the legislators who have supported the RTA,
25. do a darn good job for their communities and we're going to
26. start doing that for our communities, and that's what this fight
27. is all about. Now, we're prepared to play roulette, as Phil
28. Rock calls it. We've already prepared the people in Waukegan
29. and other parts of the RTA region, that we may not have buses
30. for awhile but then again it may take six weeks before they
31. realize the buses aren't running because we don't have enough
32. surface for most people to use it anyway. We're prepared
33. to bite that bullet and we're prepared to play politics the way

1. the fellows from Chicago have taught us to play and that's
2. to tough it out, and we're going to find out within the
3. next few weeks if we're as tough as the fellows from Chicago
4. have been and if we are, maybe one time we're going to win
5. a battle and we're going to have some fairness. And instead
6. of eighty percent of the money going into the City of Chicago
7. and the CTA, maybe it'll be fifty-fifty, which is about the
8. way it ought to be. And you talk about not offering anything
9. and the resolution coming late, well, this resolution does
10. come late because we had a bill, Senate Bill 1977, which was
11. a step towards solving the problem, that represented a major
12. compromise but it's amazing how that witching hour came last
13. night and that bill never got called and now it's thirty-six
14. votes to pass that bill and that's impossible and we all know
15. that. The RTA Board has been fighting with its chairman now
16. for about five or six months, but it wasn't until the budget
17. was not approved yesterday that apparently Mr. Pikarsky took
18. the fight seriously. So, I think we're down to a very tough
19. situation and I think this resolution addresses itself to the
20. problem to possibly come up with solutions, because regardless
21. of if and when the budget gets approved, the RTA, as a vehicle,
22. has a flat tire and it may take legislative correction to fix
23. that flat tire and that's what this resolution is about. It's
24. not a witch hunt. The committee will be controlled by Democrats.
25. There will be four Democrats and three Republicans. So, it can't
26. be accused of being a witch hunt. I think it's a serious addressing
27. to the problem and I would urge people on this side of the aisle
28. and on that side of the aisle to vote Yes on this. I think it
29. ought to be a unanimous vote, because the one thing I learned
30. in my short time in government so far is, you shouldn't be afraid
31. for anybody to study you if there's nothing to hide. And I
32. think that this would be a very simple study and I think it would
33. point to some problems that may exist and it may erase problems

1. that exist and we may solve the problems. But, I want to
2. point out one thing that Senator Schaffer...

3. PRESIDENT:

4. The Senator will wind down his remarks.

5. SENATOR MORRIS:

6. Okay, thank you, Senator. Senator Schaffer and myself
7. have been told by our constituents that as long as the RTA
8. stays as lousy as it is, we get to stay in the Illinois Senate.
9. If we ever correct it, we may not be back. So, if you would
10. like to have Senator Morris retire and Senator Schaffer retire
11. and a few of us other militants on RTA, you ought to fix it
12. and we won't have an issue.

13. PRESIDENT:

14. Senator Regner.

15. SENATOR REGNER:

16. Mr. President and members of the Senate, I had no intention
17. of speaking on this topic because I'm sure I don't have to re-
18. iterate my position on RTA as it's been right from its inception
19. and we all know RTA really means Rapid Tax Acceleration. But,
20. a previous speaker made the comment that this is not our problem,
21. that it's a local problem and I would just like to remind you
22. all and Senator Knuppel, who made that statement, that it is
23. our problem because a majority of the members of this Body
24. created that problem two years ago when the RTA, in its present
25. form, was jammed down our throats. We weren't given a chance
26. to put any amendments on of any worthwhile or anything that
27. would protect our suburban area. I think we need this resolution
28. and we have to look into and come back with a report on what
29. is happening in that operation right now, and I urge support
30. of this resolution.

31. PRESIDENT:

32. Senator Glass.

33. SENATOR GLASS:

1. Thank you, Mr. President, I think Senator Regner said
2. essentially what I was going to say. Senator Knuppel, we
3. sure did create the RTA. It is a legislative creation and
4. the timing, I think, is right because up until last night
5. we did not know for certain that there would be the impasse
6. that Senator Rock described. The RTA budget has not been
7. approved. None of us are on the Board. We've talked to
8. our respective board members that represent our areas and all
9. we know is, that there is a major impasse and if...if it is
10. our responsibility, having created the RTA to do something
11. about it, and I believe it is, then it seems to me this is a
12. very timely resolution. The commission that is in existence
13. has been impotent, has not successfully held meetings and
14. supervised the RTA as it ought to have as Senator Schaffer
15. stated, so I...I think it's a good idea for the Senate to...
16. to get involved and to take this action and I certainly
17. support the resolution.

18. PRESIDENT:

19. Senator Netsch.

20. SENATOR NETSCH:

21. Thank you, Mr. President. I guess I would have to say
22. that I think both the resolution and the opposition to it are
23. pretty ridiculous. As a Chicagoan, of course, I support the
24. Regional Transportation Authority. As a matter-of-fact my
25. support for it long predates that of many of the other representa-
26. tives from the Chicago area who were somewhat late in coming
27. to that battle. I have always believed and accepted the fact
28. that the only reason why we have an RTA at the moment is, be-
29. cause we had to bail out the Chicago Transit Authority. I
30. happen to think that is a perfectly worthy goal because that is
31. the life line for the city in which I live and in which a good
32. many other people live. I think it is, also, clear that for a...
33. and down the long road that the suburban people have as much to

1. gain from RTA as we do, but there's no question that we
2. are asking of them a great deal of patience. They are con-
3. tributing more to it right now than they are getting back
4. from it. I think that will change in time, gentlemen, and
5. I would ask, only, that you be somewhat patient. But, just
6. as I support RTA and will fight Senator Morris and Senator
7. Schaffer and anyone else to the death who tries to destroy
8. the Regional Transportation Authority, I think I, also, as
9. a member of the Senate, have to represent Illinois to some
10. extent and...or to a large extent I hope, and it seems to
11. me that it's about time that those of us in Chicago had, at
12. least, a little simple sympathy with what the people in the suburban
13. outlying area are trying to say to us, and what they are
14. trying to say is, that there is a great deal of unhappiness
15. about RTA, the direction that it has taken and the apparent
16. lack of concern for the, both sensibilities and the service
17. to be given to the suburbanites. It seems to me that this
18. resolution probably will accomplish nothing, but it probably
19. will help to defuse some of the deep, deep feeling that is
20. rampant about this issue and I think it will do nothing whatso-
21. ever to take the RTA away from us. Under those circumstances
22. it seems to me that it can be supported even by a Chicagoan.
23. PRESIDENT:

24. Senator Bell.

25. SENATOR BELL:

26. Thank you, Mr. President. Well, Senate Resolution 423
27. is...is really to me a pretty innocuous type of resolution.
28. It doesn't begin to address itself to the problem as Senate
29. Bill 1977 that Senator Morris and I sponsored. That bill is
30. still barely alive and if it were implemented somehow, would go
31. a long way for relieving much of the pressure that we find our-
32. selves in these days in reference to the Regional Transit Authority.
33. I'm going to ask Senator Mohr to allow me to be a cosponsor of

1. Senate Resolution 423, because if it has an opportunity
2. of doing anything, I mean, it seems to be the only vehicle
3. for some form of legislative response even though it may
4. be too little, too late, this Senator would certainly want
5. to support any kind of response that's a...a possible response.
6. Now, I would probably say that most all of you have looked
7. upon me as one of the militant collar county Senators in
8. reference to Regional Transit Authority and in many respects
9. that is, in fact, true. It has...has been the history since
10. 1973 when I ran a survey that indicated that I had to stand against
11. the Speaker of the House in reference to this matter in Will
12. County, which by the way incurred the wrath of Speaker Blair,
13. but I would point out that I feel that my actions in reference
14. to the Regional Transit Authority here in this past Session
15. have been those actions of trying to redress honest grievances
16. that...that the collar counties and Will County specifically
17. has in a positive manner. The Regional Transit Authority,
18. in my opinion, because of the makeup of the General Assembly
19. is for the time being here to stay, and as a rational thinking
20. being I realize that and so I'm not out jousting with windmills,
21. but in fact trying to bring home some little bacon for Will
22. County and for the collar counties as best I can. The power is
23. over there with you. You, the Democrats, control the situation,
24. not we, the Republicans. And as far as Senate Resolution 423
25. goes, at this late hour, I would have to ask the membership here
26. to give it a positive response and I would ask Senator Mohr that
27. I be allowed to be a cosponsor of it. Thank you.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. Leave is granted. Senator Nimrod.

30. SENATOR NIMROD:

31. Mr. President and fellow Senators. My opinion that the
32. problem that faces us here today is a very real one and it
33. concerns this whole State, and I want to remind us that if

1. there is no RTA then there is a CTA subsidy and that this
2. Legislature beginning two years ago and the times before
3. that, we were faced with the crisis of coming up with a
4. subsidy of some twenty-five million dollars and another one
5. of twelve million dollars and it was anywhere from forty
6. to fifty million dollars estate money that goes to the CTA.
7. So, this is a State problem. The RTA is one that says it
8. addresses itself to the problem and allows those counties
9. within that community to be willing to furnish their own
10. monies to run a transportation system and ask the State to
11. set up the legislative process. Now, reasonable people can
12. always find reasonable solutions. It seems to me that the
13. Advisory Commission has not worked. The Advisory Committee
14. has not worked and has not functioned. Senator Mohr's pro-
15. posal is an alternative. All I have to say is, if that...this
16. alternative has no chance of working for some reason or other,
17. Senator Rock, then rather than propose something that hasn't
18. worked, you ought to propose something that's positive. There
19. ought to be some other positive proposal. Because I'm very
20. concerned and I'm disturbed about this as a suburban legislator.
21. I just received a phone call from Mr. Joe DeJohn and he's the
22. Executive Director of the Nortran Bus...the Suburban North
23. Suburban District and he told me that on July the 16th the
24. suburban systems of transportation stop, and I know that the
25. RTA...the CTA stops in maybe it's three or four weeks later.
26. But, there is no reason for us to bring this kind of chaos when
27. all we have to do is face our responsibilities and our
28. problem. We can find the solution. Reasonable people can find
29. a solution. I think this proposal is a reasonable one, and
30. if they're serious about doing something about it, I think it
31. represents both sides. If for some reason it's unfair, unbalanced,
32. then why don't you propose something that balances it, so we
33. can get beyond with the job. In the meantime I would ask that

1. we support this and act in a responsible manner.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

3. Senator Graham.

4. SENATOR GRAHAM:

5. Mr. President and members of the Senate. I think that
6. we are making a lot of noise about something that should be
7. fairly innocuous if we confirmed the idea that we want to
8. help this situation. I'm reminded, I believe, as I've sat here
9. the last few days of the fact that the dear old ship of State
10. is somewhere out in that center aisle floundering around,
11. getting hit by the breezes on...from that side, getting hit
12. from the breezes from this side. We can't seem to find the
13. rudder and the taxpayers are paying the bill. We're like a
14. group of people running like hell to buy the last ticket on
15. the Titanic. That's all we're really doing. The opposition
16. to the ineffectiveness of the RTA in the suburban Cook County
17. areas and in the collar counties, Ladies and Gentlemen and
18. Mr. President, is real. Those people are real. Their taxes
19. that they pay in substantial sums are real, and they're tired
20. of this sort of malingering by this Illinois General Assembly
21. to face up to this and other problems and I'm going to tell
22. you, as I listen to some of my phone calls, if we don't get
23. this ship out of the center aisle and put a rudder on it, we're
24. laying ourselves open to the possibility of having the biggest
25. verbal lynching party of any General Assembly that ever served
26. in this State Capital. Let's don't be a party to that. Let's
27. get the damn show on the road.

28. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

29. Senator Mitchler.

30. SENATOR MITCHLER:

31. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. When
32. I first reviewed the Senate resolution before us, I looked at
33. the make-up and then I, too, as Senator Rock brought out and I

1. think you're absolutely correct, Senator Rock, the functions,
2. structure, organization, operation of the Regional Transportation
3. Authority should have been something that the Legislative
4. Advisory Committee appointed should have been addressing itself
5. to. Now, Senator Schaffer, I'm very grateful for you to expose
6. the ineffectiveness of that Legislative Advisory Committee to
7. the RTA. I have been aware that it is a nonfunctioning, nonpro-
8. ductive advisory committee and I'd like to, after I finish
9. talking, someone advised what the appropriation has been made
10. for the continuation in FY '77 of that nonentity, because it's
11. completely useless. Now, you're going to come up with a Senate
12. ...what do you call it here...a Senate Investigating Committee
13. ...let me get it right here...Illinois Senate Regional Transporta-
14. tion Authority Study Committee, and between now and November 16
15. you're going to study that great big myriad of operation that
16. they've got going up there. Now, all you're going to do is get
17. in there and ask for papers and the white paper that was put
18. out by the suburban board members. You're going to listen to
19. Pikarsky's side of the story, you're going to listen to all of
20. the staff that they've got at the Marina Towers, you're going
21. to listen to all these high-priced people. I've been getting
22. the minutes of every meeting of the RTA Board. They're delivered
23. by mail to me up here in my office and I read everyone of
24. them and I share them with people in my district. I know what's
25. going on in that RTA Board. I know everytime they hire somebody.
26. The last one I see was Barney Cunningham at thirty-seven thou-
27. sand five hundred dollars a year. I know that the Chairman gets
28. eighty-two thousand five hundred a year. You got the eight board
29. members in there at twenty-five grand. They got plush offices
30. and everything. I know what's going on up there. You don't
31. have to give me a study commission and I tell my people and they
32. know what's going on. And I want to point out to you, and I'll
33. be very brief in winding up these points that I want to make.

1. What is this? You come back on November 16 after the
2. General Election. What's the matter? You didn't do anything
3. down here, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and the people
4. wanted something done about RTA, but you didn't do it, and
5. now here on July 1st you're trying to point something. You
6. put a couple guys that are running for re-election so, that
7. they can say - oh, yeah, what are we doing? And after the election
8. is over with you come back on the 16th and you're making a
9. report. A bunch of hogwash. The appropriation, Senator Knuppel,
10. is very important that this State of Illinois makes and I know
11. you realize that and I know you are concerned personally with
12. the RTA Board. Millions of dollars we give into that RTA and
13. I know that you want to see that it's well spent and functions
14. properly...

15. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

16. Senator, your time...

17. SENATOR MITCHLER:

18. ...and not just be investigated.

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. ...your time has expired.

21. SENATOR MITCHLER:

22. Let me just say that...just one more and I'll...I'll
23. quit here. Since I've been down here, and this is my twelfth
24. year, I had watched the CTA since 1965 come down hat in hand
25. and get what I call, crumbs or a little bit of subsidy here,
26. license plate exceptions and gasoline tax and this and the
27. other thing, but I saw it grow to the point where they had
28. the authority and...and the power structure to get really
29. the biggest thing they ever wanted and that comes through
30. the RTA, and God help this side of the aisle and those on
31. this side of the aisle, that ever gave to the people of the
32. State of Illinois, RTA...

33. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

1. Senator, your time is...

2. SENATOR MITCHLER:

3. ...and don't ever standup and start to apologize. You...

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

5. Senator your time has expired.

6. SENATOR MITCHLER:

7. knew what you were doing when you voted for it...

8. all right...in 1973 and this is a bunch of hogwash, this

9. resolution.

10. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

11. Senator Harris.

12. SENATOR HARRIS:

13. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members

14. of the Senate, I'm going to begin making it known regularly

15. where the majority is in this Body. The Democratic Party

16. has a majority in the Senate. It has thirty-three votes

17. and we have twenty-five. The responsibility for whatever

18. failures occur shall be fixed clearly on the majority. The

19. Minority stands ready to cooperate in any reasonable way to

20. meet our basic responsibilities. It is clear that an important

21. State agency, the Regional Transportation Authority, is in

22. trouble and I communicate to you of the majority, don't wait

23. too long to respond to some affirmative action to cure its ills.

24. Don't wait too long, you of the majority, to effectively re-

25. spond to any reasonable effort to cure the ills of the RTA,

26. and I do not speak in a tone of threat, but I can only encourage

27. you that the majority attitude within the six county area today

28. will be, if it could be measured, in any one instance, it would

29. be to abolish and if you are sincere in your interest in

30. its preservation, don't wait too long to be responsive to curing

31. its problems. I can say no more, you of the majority. It's

32. been said here today that this resolution is innocuous. You

33. know that very well may be rather accurate. The important thing

1. about it is, that today our having failed to do anything
2. constructive about repair of the RTA in this Session has
3. gone beyond the date of majority response. We could not
4. get any help in sufficient numbers from your side of the
5. aisle to make repair and so, this somewhat innocuous resolu-
6. tion is the only timely vehicle remaining. But, it is
7. symbolic and you can demonstrate a willingness to be under-
8. standing and to be constructive by joining in the adoption
9. of this resolution and commission it, this study commission,
10. to commission it to take those steps to make recommendations
11. to us on the 16th of November. You of the majority, don't
12. wait too long.

13. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

14. Senator Carroll.

15. SENATOR CARROLL:

16. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in opposition to this
17. resolution joining with Senator Mitchler. And I think he
18. made the point very well. I think it should be pointed out
19. again. We've heard words bandied around here today of
20. responsibility and of sincerity. That's what we should be
21. about be it July 1, November 2 or November 16th. Those seem
22. to be the operative dates. But, let's look with sincerity.
23. If this is a problem where because of the Republican members
24. of the Board refusing a budget or offering their own budget,
25. refusing any solution unless it buys the railroad, refusing
26. to take their responsibility to fund mass transit in a six
27. county, seven million people, seven million people area, if
28. that is responsibility I have the wrong dictionary. Responsibility
29. begins with those who have the legal obligation to make a budget
30. to fund mass transit and if we are being sincere, the pressure
31. should be on them to offer a solution before six weeks pass. Not
32. to come back after November 2nd, get your press releases up to
33. election day and then come back with a report, because if you are

1. right, all mass transit has closed by then. What good is
2. it? We have the vehicle, we have it here and now. We have
3. the sponsor of this resolution, who is, in fact, a vice-
4. chairman of a statutorily created investigating commission
5. to look into the RTA. They can work it in now, but again
6. let's go back to the responsibility. Baldino wants to
7. bail out. Well, that's a heck of a way to buy a railroad,
8. and that side of the aisle seems to want to take the posture
9. that a man who's supported Pikarsky for chairman, but who
10. needs reappointment by...by Republican members has to be
11. bailed out. Where is the responsibility? It falls right
12. there, and if they want to buy a railroad, you guys give
13. them the money to do it.

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

15. Senator Partee.

16. SENATOR PARTEE:

17. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate.
18. It occurs to me that every single agency of Illinois government
19. ought to work at maximum efficiency. Many charges have been
20. made as to the lack of efficiency or the improper structuring
21. of the Regional Transit Authority. I'm not sure what the
22. facts are. On a day to day basis as you read the newspapers,
23. depending on which columnist writes it or which editorial writer
24. writes the editorial, one could get a very different view of
25. what the problem is. Whether it is a matter of politics or
26. whether it is a matter of management or just what the problem
27. is. I, for one, agree that there is some need for an investigation.
28. I think this Senate and all the people of this State need to
29. know what the problems are and what the solutions are. But,
30. how do you go about finding out? There is structured, statutorily,
31. a commission for this purpose. That commission is composed of
32. persons from Lake County, Matijevich, Sangmeister from Will
33. County, Kempiners from Will County, one a Democrat one a Republican,
34. Skinner from Kane County,

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1. Senator Schaffer from McHenry, and the members from Cook.
2. Now, let's just tell this like it is and let's determine why
3. the change is made in a brand new layer of bureaucracy and a
4. brand new kind of commission and let's determine why. I think
5. there is a concern about some Senate races, particularly in Will
6. County and Sangmeister is already on this committee and if you
7. don't go with the one that's statutorily in existence, then
8. you have an opportunity to put the Republican member of the
9. Senate, Senator Bell, on the committee and it's going to be
10. a political kind of operation. There's been a lot said here about
11. Chicago today. I happen to live in that city and that city
12. makes its contribution to the financial coffers of this State
13. in ample proportion. And in many, many areas, Chicago does not
14. get back from the State of Illinois what it puts in, but you
15. don't hear us crying about that. We believe in a full State
16. and a complete State. The only person who ever used to suggest
17. something different, was Senator Neistein who had a bill perennially
18. to divide Chicago from the rest of the State. But I think that this
19. is a sincere effort to bring about an investigation so that we
20. can get answers to all of the many charges that have been made
21. and answers to all of the problems and I want you to know that
22. we are prepared to vote for an investigation. We think we need
23. it. Now, Senator Rock has offered a resolution...an amendment
24. to this resolution and those of you who say that there is this
25. dire need will, in my judgement, accept that amendment and accept
26. an already statutorily committed group, statutorily appointed
27. group to make that...that investigation. You will show us
28. by your affirmative votes on the adoption of the amendment that
29. you are indeed sincere about wanting an investigation. If you reject
30. the Rock amendment, you are saying to us that you are seeking a
31. political committee, you are seeking a press release and that you
32. possess not the sincerity to make an accommodation to get the
33. investigation which we all need. Don't reject the Rock amendment.

1. Accept it. And you'll get the votes for the investigation.
2. Reject it, and we can only believe that you didn't want an investigation
3. in the first place.

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

5. Senator Brady.

6. SENATOR BRADY:

7. Yes, Mr. President and fellow members. While this has
8. been referred to in the past debate as an innocuous resolution,
9. I submit the debate has gone far away from the resolution itself
10. and covered the whole broad spectrum of RTA. Given many
11. an opportunity to speak out on it, and to speak out in such
12. a way that I've found very interesting. I heard several members
13. rise to their feet and state that they had talked just recently
14. or momentarily ago with a important member of the transportation
15. boards and authorities from around this State. I think it
16. accumbent upon me, although I've never stood up and talked on
17. this subject, to say now for the record that, while sitting
18. and listening to that long enough, one in my position could
19. become somewhat paranoid. Because, you see, I have someone that
20. I represent as a Senator from my district who is a constituent
21. of mine who has been mentioned before on this date. His name
22. is Dan Baldino. I submit to this Body that Dan Baldino has never
23. called me, communicated with me, or counseled with me on any
24. matter regarding RTA since I became a member of this Senate.
25. Now, I can only think two things from that. One, the very
26. possible conclusion that this is a political matter and Dan
27. Baldino full well knows that I'm a Democrat and therefore has
28. chosen not to speak with me about it. Or the very other real
29. possibility, which I sit here and I think I realize more and more
30. as the debate goes on, that Dan Baldino comes from the suburban
31. area of my district known as Evanston, Illinois, which is more than
32. adequately served by public transportation vis-a-vis the CTA through
33. the RTA. I guess in conclusion, I must submit that he's probably

1. happy with the public transportation he has in his community.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

3. Senator Mohr, do you have any motion to make? This

4. normally would go to Committee on Executive.

5. SENATOR MOHR:

6. Yes, I understand that.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

8. That's where our rules...

9. SENATOR MOHR:

10. I understand that, Mr. President.

11. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

12. Just...just a moment. Just a moment. For what purpose do you

13. arise, Senator Bloom?

14. SENATOR BLOOM:

15. Just like a copy of this amendment that we've started talking

16. about.

17. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

18. There has been no amendment offered as yet, Senator.

19. Senator Mohr.

20. SENATOR MOHR:

21. Well, of course, it's always nice to see those amendments.

22. I would have a lot to say, Mr. President. I could talk for hours

23. just responding to some of the remarks that were made here today.

24. I would say that with regard to a going along with Senator Rock's

25. proposal to have the Chicago Association of Industry and Commerce

26. investigate, is just a little ridiculous. That committee is an

27. arm of the Mayor of the City of Chicago and, you know, again,

28. I would like some committee that would be concerned with the other

29. areas of the district. Perhaps, maybe the BGA or something like

30. that might be the appropriate body to investigate. The name

31. Baldino has been brought up, Mr. President, on several occasions

32. and I think that's totally out of order. But, it's true, Evanston

33. does have the CTA and probably Mr. Baldino may be satisfied with that

1. but with the CTA I say there's much, much room for improvement
2. there. But, Mr. Baldino goes beyond Evanston and Chicago.
3. He's concerned about the entire district, which I commend him
4. for. Now, to say that this we'd be establishing a precedent
5. or doing something that hasn't been done before in this Body
6. is in error. We have, Mr. President, made up new committees
7. in this Body recently, the Malpractice Committee, Workmen's
8. Comp Insurance Committee all doing investigating or...or studying
9. these problems. I submit that the RTA is our problem, also.
10. Probably as much or more than some of these others because
11. we created this agency. And I don't appreciate the comments
12. about get your press release out because this Senator doesn't
13. operate that way. Again, I would point to my record in these
14. two areas, CTA and RTA. I haven't suggested a CTA study as
15. yet, but gentlemen, I'm about to and I've got a lot of things
16. that I can talk about on that subject. Name Pikarsky was
17. brought up here. I've never mentioned Pikarsky. I have a
18. great deal of respect for him. I don't know whether he's right
19. or whether he's wrong. I don't know whether the suburban members
20. are right or they are wrong. I don't know whether the Chicago
21. members are right or they're wrong. But, I'd sure like to find
22. out and I think that that is one of the responsibilities of this
23. Body. It's interesting, Mr. President, to see the way some
24. votes are picked off, some of the saviors of the people, when
25. they're normally concerned about doing right and doing what's
26. best for everybody in the State of Illinois. But, if they get
27. a creek or a bridge or a fair building or something, why they
28. can be pulled off very easily. Well, I've...I know that not too
29. many of you that...not too many of you on that side that have
30. ...that are opposing this and 1977 you all went home with something.
31. You went home with more than you would have got if 1977 hadn't
32. surfaced. Mr. President, I will ask for suspension of the rules
33. and the immediate consideration and adoption of this resolution.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. Senator Howard Mohr moves for the suspensions of the rules
3. for the immediate consideration of resolution...Senate Resolution
4. 423. Those in favor of...just a moment, on the question,
5. Senator Rock.

6. SENATOR ROCK:

7. Yes, on the question, I...Senator Mohr, I think inaccurately
8. said that I recommended the Chicago Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
9. I did not. My amendment has now been distributed. The reason
10. it was not distributed before was because of at that point in
11. time, it was not properly before this Body. I asked of him if
12. he would accept or look favorably upon an amendment. He indicated
13. he would not, so I did not bother to distribute it. I would
14. ask again, now that he's had a chance to look at it, and the
15. amendment as I indicated earlier, does, in fact, call for this
16. study but it, in fact, calls for this study by the already
17. statutorily constituted committee. My question is, his
18. reaction to that amendment because it will, in fact,
19. make a difference on how I vote on the motion to suspend.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. Senator Howard Mohr.

22. SENATOR MOHR:

23. Mr. President, I don't think it will make any difference
24. at all how Senator Rock will vote. He's...I know how he's
25. going to vote even if he doesn't. This would be like, you know,
26. we're suggesting or I'm suggesting we take the fox out
27. of the chicken coup, Senator Rock, not put him in there. We'd
28. like to get him out, we'd like to have a fair hearing and not
29. have the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry which was
30. suggested by the...the board members, some of the board members
31. or to have the Legislative Commission do the investigation.
32. I just don't quite feel comfortable with the representative
33. who is chairman, who again, is a personal friend of mine, but
34. he is just a little too close to the CTA to honestly give this

1. a fair hearing in my opinion. And I'm...will not accept the
2. amendment. I'll go up or down with the resolution and close
3. by saying, Mr. President, that we have a long way to go and
4. you know, I'd like it...I'd like it adopted at this time but
5. if we don't adopt it today, I think it's safe to say we will.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. The question is shall rules be suspended and for the
8. immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 423? Those
9. in favor vote Aye. Those opposed Nay. The voting is open and
10. this does require 30 votes. Have all those voted who wish?
11. Take the record. On that question the Ayes are 27, the
12. Nays are 5, 1 Voting Present. The motion fails. Executive.
13. Senator Howard Mohr.

14. SENATOR MOHR:

15. Yes, Mr. President, again, we were successful playing the
16. numbers game today and I commend you for it. I just wonder
17. if we're going to be doing any other business here today and
18. at this time, I'll just...on a point of personal privilege...

19. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

20. State your point.

21. SENATOR MOHR:

22. Mr. President, we've spent a lot of time around here
23. and time means dollars, dollars to the taxpayers of this State
24. and as I said yesterday, I think we ought to be here to work.
25. We aren't very productive, we aren't working. The cost
26. as I figure it, for having us here today in...just in this Body
27. in the Senate, will cost us about four thousand dollars a day to
28. be here. Now, of course, we hear the rumor that we're not
29. going to finish this Session, we're going to go home and come
30. back. That will cost us another three thousand dollars for
31. that one trip home and back. That's for the Senate. Course,
32. all of these figures you multiply by three or better. Then we
33. will come back here and do the things in Lord knows how long,
34. but that will cost us...cost the taxpayers thirty-six dollars a day

1. for just the members. I think a good idea for consideration
2. of this Body would be to cut off the per diem allowance, Mr.
3. President, after June 30th and I think that maybe we would get
4. some people to work in this Body that aren't ordinarily used
5. to...to working and I know that you, Mr. President, would
6. concur with that recommendation.

7. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

8. Just a moment. Just...Senator Partee.

9. SENATOR PARTEE:

10. Well, I'm just a little sensitive about the fact that
11. we're here after July 1st because beginning in the first of this
12. year, we tried to structure a program so we could get out of here
13. a lot earlier than the 26th of June. The thing that made the
14. difference, of course, is the fact that the House summarily
15. rejected our request for a joint resolution which the Senate
16. passed for guidelines and for cutoff dates for the handling
17. of business at different levels. And as you know, the House
18. has continued to send to the very last moment, matters that
19. in the main did not relate to why we're here and that they
20. actually aborted the committee bill system which we structured
21. for bills that would be cogitated and developed during the off-
22. season. There were many bills in this Session that should not
23. have been here. But, when you work in a Body with two
24. Houses and one is on one wave length and the other is on the other,
25. these things happen. Now, right now, Mr. President and Senator
26. Harris, if I could have your attention, I'm given...I'm given
27. to understand that the House leaders are waiting for us here
28. and they can probably tell us where they are and we can then
29. return to this Body and tell you what is going to...what is going
30. to be the program.

31. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

32. Senator...

33. SENATOR PARTEE:

34. So the House...the House could be at ease or...well you could

1. go right ahead.

2. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

3. Senator Harris.

4. SENATOR HARRIS:

5. Well, I...I just want to point out that there was
6. considerable support for the adoption of the joint rule that was
7. adopted by this Body by the Republican membership of the House.
8. I do want to say again, that the majority in both Houses
9. rests with the Democratic party. That determination was made
10. in November of 1974 and I accept that decision. But, I'm
11. not going to miss the opportunity to point out to the people
12. of Illinois that the rudderless circumstance we're faced with
13. today has to be placed on the Democratic party. And...

14. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

15. Order.

16. SENATOR HARRIS:

17. The...the cooperation from the minority in this House
18. has been consistent and regular, Mr. President, throughout the
19. course of this Session. We joined, I believe unanimously,
20. in this House, both sides, to adopt the joint rule that established
21. deadlines and I just call attention to the fact that it was
22. a majority failure in the House of Representatives that brought
23. that problem to us. And I will continue to communicate that
24. the sorry state we are in today with some twelve major appropriation
25. bills not acted upon by the two Houses with finality has to rest
26. with the majority.

27. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

28. Senator Partee.

29. SENATOR PARTEE:

30. I thought I was through with this, but name calling is
31. usually beneath my dignity, but I will tell you this, that the
32. majority...one of the majority leaders, Representative Walsh was
33. in the forefront of killing the possibility of having the joint rules.

1. Now, I don't want to have to say that, but I think I have to
2. say it in light of what Senator Harris just said, which places
3. the onus on us rather than them in that House. Whoever is
4. responsible is responsible, it's a fact. I'm not certain that
5. it's that important at this point.

6. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

7. Senator Harber Hall.

8. SENATOR HALL:

9. Mr. President, the Secretary has on his desk a bill that
10. I have had caused to be drafted just today. From the conversation
11. that we've already had here today by the joint leaders on both
12. sides and some of the members as well, you know, Mr. President,
13. that many of us are very frustrated by the activities in terms
14. of accomplishing our mission down here. I have proposed a bill
15. as has been suggested by strictly coincidence, Senator Mohr,
16. that would limit the number of days per diem to ninety in any
17. calendar year. We have, Mr. President, been here today...to
18. today, not including today, fifty-two legislative days since
19. January 1. Last year we had ninety-six legislative days which
20. were compensated by per diem for each member. So, I think ninety
21. days might be a good average assessment of how long we should be
22. here at the maximum and drawing thirty-six dollars per day
23. per member. I would remind the members of the Body that when the
24. Constitutional Convention met, they provided that...in the formation
25. they were provided with fifty dollars a day per diem for a maximum
26. of one hundred days. They served in Session for one hundred
27. and five days, as I recall it off the top of my head in any case,
28. just a few days more than they were permitted to be paid per
29. diem. I think that could work well in this Body and in the House
30. to some with a resulting effect of improving legislation as well
31. as cutting down the cost of operating the General Assembly.
32. I am persuaded, Mr. President, that we do not have the best
33. legislative Body when we have a full time Legislature or
34. legislators for that matter. I have a high regard for the

1. representative system that permits the citizens to select
2. people from their communities and their particular life styles
3. as they see...

4. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

5. Just...just a moment. Senator, your time has expired for...

6. SENATOR HALL:

7. Thank you, I wonder if you would go...

8. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

9. ...several times...

10. SENATOR HALL:

11. ...to the order...

12. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

13. Senator Rock.

14. SENATOR HALL:

15. ...of introduction of bills for me.

16. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

17. Senator Rock, for what purpose do you arise?

18. SENATOR ROCK:

19. Requesting of the Chair what order of business we're on.

20. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

21. The order of nothing. We had another word for it here,
22. but we can't repeat that. Senator Buzbee. Senator Rock.

23. SENATOR ROCK:

24. While we're...while we're on the order of speechmaking,
25. I thought I might take a few minutes of this Body's time to
26. recall to the memory of man and read a little history. I'm reading
27. from the Journal of the Senate, dated July 2, 1973. And I find
28. a message addressed to the President of the Senate, William C.
29. Harris and the Speaker of the House, W. Robert Blair. This is
30. not a precedent, Mr. President. There have, in fact, been differences
31. between the Houses. There will, I'm sure in the coming years,
32. be differences between the Houses. I think we can all get together
33. and try to solve the differences but in the meantime, I think the
34. name calling should stop.

1. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DONNEWALD)

2. The Senate will stand at ease.

3. PRESIDENT:

4. Just an announcement. The House is now trying to resurrect
5. one of the bills that was lost in the Second Conference Committee
6. Report. The vote now is over ninety and it seems to be increasing.
7. So that the members won't be inconvenienced, if the Republicans
8. would leave where you're going, if you're going to dinner,
9. with the Minority Leader's Office, the Democrats leave that same
10. information in my office, then everybody can go to dinner and we'll
11. know where everybody is, if we need to call them, we'll know
12. where you are. Pardon? So, we'll just recess until the call
13. of the Chair, because I don't know about the time over there.

14. Recess

15. After Recess

16. PRESIDENT:

17. May I have your attention, the House has just adjourned.
18. We have some business that could be cared for tonight, but it's
19. late. We might as well do it all tomorrow and the Senate
20. will stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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