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Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be in their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Wayne Gordon, who's with the Lawn Dale Christian Community Church in Chicago, Illinois. Pastor Gordon is the guest of Representative Turner. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Gordon: "Good afternoon. I have the privilege of being Arthur's pastor. I've known him since he was a baby. So, if you have any trouble with him, please call me and I'll talk to God about him. Yes. And also, I've written a book and Art... Arthur Turner is going to give you all a copy of it about *Do All Lives Matter*. So, let's pray together. Lord, we thank You so much for this opportunity we have of being together today. We thank You for this Legislative Body. We thank You for each person, each family and all of their family members. Lord, we ask that You would help them, give them wisdom far above human wisdom with every decision they make. Lord, we just pray You'd be with them in a special way in every area of their life. There may be some that are going through a hard time right now. We just lift those things to You, You know what they are. And Lord, we just lift up the great State of Illinois. In all the things that are happening here, we pray for Your guidance and we thank You. We thank You for the service of each person in this room and each Legislator. Thank You special for my parishioner Arthur Turner, Jr. We pray this in the name of our Lord, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Welch."

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Welch - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please excuse the following Members: Welter, Sosnowski, Sommer, and Reick."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Gordon-Booth, Mayfield, and Phelps are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "With 109 Members present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Standard Debate for House Bill 3897. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2782 and House Bill 3631. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2538, House Bill 2571, House Bill 3040, House Bill 3242, House Bill 3326, House Bill 3385, House Bill 3419, House Bill 3514, and House Bill 3626; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2570, House Bill 2725, and House Bill 3006; and recommends be adopted Floor Amendment

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#1 to House Bill 222. Representative Wallace, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Justice & Equity reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: recommends be adopted House Resolution 115. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Community College Access & Affordability reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2740, House Bill 2794, House Bill 3091, and House Bill 3262. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3657. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3179, and House Bill 3490; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2976. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Mass Transit reports the following committee action taken on March 08, 2017: do pass Standard Debate for House Bill 2802. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3536. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Business Incentives for Local Communities reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2820, and House Bill 3063; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 823. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass as amended

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Short Debate for House Bill 623, House Bill 2371, and House Bill 2449. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire & Emergency Services reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2550, House Bill 2551, House Bill 2661, and House Bill 3002. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Special Needs Services reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2643 and House Bill 3899; and recommends be adopted House Resolution 172. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 3165 and House Bill 3644; and do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 259. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate for House Bill House Bill 2973, House Bill 3017 and House Bill 3018; do pass as amended Short Debate for House Bill 2647, House Bill 2652, House Bill 2653, House Bill and House Bill 2654; and recommends be adopted House Resolution 101. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 196 is offered by Representative Costello and House Resolution 198, offered by Representative Welch."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolution. House Resolution 197, offered by Representative D'Amico."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say

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'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Butler: "I am proud to take over on this side the organization of the Diabetes Caucus for my friend, Mike Tryon. And a little over a month from now we're going to have the annual... fourth annual bowling tournament for the Diabetes Caucus here in Springfield at Strike and Spare West. I don't see Representative Davis on the floor yet, but I will say that... I'll be the first to admit I'm not a great bowler, but I will be recruiting the best team around to kick some tail over... specially you, Wayne... kick some tail on the bowling tournament and raise some good dollars for the Diabetes Caucus. So, everyone should have gotten information on it. We have... we have a memo that went out on it. If you have any informa... if you'd like more information or if you'd like to participate, talk to myself, talk to Representative Davis. We have limited spots this year. It's only... it's... we can only have 90 bowlers this year. So, get signed up early and let's raise some good dollars for the Diabetes Caucus. And I believe Leader Durkin probably has a few things to say about it as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members. Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Durkin: "Representative Butler, I've already got the ringer. He's already on my team for the Bowl-a-thon, so good luck. Just a... just a couple thoughts. I've been involved with the Diabetes Caucus for a few years and unfortunately, I got involved the hard way. My daughter was diagnosed seven years ago with Type I Juvenile Diabetes. Kids who have Type I Diabetes don't get a break. They don't get a vacation. They don't get a time out from diabetes. My daughter, on a daily basis, her blood sugar can go anywhere from 40, which was yesterday, up to 400 for no reason at all. She probably tests her times... her finger probably 10 to 15 times a day. It's a very difficult situation for young children who do have this diagnosis and are afflicted with it 'cause as of right now there is no cure, even though there's a lot of work being done to reverse that. But one thing that I think that we can do, and we've done in the past, is that we've awarded scholarships to young men and women who don't have the wherewithal to be able to pay for the diabetes camp that is done every summer up in the north suburbs. My daughter has been doing it for seven years. It was very difficult for her at first, but the most important thing that she learned from this is that she realizes that she is not alone that she has been able to meet her... right now, her best friends are the friends that she's made at this camp over the past seven years. They talk on a regular basis and it's extremely important for children as a part of a coping mechanism to have that ability to share their experiences with other kids who are going through the same thing. So, we all know that there are important causes in everybody's life. I'm just saying that if we can really have

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a good participation at this event, it's a great event, my goal is to ensure that there's a child who does not have the ability to afford this camp experience that we can at least give the opportunity to some of them. You know, it'll change their lives forever. It's a good investment. I thank you for this opportunity."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Leader Durkin. And Representative Butler, looking forward to the event. Representative Jesiel, for what reason do you rise?"

Jesiel: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jesiel: "Ladies and Gentlemen, yesterday was International Women's Day. In acknowledgement of International Women's Day, I wanted to make... take a moment to call your attention to a problem that disproportionally affects women and girls around the world and right here in Illinois, human trafficking. Human trafficking is a modern-day version of slavery that's estimated to be the third-largest form of crime in the world behind only illegal drugs and illegal arms dealing. Every day human beings are bought, sold, or smuggled so that others can profit from their forced labor or sexual servitude. These are daughters and sometimes sons, mothers, and sisters and they live in our communities enslaved right beneath our noses. By 2013 estimates, there are 20 to 30 million people enslaved due to human trafficking. Six to 8 hundred thousand people are trafficked annually, 80 percent of which are women and 50 percent of which are children. And here in the U.S., the average age that a teen is trafficked into the sex trade is 12 to 14 years old. I don't think... I don't reference these

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figures to frighten but to raise awareness. It's easy for us to think of human trafficking as a problem in some faraway place, but the reality is that it's a lucrative business right here in Illinois. Whether a girl is kidnapped at a sporting event in Chicago or a human trafficker takes advantage of zoning laws to set up a discreet shop in a suburban or rural town, the more aware of the... the more aware the public is of human trafficking the more we can do to prevent it. I'm happy to report that we've taken positive steps to curtail human trafficking in Illinois in recent years. We've increased penalties for traffickers and those who buy their services. We've improved access to recovery services for victims. We've updated our laws so victims are not discouraged from reporting their abuse for fear of prosecution. We've increased the availability of information so people can more easily report suspected instances of trafficking to the authorities. And next week, due to the first piece of legislation that I passed in the House, a special task force will convene its first meeting in the ongoing effort to counter human trafficking and its destructive impact. While we have made progress in the fight to end human trafficking, we must remain vigilant and continue to explore new ways to fight trafficking and provide support for victims. So, in recognition of International Women's Day, I'm going to borrow a phrase to encourage the Members of this Body and the people of Illinois to help in the fight to end the exploitation of women and girls. When it comes to human trafficking, if you see something, say something. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Skillicorn, for what reason do you rise?"

Skillicorn: "Personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Proceed, Representative."

Skillicorn: "I'd like to introduce to the gallery... from the gallery some members of the DuKane Chapter of ABATE to the audience today. And I just want to remind everyone that as week we are all bikers and bikers stick together."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Members, on page 10 of the Calendar, we will start with House Bills on Third Reading. Please be in your seat and prepared to present. House Bill 106, Representative Batinick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 106, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A version of this Bill actually passed in 2011 and was signed into law by Governor Quinn and was accidentally removed three weeks later with a different Bill that started previously. What this Bill does is it adds master's... people who get MPAs, master's in public administration, to a list of people who could become school business officials. Currently, it's... you... requires an MBA. As you know, with school as a public body, MPAs run counties; they run cities. I will take any question and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

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Pritchard: "Representative, we had a lively debate about this Bill in committee. Can you explain for the Body a little bit about the difference between these two types of degree and why they are similar in respects to school budgeting?"

Batinick: "Well, both degrees do require, if you want to become a school business official, this is just step 1. So, both degrees would require six hours of financial classes. But if you look at getting a master's of public administration, you're talking about dealing with things like collective bargaining and dealing with things inside government. Whereas, if you get an MBA in, let's say, marketing, you're not dealing with those particular issues."

Pritchard: "So, they are qualified, though, to do the school business work. Is that correct?"

Batinick: "Oh, absolutely. Yeah, absolutely."

Pritchard: "And... and what they may lack in basic training, they make up in other requirements. Is that correct?"

Batinick: "Well, I don't even necessarily... I don't necessarily even say that they lack anything in the basic requirements. I would say that this degree, which is a growing degree, is actually more specific for a school business official than even being an MBA. Back to the previous example I used, you could have an MBA in marketing and you're qualified to be a school business official. An MPA would be more specific to a governmental type of job."

Pritchard: "And certainly, our city managers are generally masters of business administration and public administration."

Batinick: "Correct."

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Pritchard: "And they seem to do a very adequate job of balancing budgets."

Batinick: "Correct."

Pritchard: "So, I think they should certainly be allowed to exercise this practice and help our schools stay on target. I certainly support your Bill and encourage the Body to follow likewise."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair recognizes Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Davis: "Just for clarity's sake, Representative, and we talked a little bit about this. In order to become a school business official, it does require an endorsement, correct?"

Batinick: "Yeah. You have to pass a state test. So, this is just step one. You have to have certain hours, a financial background, and you have to pass the state test. So, this doesn't automatically make you a school business official."

Davis: "It doesn't automatically..."

Batinick: "Correct."

Davis: "...make you. So, in order to be prepared for that test, it's quite possible that someone who possesses an MBA or is pursuing an MBA also may need to take some additional courses..."

Batinick: "Yes, yes."

Davis: "...in order to be prepared to do that, correct?"

Batinick: "Correct, correct."

Davis: "So, therefore, again, without having the necessary education that person may not do well on that test."

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Batinick: "Correct."

Davis: "So, it does behoove them to make sure they take all the necessary courses in addition to... or should I say, in addition to whatever they may be required to take just to receive their MPA."

Batinick: "That is correct."

Davis: "Thank you very much."

Batinick: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Olsen is recognized."

Olsen: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Olsen: "Thank you. Under current law, what is... does an MBA that's currently allowed... does that have to have a focus in finance or public administration or you know, public policy? Is there any specific requirement of... under current law that this has to be focused on finance or accounting?"

Batinick: "No. The... well, the law reads master's of business administration or master's of finance or accounting. But master's of business administration is... is one of the ones that allows you to become a school business official."

Olsen: "So, one could conceivably under current law receive a master's of business administration with a concentration in marketing and be qualified under current law?"

Batinick: "That is correct."

Olsen: "Thank you. I voted against this Bill in committee; however, I've spoken with the Sponsor and with other school business officials as well, and I'm now comfortable with it. I think this allows master's in public administration is just

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one step. And it allows folks who have an understanding of finance... allows them one other route to this. So, I support the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Batinick: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Ammons: "Thank you so much. I just want to clarify. I didn't quite understand. This change would not make a person doing this kind of certification of work eligible to be a superintendent in lieu of a superintendent's license. Is that correct?"

Batinick: "Correct."

Ammons: "Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Batinick to close."

Batinick: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 106 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 106, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 457, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 457, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Bill that will help to create a commission to look at the economic disparities in the issues that women face. It has a number of individuals

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being appointed from Majority and Minority Leader, the Governor, the Department of DCEO, DCFS, Employment Securities, and others. I do encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Andersson: "Representative, is this an existing task force that we're amending or something brand new?"

Wallace: "It initially passed as a Resolution last General Assembly; however, none of the appointments were made. So, now, we're simply stating that you need to make the appointments."

Andersson: "Very good. Thank you."

Wallace: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wallace to close."

Wallace: "Thank you. Again, this is to make sure that we're looking to the future of the women in our state. It's very fitting in light of International Women's Month or Day yesterday. I hope that you'll be supportive."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 457 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 457, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Demmer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Bill Mitchell for the remainder of the day."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. House Bill 485, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, can you please move this Bill back to Second Reading? Thank you. House Bill 643, Representative Stuart. My apologies, Representative. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 643, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Just a second. Today I'm bringing forward Bill 643, which is a Bill to... to not... to stop our COLA increase. And to also, not increase our per diem and mileage reimbursement. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Andersson: "Rep... Representative, is this your first Bill?"

Stuart: "This is my first Bill."

Andersson: "Well, congratulations on bringing your first Bill."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Andersson: "So, looks like your first act is to ensure that we don't get paid any more than we currently do, right?"

Stuart: "Correct."

Andersson: "And you're holding back the per diems and the mileage all to the levels we're currently at, correct?"

Stuart: "Yes, to keep them at the current level."

Andersson: "That's very responsible. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Stuart to close."

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Stuart: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 643 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 98 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', House Bill 643, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Durkin, for what reason do you seek recognition? House Bill 655, Representative Cavaletto. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 655, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This requires the Illinois State Board of Education to send electronic notification to professional educator license holder if his or her license needs to be renewed. This notification shall be sent to the license holder electronic mail address and available no more than six months prior to their license lapsing. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 655 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 655, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 739, Representative Meier. Out of the record. House Bill

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812, Representative Jimenez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 812, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 812 amends the State Designation Act to add shelter dogs and cats, and those who have been adopted from a shelter to become the official State Pet of Illinois. This Bill helps to raise awareness to the issue of dogs and cats that are currently in rescue shelters across the state which could ultimately save lives and taxpayer money."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Sorry, Mr. Speaker, just a point of personal privilege. I intended to vote 'yes' on 655. Just wanted the record..."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request."

Ammons: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 812 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 105 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 812, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 815, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 815, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski."

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Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an attempt to force compromise with the Governor's Office and those concerned with this Bill. It involves having firefighters enter into a Tier 2... a SLEP benefit dealing with Bedford Park. It makes no sense to have firefighters in a Tier 2 benefit when they work 'til 67 years old. This is a desire to have them contribute more but go into a different system called SLEP. The idea in the past has been just put them in the program. We forged a compromise where it would be prospective in nature. It would take the... up until the time that... up until this point they would take the old benefit... on a prospective basis, they would get the new benefit. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Andersson: "Mike, this Bill was vetoed by the Governor last year."

Zalewski: "Yes."

Andersson: "Can you explain... have you talked with the Governor's Office resolved whatever issues they had?"

Zalewski: "To my knowledge, yes."

Andersson: "And what were the issues and what was the resolution?"

Zalewski: "Their concern was that... that... I mean, I think their concern is generally that we would put... put members... put firefighters into a SLEP. What I would say and what we did say and what we agreed upon is, if it... if it'll relieve the discomfort to have it be prospective in nature, we'd be happy to do that. And that's what we did here."

Andersson: "Okay. So, at this point, the Governor's Office is agreed to your Bill?"

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Zalewski: "I won't speak for the Governor... Governor's Office."

Andersson: "Probably wise."

Zalewski: "But I have not heard them say they... they are opposed to the Bill. And in the past, I have heard them say they weren't a fan of the Bill."

Andersson: "And if I recall from the debate we had last time, this is one where there was a referendum that failed..."

Zalewski: "It did."

Andersson: "...that could have done this."

Zalewski: "It did. I would say to that... Again, I would say there are instances where the... this is a unique circumstance where Bedford Park is very little residential and very much industrial."

Andersson: "Right."

Zalewski: "So, they're a unique circumstance. I know it's not the will of this Body ever to thwart local referenda, but I think in this instance it makes sense to have this policy in place both for the members of the system and the municipality involved."

Andersson: "And do they, in fact... I think because there is such a large industrial base, presumably the fire department or the fire district... it's pretty large proportionate to the... the people that it serves 'cause they've got so much... they've got so many buildings to protect. Is that right?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

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Ives: "Representative Zalewski, could you just go back over the referendum. They... it's my understanding that they... they held the referendum on this issue and the voters voted no. Is... is that correct?"

Zalewski: "That's correct."

Ives: "And so, this Bill basically allows the municipal officers to make this decision on their own?"

Zalewski: "Well, no. It allows the village board to do it but via ordinance."

Ives: "Yeah. So, the village board will make the decision and what we're doing here is enabling the village board to make that decision..."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Ives: "...rather than through referendum. Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Ives: "So, our action today doesn't actually put this in place without elected official approval at the local level."

Zalewski: "Correct."

Ives: "Okay. But this would be a benefit enhancement. Is that correct?"

Zalewski: "With... correct, with an increase in contributions, yes."

Ives: "An increase in contribution on the employee part or the employer part or both?"

Zalewski: "Both."

Ives: "On both parts, right?"

Zalewski: "Yes, yes."

Ives: "Okay. Thank you for your... for your testimony."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski to close."

Zalewski: "I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 815 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 77 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 815, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1797, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1797, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 1797 is an effort to try to give the Illinois International Port Authority the ability to become one if not the most profitable engines not only on the south side of Chicago in the State of Illinois. It is a port in the true sense of the word in terms of what it can do and what it has... its capabilities of... what it has the capability of doing. Currently, the challenge is that it carries a significant debt on its books. It was thoroughly talked about in committee and I appreciate the conversation that I got from many Representatives. We were fortunate enough to be able to pass this out of committee with bipartisan support, but it carries a very significant debt. And right now that debt that it incurs is a significant impediment to its ability to become that engine... economic job engine that we desire for it to be on the south side of Chicago. So, currently, what exists is that, in all fairness to the Members, about almost 40 years ago in anticipation of this port being the gateway to large

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cargo container ships coming from other ports around the world, the State of Illinois granted this port \$14.9 million in anticipation of that growth, in anticipation of what it could do. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons, the port has not realized what it was given these resources to do. So, because it hasn't been able to turn a profit as a result of this, each year they submit audits to the Capital Development Board and then audits verify that, unfortunately, no financial gain has been made based on that investment. So, they allow it to continue to stay on the books without repayment. Well, as we have learned, continuing for that to do... continuing... continuing that will allow... you kind of messed up my train of thought here... continuing that debt to remain on its books has hampered and will continue to hamper this port from being able to grow. Because of that debt, for those of you who are business owners, sometimes debt, if you carry too much of it, it'll... don't allow you to invest and reinvest. On the... the port is in need of significant capital improvements and unfortunately, this debt will stop it from being able to do so. So, again, each year it's verified that the debt exists and that there's no profit being made; therefore, it's not being asked to repay the debt. So, this Bill is essentially debt forgiveness. And again, I want it to be very clear to the Members what we're trying to do here, but the objective here is to give it the ability to become the economic engine that we thought it could become several years ago. They have the ability to do significant work, attract more business than they already have there in order to grow and be profitable, but without being able to invest

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the dollars to... to shore up its harbor walls. I've been there. I've visited. It is in significant repair... in need of repair without being able to somehow clear this debt, unfortunately, it will not be able to grow and it will just languish on, unfortunately, in a way where it's not being productive to the State of Illinois. There are reports that exist that speak to the capabilities of this port not only in terms of dollars that it can bring to the State of Illinois, but also the jobs that it can bring to that particular region but also the ancillary jobs. Because of where it's located, it has access through the Great Lakes to the St. Lou... St. Lawrence Canal that leads out into the ocean as well as it's connected to the water system and turning Illinois that allow access up and down the Mississippi River through the Gulf Coast. So, it is a... it is a valuable tool that could be used, but unfortunately, because of this debt it can't grow to what we would like it to grow. So, that being said, I'm sure there are probably plenty of questions, so might as well get it started."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Members. Can we please bring the noise level down in the chamber. There are many people seeking recognition on this Bill and some Members are complaining about the noise. Thank you. Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Andersson: "Representative Davis, we did have a good discussion about this in committee and the new port authority director did an excellent job of presenting the case. A couple of

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particular questions. This debt is not in default, correct, under the terms of the agreement of the loan with CDB there's never been an obligation to pay because they've never made a profit that would trigger that payment, right?"

Davis: "That is correct."

Andersson: "So, they're not... they're not deadbeats in any way. They haven't yet been required to pay."

Davis: "That's correct."

Andersson: "But at the same time, the loan has been on the books since 1979."

Davis: "Seventy-eight, seventy-nine, yes."

Andersson: "Seventy-eight, seventy-nine. And... and as I understood his testimony, the loan anticipated a certain type of development. That development never really occurred and never will."

Davis: "Well, but... but through no fault of the port, though."

Andersson: "Correct."

Davis: "Let's be clear about that."

Andersson: "Correct."

Davis: "Okay."

Andersson: "A change in the market, a change in the world."

Davis: "Yes."

Andersson: "Those circumstances which is why the... the debt is not due. So, the question I think that came up during our discussion in committee was, if we do not forgive this loan... and I appreciate your candor, by the way, in calling it what it is... but if we do not forgive the loan, will the port authority be able to grow?"

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Davis: "According to the director, it will not be able to grow. I... I guess, and again, I'm not a businessman in that respect, but when, you know, when you go out seeking money, everybody looks at what debt you're carrying and your ability, if you will, now."

Andersson: "Correct."

Davis: "It's kind of a chicken and egg scenario. If we were able to give it more resources in order to repair, fix, and attract then of course you're anticipating that it will make profit and then will be able to repay the loan. But I guess, on paper it doesn't look like it has the ability to do so and in part and parcel it's because of this debt that it's carrying."

Andersson: "Correct."

Davis: "So, if we are able to relieve them of this responsibility, then the expectation is that they will be able to get the resources necessary. I think he mentioned the need for several million dollars in order to repair harbor walls, in order to make sure that all the dredging is done necessarily so that what boats do come in or what containers or cargo ships do come in have... that they can come in that they can dock appropriately so they can unload. They do have some business development there that does keep it afloat. They have a lot of land that they can lease. And unfortunately, they can't lease some of that land because it needs repair before someone is willing to come in and lease that land from them."

Andersson: "Certainly. So, if we do nothing, their ability to grow is... is really impaired."

Davis: "Very impaired."

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Andersson: "However, if we do forgive this loan... a loan we're never going to get repaid. I think that's a fair statement based on the circumstances."

Davis: "Based on the circumstances."

Andersson: "We're never going to get this money back. So, if we do nothing, we don't get money and we don't get growth over there. If, on the other hand, we do forgive this debt that we're never going to get back anyway, we allow them to stimulate growth, create jobs, create accessory jobs, and develop that area. Is that correct?"

Davis: "Absolutely."

Andersson: "Sounds like a good Bill. Thank you."

Davis: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Ives: "Representative Davis, if this debt is relieved, can you assure me that the port authority will never in the future ask for government capital money from the Federal Government or the State Government ever again?"

Davis: "Well, I don't know if I can assure you that, but it seems counterintuitive actually. This is a quasi-governmental entity. So, why would it not want to at least try to garner additional cap... particularly capital resources if a capital Bill became available. So, that it seems a little counterintuitive, but I couldn't guarantee you that they wouldn't do that."

Ives: "That's exactly right. You could not guarantee me that. And I guarantee you that if those port authority officials were..."

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were sitting before us right now they would immediately reach out for additional taxpayer government money when they failed to pay back another loan. Now, my next question is, if you say that this is... they have the potential to grow, they have the potential to actually make money and become a viable institution. Why is it then that we should not receive back a portion of that money, which right now is basically 20 percent of the profit structure, in the future if you think that they have the potential to grow? Why should they not have to pay back that debt that they took on in full knowledge that they would have to pay back?"

Davis: "Well, if I'm not mistaken the way the loan was originally structured, it was given for the purposes of being able to attract large container-type ships to come into the port to grow. So, this is early on when that, I guess, that industry was growing, but even what we learned in committee is that some of the large stack container ships that port the Gulf Coast, come through the Panama Canal, port on the East Coast in New Jersey as well as in California, those ships couldn't even get to the port under current other capital challenges that the state has. So, it's not even the port's fault that those boats can't get there. He mentioned even a bridge in Lemont that currently, unfortunately, because it's not a... a bridge that opens up or lifts not enough... it doesn't have enough space to allow the right type of vessel to come through the... I think it's the IM Canal to even get to the port. So, there are a number of other challenges, but I think to answer your question, though, the loan was given for a specific

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reason and it's a reason that will never be realized. And that is why primarily this ask is being made."

Ives: "So, what did they do with the loan proceeds? Was it used to improve that port so that it... is it currently... is the port currently operating use... for different types of shipping? And if so, with some of the 15 million used in its current operations?"

Davis: "Well, this is a loan from 30 years ago. So, I don't think any of that... those dollars still exist that are being used today. I don't... I don't believe so."

Ives: "But was it put into infrastructure?"

Davis: "It was... it was a capital investment made specifically for that reason. So, I believe those type of improvements were made, but again, we're talking 30 years ago where a container ship may have stacks 5 high but today those container ships stack 10 high. So, even under those circumstances, there would still be a need for additional investment in the port to even be able to take on the way the current situations are in terms of container activity, for lack of a better way of putting it."

Ives: "I appreciate your testimony. I just... I guess I'm trying to find out is the port operating now and taking in some revenue?"

Davis: "The port is operating now and according to the director it breaks even."

Ives: "It breaks even."

Davis: "It breaks even."

Ives: "Okay. That's wonderful. Listen... To the Bill. So, the problem here is that we have no guarantee that this port won't

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go back out and ask for additional taxpayer money for additional projects they want to do. There's also no guarantee that when it turns profitable that that money won't be in good faith some of it repatriated to the taxpayers who provided the initial 15 million. A 15 million dollar loan that they knew full well once they were profitable they had to pay back. Fifteen million dollars that basically did not say that only if you're profitable on what we lent you the money for in the first place, it just simply says that if it's profitable. So, there's... we cannot do this willy-nilly with taxpayer money. We need to... they need to own up to their end of the bargain which is to pay back that loan. And also, I'm really very much concerned that if we forgive this loan, they do nothing but the next day come back to the state taxpayers or the federal taxpayers and ask for additional taxpayer money. And then we're back in this boat where maybe they won't pay it back. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Long."

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Davis: "Hold on, Rep, I'm... I'm... where... where's he at? I can't..."

Long: "Right here. Right here."

Davis: "Oh, there you are. Thank you."

Long: "Representative Davis, how you doing?"

Davis: "I'm good, Sir."

Long: "This Bill did come to me in committee and we did go over this extensively. And I have a couple questions to ask you. A couple years ago, the port authority was... was attempting to privatize. Is that correct?"

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Davis: "Was attempting to privatize?"

Long: "They were attempting to privatize. A Denver company wanted to buy the port, but they backed out of it. Is that correct?"

Davis: "Well, I believe the way the director characterized it. He said he was aware of attempts before, but he strongly felt that bringing him on because of his skills... his skill set, his leadership that that is not something that the board would be considering to do any time soon."

Long: "So, if... if the board were to privatize and sell it, the taxpayers would actually get that \$15 million back. Is that correct?"

Davis: "I'm sorry?"

Long: "If... Speaker, please. So, if the port..."

Speaker Turner: "Members, can we please bring the noise level down in the chamber so we can continue with the debate."

Long: "So, if the port authority were to privatize and sell it, the taxpayers would get that \$15 million back. Is that correct?"

Davis: "If the port were to privatize and sell, would the taxpayers get..."

Long: "Sure."

Davis: "I... I think... I think it would be hard to say because and again, I'm not a businessman like some folks are, but what I've learned is that if you're trying to make something attractive to sell, you're going to look at things like that. So, it's quite possible that in order for it to privatize a deal might have to be made with that debt where it was either not have to be paid at all or maybe even a portion of it. So, it's hard to say what the status of that debt would be if

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that was the intent of the... of the board of directors. Hard to say, but you know, I guess it just depends."

Long: "Okay. Well, if they haven't paid the debt back for 40 years, one of the things that was mentioned in committee was they... they had aspirations of borrowing another \$10 million to help themselves get back on board. If they haven't paid the \$40 million back and we forgive them for this, as a union man, my brothers in the union do not like corporate welfare. How is this not corporate welfare?"

Davis: "Well, how is it not corporate welfare? Well..."

Long: "Yeah. How is it not forgiving somebody... giving to a corporation... I know it's the State of Illinois, but it's still... it's still just like a corporation. How is this not corporate welfare?"

Davis: "I'm sorry, Representative. You said how is this not... Can you repeat that for..."

Long: "Corporate welfare. In other words, if we... people, my union brothers, complain about always letting the corporations off the hook. And I know this is the... this is the State of Illinois that they privatize and they sell and the taxpayers get their \$15 million back, then that's \$15 million back to the taxpayers. But if we... if we forgive them, how is this not the same as corporate welfare?"

Davis: "Well, I think the objective here is not to put this in a position where it would ultimately be privatized. I mean, this is a state entity. The board appointments are made by the Governor of the State of Illinois. They're made by the mayor of the City of Chicago, so I don't think the intent of

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this would be so. And being a union man, like you said, I would think that you would want this to remain..."

Long: "Why is..."

Davis: "...under the jurisdiction of, because if it's privatized then that could be negative for union members. That could be negative for union activity there as well. So, to answer your question about why this is not corporate welfare, again, first of all, this isn't a corporation. You know, again, the loan was given for a very specific reason that for 40 years has not been realized through no fault of the port. Port hasn't mismanaged anything. Every year they have to submit audits to the Capital Development Board to basically show there's no economic activity taking place as a result of this. So, again, if we want this to be successful, if we want this to have the opportunity to grow under current circumstances then what we should be doing is really taking a good look at what I'm asking, relieving this debt so it can indeed grow. Because again, if I understand this correctly, if somebody wants to... if a private company wants to come in and buy it, I think that's where you might actually... you might say well that's corporate welfare because if they want to buy it and there's an interest in selling it and they say, well, I don't want to buy it if this debt is on the book. Then they're going to be trying to structure some deal to eliminate this. And at that point it becomes a private entity without any state regulation or very little, any state control. We don't know anything about the jobs because it's a private company and we're told often we can't dive into those kind of particulars with private companies. So, I think we lose a lot of control if it

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were to go in that direction. And I think what we're attempting to do here is that given an opportunity to remain under the jurisdiction of the government. Let's make it grow. Let's do what we need to do. Let's make the right investment in it so that it can be a very profitable engine for the State of Illinois, create jobs, create union jobs, create business opportunity. I mean, if you've never visited that port, I would strongly encourage you to do so. And I think if you had a chance to see it, you would really be able to see what a potential of it could be. So, let's work together so that it stays under the jurisdiction of, like this place if you will, so we can work together to make it grow so that it can be a job creator, can create significant economic revenue for the State of Illinois."

Long: "Okay. Representative Davis, I appreciate what you say, but going along with Representative Ives. What guarantee is there that the port is not going to come back and ask for more money because they're struggling once again? They've done this for the last 40 years. But I did vote against this in committee and I will vote against this on the floor again. But I do respectfully thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Members, due to the number of people seeking to be recognized on this Bill, we're going to have to go to a debate timer. Each Member will be offered three minutes. Representative Evans is recognized."

Evans: "Representative... a request on a Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Evans: "Yeah. To the Bill. You know, we have port authorities pretty much in every state that borders waterways,

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particularly the Port of Indiana. You do a quick Google search, Indiana's investing in their ports. Illinois, we are the heartland of the nation and we got a port with the potential that's beyond what we can imagine. I was just out in D.C. talking to folks all over the nation with various ports. They're invested in their ports. We have a port that's dormant. Drive on I-94, heading east, you see a dormant port. I've seen it my entire life. This is a small amount of money that we can invest that will guarantee an opportunity. The Governor believes in it. He put Clayton Harris, our new executive director, there. He'll make this port a great economic engine. Right now it's dormant. So, I stand in great support for this legislation, because it will yield tremendous results for the State of Illinois. I think we can look around the nation and see what other ports have done. So, the evidence is there, all we need to do is support this legislation and allow economic development to continue. Colleagues, please join me in supporting this great piece of legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Batinick is recognized for three minutes."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield?"

Davis: "Yes."

Batinick: "Representative, our analysis shows that the General Assembly created this port authority in 19... in the 1950s. Is that correct?"

Davis: "I believe so."

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Batinick: "And the Gen... and it was the General Assembly's decision what... 30, 40 years ago to work with the body that they created to buy this land and loan them some money hoping it would.. it would make a return in the future, correct?"

Davis: "Yes."

Batinick: "Okay. And that land is not making any.. any money now, right?"

Davis: "Not at all."

Batinick: "Okay. To the Bill. This is dead money, everybody. This is \$15 million of dead money from bad decisions that the General Assembly made previously. And we've made bad decisions in the past and we have to start making better decisions, but here's the two options of what's going to happen. We don't pass this Bill; we don't get \$15 million. We pass this Bill; we don't get \$15 million, but we have some opportunity for economic growth in an area of our state that desperately needs it. Transportation is huge in Illinois. This port has the ability to expand and this is weighing around its neck like a big lead weight stopping it from creating jobs. The \$15 million is gone; it's dead money. Let's pass this Bill. Let's get this part of the state moving again. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Morrison is recognized for three minutes."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a good debate. I'm glad some of these issues are coming up. In response to one of the Representatives, if we do pass this and forgive the.. the district of this loan, I don't support more money going to it, more tax dollars going to it. But I want to echo what

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the comments that were just made. You know, we often talk about Illinois's proximity in the Midwest. Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. So, we talk about Illinois's proximity in the Midwest. We have some incredible natural assets, incredible manmade assets, and if we don't use those then private investment is going to look elsewhere. And so, Representative, there was an interesting article in *Crain's*, about a year maybe a year and a half ago, brought up some really excellent points. I think we, as a state, need to do all we can to make this property as attractive as possible because I think we would all benefit. The entire state would benefit from the increased investment there, more jobs, more investment, increased commerce, which is taxed. And so, I plan on voting for your Bill. And I stand with you on some of the other reforms that this district may need to put it on solid footing. So, thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Keith Wheeler is recognized for three minutes."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Wheeler, K.: "Representative Davis, please help me understand exactly who owns this port?"

Davis: "The port is a quasi-governmental entity run by a board of directors appointed by the Governor as well as the mayor of the City of Chicago."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. But the land itself is owned by that quasi-governmental unit?"

Davis: "By that governmental entity."

Wheeler, K.: "So, it's effectively still an entity of government?"

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Davis: "Yes."

Wheeler, K.: "I want to make sure that's clear. So it's a matter of government owing another government money?"

Davis: "Yes."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. Secondly, I want to refer one thing you mentioned earlier and I want to make sure I understood it. Is there a potential this could be privatized at some point in time?"

Davis: "Well, I think in the past there has been conversation about it being privatized. I mean, again, we... as we can see the board... the port has just kind of languished along for several years. What Executive Director Harris said in committee was that he felt strongly that his appointment to being the director with his background, with his skillset, he feels that there is no intent in the future for this to be looked at as being privatized."

Wheeler, K.: "Okay. 'Cause I thought your follow-up comment, well, effectively said that we should keep it as a government unit just because we have more control over it. And I don't find that to be a necessarily a positive (inaudible) there based on how... on how we run our process here in the State of Illinois. We are not a model for how you should run a business. So, maybe privatization is something we should look at as a potential excellent use of that property 'cause it's an asset to the state and it should be one. So, while I'm reluctant almost all times to forgive a debt to this state who's so broke, this is starting to make some sense to me that this may actually be the left pocket owes the right pocket some money, it goes... kind of a wash to begin with. And

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if this hope opens the door to something that could happen that's valuable and people could go to work for this, you may have turned me around on this, my friend. So, thank you."

Davis: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Christian Mitchell is recognized for three minutes."

Mitchell, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I actually want to thank... I want to start by thanking my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Representative Andersson and Representative Batinick. I think they've gotten to the heart of this thing. So, let me just say two things. One, remanding a debt to the State of Illinois is not corporate welfare because the state is not a corporation. So, that should just be out there in the ether. Second of all, this is an opportunity and the State of Illinois rarely has these opportunities where all we have to do to create economic development on... in the south suburbs, a very... in the southland near Chicago a place that's desperately needed economic development is to just get out of the way. 'Cause the only thing blocking this very successful port, which only hasn't had to pay back this debt because of the success that they have had every single year it's been asked of them, all we have to do is... all that's holding them back from private capital is the chance to get this debt off their book which is, Representative Batinick said, is not going to be repaid. This is a good Bill. If you're concerned about violence in the City of Chicago, if you're concerned about the future of the State of Illinois in shipping and logistics, a growth

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industry, this should be an easy 'yes' vote. I encourage everyone to vote that way. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Will Davis to close."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the very spirited debate. Those who may not vote for it or may vote for it, but I think as the last couple of speakers said, we have an excellent opportunity here to do something fantastic for the State of Illinois. Now, one of the things that sold me to even want to consider this was I had an opportunity to visit. If you've not had a go... an opportunity to go visit it, I can guarantee you that the director, Clayton Harris, will be more than happy to host one or as many of you as you would like to come out here to see the potential of this port. It has the potential to do great things, not only in terms of its own economic impact, ancillary economic impact throughout the entire State of Illinois. Last speaker talked about how important... one of the last speakers talked about how important this port was in the scheme of all the ports that exist on the Great Lakes. It has fallen behind because of an issue such as this. If we're able to move forward beyond this today, I can guarantee you that this port will grow. It will... it will do fantastic things. It will do everything necessary. Now, I know many of you don't know Clayton Harris. He is, indeed, a friend of mine. And I know you don't know him, but if there is somebody that I trust who has the state's best interest at heart, who plans to do the right thing on behalf of the citizens of the State of Illinois in terms of what that investment would have been but looking forward down the road, I do trust this individual to do that. And again, we

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welcome you to come visit the port at any time to see what potentially could happen. So, again, I thank everyone that spoke on this Bill. I know it's a tough issue, but I think this is one if we coalesce and came together on both sides of the aisle, this will be tremendous for the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1797 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 65 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1797, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1800, Representative Barbara Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1800, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Before we start with the Bill, Representative. Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative David Harris for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1800 amends the Highway Code by adding two words 'at least'. This allows the county boards to pay more than 10 percent as an inconvenience fee to incentivize farmers to participate in the living snow fence program. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie is recognized."

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Currie: "Thank you. Please excuse Representative Zalewski for the remainder of the afternoon."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1800 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 106 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1800, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1805, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1805, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Secretary of State and the Gift of Hope. I would like to thank the Secretary of State for getting behind this issue and the Gift of Hope for their tireless work to help families who are in need of transplants. Statistics are a funny thing. They don't really mean anything until they do. When you're in a situation that you have a family member who needs an organ, those statistics become very important. My family understands that..."

Speaker Turner: "Members, please, can you bring the noise level down in the chamber. We have a very important debate going on, offer Representative Conroy your respect. Representative Conroy."

Conroy: "My family understands those statistics as my four sons have watched as their father has struggled to get a kidney

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donation. In Illinois alone, 300 people die a year waiting for an organ. It is a five- to seven-year wait in Illinois alone for a kidney transplant. Because of those statistics, this Bill allows 16- and 17-year-olds, young adults, to make their intentions known, to let their parents know and have a conversation and to become donors on their driver's license. This Bill also allows in the situation where a parent may lose a child that was 16 or 17 to have the final say. I would like to thank Representative Brady for partnering with me on this. He works tirelessly with the Gift of Hope and the Gift of Hope saves lives, many lives every year. I'd like to ask for your support in helping to save more lives in the State of Illinois by supporting this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Andersson: "Representative, I want to understand the parental consent aspect of this and the process for how that's done for someone who's 16 or 17."

Conroy: "It's very simple. If you should happen to lose your 16- or 17-year-old child who has made their intention clear that they would like to be a donor and for whatever reason you don't feel that you can do that, you have the right to tell the physicians no and that will be respected."

Andersson: "At... at that time."

Conroy: "Absolutely."

Andersson: "So, is there any process when the license is being issued... is there any parental notification that that..."

Conroy: "No, there is not."

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Andersson: "So, a student or a young person rather could elect this and the parent won't know about it until a terrible circumstance occurs."

Conroy: "Yes, they could. This empowers our 16- and 17-year-olds to make their intentions known. This is done... We are only one of two states who do not do this now."

Andersson: "And... and is there any... is there any information process for the medical providers to know that there is this potential issue for these minors?"

Conroy: "It's the law that no one is allowed to take an organ as a gift or any other without the permission of whoever is responsible for that person."

Andersson: "Okay. So, if we've got a minor in this case let's say the parents aren't around for whatever reason. I know that there's a very short time frame for doing what they need to do to utilize these organs for good purposes."

Conroy: "They will do whatever it takes to contact the parent in that situation."

Andersson: "And if they can't, if they're unsuccessful, what... what happens then?"

Conroy: "As I said, Representative, they have to make a good faith effort to get a hold of that parent."

Andersson: "Okay. So, a good faith effort, but let's say they make a good faith effort, the effort fails, what happens?"

Conroy: "In that case, then they can take the organs because the child has made that their intention."

Andersson: "So, at that point, the parental consent would in effect fail in those rare circumstances?"

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Conroy: "Well, in the case of saving lives, Representative, that would be a very severe... I would hate to see that happen. I suppose it could if you want to come up with the worst-case scenario to argue with this Bill that would be it."

Andersson: "I'm actually not arguing against your Bill. I just want to make sure that the... the Body understands the implications. I certainly respect the intent of what you're trying to do here and I think it's a good thing."

Conroy: "There is a..."

Andersson: "But I want to make sure..."

Conroy: "There..."

Andersson: "...we understand."

Conroy: "Yes. And... and there is a letter of notification to the parents that is generated when a... when a 16- or 17-year-old makes their intentions known."

Andersson: "There is? So, when... so..."

Conroy: "Yes, there is."

Andersson: "Pretty much immediately after they get their license a letter is generated?"

Conroy: "Yes. We have covered every possible base we can to make sure that the parents are notified in that case."

Andersson: "And is there... once the parents receive that notification, is there any mechanism if the parents, for whatever reason, disagree with that to have that removed from the license?"

Conroy: "Representative, in that case, the parents can have a discussion with their child and I would say that decision will be made within their own family."

Andersson: "Thank you very much."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Brady is recognized."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Brady: "Thank you. First off, to Representative Conroy, thank you for all your hard work. You have been the leader on this Bill. You've done a tremendous job with so many others that have been part of this Bill. And you have your own personal story to tell in which you deal with and how donation is so important to you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in my background, I would tell you that organ and tissue donation is something that I dealt with almost on a daily basis in my previous background as county coroner and in the funeral business. And one of the things that Illinois is, is a first-person consent state. First-person consent state means that that overrules someone's wishes when they are 18 years or older, that wish was to donate that's what will happen. One of the reasons that I was involved in this Bill was that the first-person consent side of things would not apply to a 16- or 17-year-old in the State of Illinois. But yet, as a minor they could make their wishes known to help guide those parents or guardians. God forbid a terrible situation that would be faced with the decision of what he or she wanted because that was something that many families are left with 'cause they never have this type of discussion. So, they still have the ultimate authority, Representative Andersson, and they do have the ability to not procure an organ and/or take tissue in a situation if parents could not be found or guardian because the final say in a situation is left to the county coroner or the medical examiner to make a determination yes

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or no if there is some form of investigation ongoing, foul play, vehicle accident, or some reason why that particular investigation would warrant the coroner being involved. They have the ultimate authority under statute to say yes or no when it comes to organ and/or tissue donation. They try and work with the tissue teams, the organ teams, and I believe firmly that if an individual who's a minor and parents or legal guardian could not be contacted in a timely fashion that the coroner's office would be a repository for a final permission and could be worked with, with the organ and tissue team until the final decision could be made by a parent or guardian in a time frame where someone is on life support. So, again, that's one of the reasons I'm supportive of the Bill is because it does not take away that parental authority, and I believe there are safeguards built into the Bill to where Gift of Hope or the other procurement teams have to go to great, great extent before there would ever be a decision where they get to make the ultimate decision without input from the family, the guardian, or the ultimate authority of the county medical examiner or coroner of that county making that decision. So, with that being said, I hope that answers your questions. Overall, the important thing is, is to let be known the minor's wishes if something were to happen and that's something I think is very, very important for all of us and for organ and tissue donation to help so many. So, with that, I thank Representative Conroy again. It's very personal to her. And I would tell you that I believe there is far more good that can come out of this particular piece of legislation than any harm. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Conroy to close."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker and thank you, Representative Brady for your support on this. I would like to ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1805 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 103 voting 'yes', 3 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1805, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2360, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2360, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. We created the Secure Choice Program as a way to give people who, in whose workplaces there are no opportunities for IRAs or other pension benefits. An encouragement to help save for their own retirement years. The legislation passed two years ago and the program is about to begin, but the board that operates the program needs a little more time for implementation. So, this measure would give them the extra time they need, permit the development of a pilot program to decide how people should begin enrolling in the program, makes several technical corrections, and gives the board greater latitude in establishing what the default contribution is. As a reminder, this program is totally voluntary. And I would appreciate your help in making

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these technical corrections so the board can get on with its work."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "So, Representative, it appears that what we're doing is we're changing the default contribution rate from 3 percent. Is it..."

Currie: "The... the board... Right. An initial statute set it at 3 percent. The members of the board, and these are appointees of the Governor and so forth, their concern is that 3 percent might not give enough ballast to make the fees that people pay for management workable. So, the idea is that the board could decide to set the default rate between 3 and 6 percent. Any individual who participates in the program could opt out altogether, could decide on his or her own contribution rate. So, if somebody wanted to go to 8 percent, they could do that. If they wanted to go to 2 percent, they could do that too. But the default rate, under this measure the board could decide to set it at someplace between 3 and 6 percent."

Andersson: "And... and I believe you already answered this, but I want to be clear. No one's mandated to be in this program."

Currie: "No."

Andersson: "Correct?"

Currie: "No."

Andersson: "And... and so they could go high... Could they go 50 percent if they wanted to?"

Currie: "And it... Yeah, unlikely but an individual could. It's entirely up to the worker."

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Andersson: "Okay. And then, as far as the period... I think you indicated this is yet to begin or is just rolled out and we're extending time period."

Currie: "Yeah. So, the roll-out is taking longer than we hoped that it might. So, this will delay implementation by a year, and it will give the board the authority to establish a way of enrolling people. So, not everybody has to be enrolled on day one. It may be they want to start with larger employers, maybe there are other ways they want to divide the state geographically, but the board would have authority to establish what the... how enrollment would happen."

Andersson: "And are the... but the potential enrollees are they already enrolling and waiting for the system to kick in?"

Currie: "No."

Andersson: "No?"

Currie: "No, they haven't started yet. We have... The board first has to choose a fund manager, so a lot... a lot of the work still needs to be done."

Andersson: "And my understanding... and forgive me I'm not that good at the federal level... but the House of Representatives apparently is proposing rolling back these state-run retirement plans. Do you have any information about that?"

Currie: "Yeah. Well, it would not actually roll back the opportunity to do this, but what they did do is to establish a rule which may not be approved by the Senate, may not be approved by the President, that would say that employers might be subject to ERISA under programs like this. But there is a 1975 statute that I think clearly establishes that they aren't no matter what Congress does with the recent rule that would

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have established clarity about the employer responsibility under ERISA for these kinds of programs."

Andersson: "Thank you. And then is there any opposition to the Bill that you're aware of?"

Currie: "I'm not aware of any."

Andersson: "Thank... thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "This is a good program. I appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2360 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 68 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2360, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2361, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2361, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you. House Bill 2361 is an initiative that my constituents and the aldermen that represent wards along Lake Shore Drive have been clamoring for, because so many of our residents that live in high rises are very concerned about how much noise emanates from Lake Shore Drive. There is currently a plan afoot to redesign Lake Shore Drive and we are asking the City of Chicago or permitting them to use noise monitoring systems to measure the noise along the drive so that we can use data."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Andersson: "Representative Feigenholtz, so why... why exactly do we need this Bill? The City of Chicago certainly has full power to do whatever it wishes."

Feigenholtz: "One would think so, Representative, but we did investigate and ask the city to do this and because Lake Shore Drive... portions of it are a federal highway it wasn't really clear whether or not they were permitted to. So, we want to pass this law indicating that it is permissive for them to do this."

Andersson: "So, this is not a mandate on them? They're not being forced to do... this isn't a mandate? They're not being forced to."

Feigenholtz: "No, no, no."

Andersson: "Although, if they do it, it looks like they are required to prepare a report... prepare a noise monitoring report within 12 months. Is that right?"

Feigenholtz: "Yeah. That's something that the aldermen who are hearing from our constituents are collectively hearing anecdotal stories from residents along the drive. And what they really want to do in order to successfully move forward is get hard data."

Andersson: "Do we know how this is done? Is this a series of boxes that they set up on the roads or what do they do to do a noise report?"

Feigenholtz: "I think they measure decibel levels."

Andersson: "Throughout per... periodic spots along the road?"

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Feigenholtz: "They're similar to what... what we're using along O'Hare to... to try and measure air noise and traffic patterns and such."

Andersson: "Do we know the city's position on your Bill?"

Feigenholtz: "The city's neutral."

Andersson: "The city is neutral. Do you know if... if we pass this whether they will in fact pass the ordinance?"

Feigenholtz: "My sense is they're going to want to be responsive to aldermen along Lake Shore Drive to know hard data about what's going on. I know that I've heard from a series of aldermen along the drive that they're enthusiastically supporting this effort."

Andersson: "Very good. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Breen: "Representative, I'm... I'm not sure if this was the Bill specifically, but I was trying to figure out why do they need a noise monitoring system on Lake Shore Drive? What... what noise are they trying to monitor?"

Feigenholtz: "I... I think... I think that in... in the redesign efforts that are being discussed, there is an effort to mitigate moving forward some of the concerns that the residents have about vehicular noise. And that's what they're trying to do."

Breen: "And you know, the reason I'm... I'm just having a little issue here is that, you know, we had ABATE here yesterday and I know the motorcycle folks were saying that there was some issue with the City of Chicago and I'm wondering if this is

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part of an effort to say 'build a case' against motorcyclists on Lake Shore Drive."

Feigenholtz: "You know, I... this is a general... this is general. This is... this isn't just about... it's about the inner drive. It's about noise coming... just ambient noise, frankly. And... and it's... there's nothing disqualified. There's no specifics. This is what we want... this is the kind of data we want for the future in redesigning the roadways on Lake Shore Drive. I'm happy to... if you're... when you're in the City of Chicago, Representative Breen, introduce you to a very large group of concerned citizens who are helping redesign and reconfigure the drive. This is a city project for the future."

Breen: "Just... because trucks are already banned on the drive, right? Is that accurate? I think they are at least some section of the drive?"

Feigenholtz: "Yes."

Breen: "Okay. But motorcycles are allowed."

Feigenholtz: "Of course."

Breen: "Okay. To my... that... this is my problem. I'm sitting here going why do they want a noise monitoring system when it's only cars and motorcycles? And we know cars don't make a lot of noise. I mean no more than the average."

Feigenholtz: "Cars can make plenty of noise, Sir."

Breen: "Well, they could make... well... and particularly if you soup up your car and what have you. But I know motorcycles make more noise and so that was where I'm really... I'm just pretty much concerned about that."

Feigenholtz: "This does not exclude or include any specific vehicle. I did, you know, that... I'm not sure what you're

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implying, Representative, but this is to measure ambient vehicular noise along Lake Shore Drive."

Breen: "Okay. And my seatmate did just confirm that ABATE is against this Bill, apparently. So, this..."

Feigenholtz: "They... they have not called me. They did not show up in committee. I'm not sure why they would be opposed to this."

Breen: "And I... without... without knowing exactly what... not knowing the committee history, I just, again, from the... from the perspective that all you've got are cars and motorcycles on Lake Shore Drive. We're putting in a noise monitoring system presumably to target the motorcycles, so I think that's why they're looking at it."

Feigenholtz: "That is a presumption, Sir."

Breen: "Well... well, but..."

Feigenholtz: "You know, there's a... there's a long history of wanting to reconfigure Lake Shore Drive. And I'm not sure what you're referring to that is not my... you know, you're... you're... ABATE never showed up in committee. So if, you know, they didn't and you're reading motorcycles into this Bill and this is not about that."

Breen: "Again, I'm... I'm just... Well, and to the Bill. Again, I respect the Representative attempting to answer the concerns of the aldermen in her city. And that's... that's great. It's just... I think there is a concern that we're allowing the camel to get his nose under the tent and to beginning an effort to then possibly, I guess, there's a fear that there will be motorcycle bans on Lake Shore Drive. And so, at least as we're told, ABATE is against the Bill so. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Skillicorn is recognized."

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Skillicorn: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Skillicorn: "Representative, thank you for your time. And I do apologize 'cause I wasn't there in committee, so I don't know every detail of it. Just a couple of quick questions. One of them is, doesn't the City of Chicago already have the ability to monitor noise?"

Feigenholtz: "They need... they need permissive language in order to put up a noise monitoring system. That is what I was told."

Skillicorn: "Okay. And just... that just... it seems like a question I would think that a Home Rule community would have that ability. And then with this data, I just wonder what they want to do with it. I mean, what type of mitigation? And if there's already residents that are complaining about this, I assume, you know, what is stopping them from just doing the mitigation plans with or without this data?"

Feigenholtz: "This is a federal highway. And the City of Chicago believes that they need it and it's also a state highway. So, the city believes that they needed permission to put up these noise monitoring systems."

Skillicorn: "Okay. Well, thank you very much for your time."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "If... if this is just permissive, shouldn't we just say the City of Chicago can put up these noise monitors?"

Feigenholtz: "That's what this Bill does."

Davidsmeyer: "But it tells them what they have to do afterwards as well. Correct?"

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Feigenholtz: "Well, the people are working on Lake Shore Drive's future and reconfiguration, I think this data would be very useful to them."

Davidsmeyer: "And... and don't you think the City of Chicago should be able to decide how to move forward and it... whether 12 months is correct or 6 months or a year and a half or whatever it is for their study. Don't you think they should be able to decide how they move forward with the information?"

Feigenholtz: "All of this... there's nothing in this Bill that mandates a time frame. It just says 12 months after the data is collected, whenever they put up the monitoring systems, that it will be available to the public for transparency. And also to be used with the organization that is working on the future of Lake Shore Drive. I mean, I think that, you know, when you're reconfiguring twists and turns along Lake Shore Drive and sound issues, also new buildings and the materials that they use when they do go up to mitigate noise, it would be helpful."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, it... I'm being told that it says whatever the city deems necessary to share. I'm assuming other stuff would probably be subject to FOIA. So, they'd go after it that way, if they really wanted... wanted the information?"

Feigenholtz: "I'm really not sure what you're asking. This is a... this is... this is public money..."

Davidsmeyer: "It's... it's... I'm just saying I agree. It's... it's a little bit more... more permissive than I originally read it. So, I... I appreciate that."

Feigenholtz: "Okay. Yeah. It's just..."

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Davidsmeyer: "I still don't understand why the city is not allowed to do this currently?"

Feigenholtz: "It's a state and federal highway. And when I talked to their legal department about putting them up, they returned to me and said, you need to give us permission to do this."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Feigenholtz: "And I am doing that."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Feigenholtz: "All of my aldermen along Lake Shore Drive are working on this collectively together in the redesign of Lake Shore Drive."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Feigenholtz to close."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. For those of you who have been along Lake Shore Drive or lived there or know someone who lives there, you know that there is a great future. This is a well-traveled highway, a beautiful part of Chicago's lakefront. And I'd appreciate your support on this measure."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2361 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. Excuse me, Representative Feigenholtz?"

Feigenholtz: "I'd like to put this on Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please move... please move this Bill to the Order of Postponed Consideration. House Bill 2367, Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2367, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the adoption of House Bill 2367. And it creates a mechanism for individuals previously convicted of certain criminal offenses to apply for a sealing after 10 years of their conviction. I move for the adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Andersson: "I apologize, Representative. I really couldn't hear your description. Could you... could you give it to me again?"

Ford: "Yeah."

Andersson: "I... I don't know what this Bill does."

Ford: "I move for the passage of House Bill 2367. The Bill has no opposition at the time and it sets up a mechanism for people with nonviolent offenses to have their records sealed after 10 years."

Andersson: "Is the... so, after 10 years, is it automatic?"

Ford: "No."

Andersson: "Or do they have to come to court and petition?"

Ford: "They have to go to court and petition."

Andersson: "Is there a process where a judge could say yes or no..."

Ford: "Yes."

Andersson: "...as the case may be?"

Ford: "The judge could... has the right to reject... deny the request."

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Andersson: "Does the Bill establish standards for doing that? In other words, how the court would decide yes or no in a particular case?"

Ford: "The Illinois law... sealing law has standards already, so the statute would fall under the sealing laws for Illinois. So, the judge would have guidelines for how to handle the sealing."

Andersson: "So, the judge does currently has guidelines?"

Ford: "Yes."

Andersson: "And we're just... are we just expanding... I guess, expanding the time..."

Ford: "Yeah, just expanding."

Andersson: "...the time frame?"

Ford: "Yes."

Andersson: "Is there an existing time frame now that we're moving?"

Ford: "No. This one... there is existing right now for some offenses to be 3 years. This moves to have some for 10 years..."

Andersson: "Okay."

Ford: "...after the conviction."

Andersson: "So, presumably the standards that exist for those 3-year classifications, same sort of standards would apply here?"

Ford: "Yes."

Andersson: "Could it... is it possible for someone to come in earlier or is it required?"

Ford: "Not under... no, no."

Andersson: "So, they must wait 10 years."

Ford: "They must wait."

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Andersson: "Even if they get a certificate of innocence or..."

Ford: "Nope. That... none of that. No."

Andersson: "Okay."

Ford: "They must wait if they want to qualify for the sealing under this law."

Andersson: "And.. and I think you answered this. I apologize if I didn't hear it. Opposition to the Bill, anyone opposed?"

Ford: "No opposition. It came out of committee with all 'yes' votes."

Andersson: "Thank you very much."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Unes is recognized.
Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Ives: "Just a couple questions, Representative Ford. So, let's say a person committed arson. Would that be something that you could seal the record on?"

Ford: "No."

Ives: "Okay. Let's say they threatened an individual with a weapon, but there was no bodily harm? Is that something that could be sealed?"

Ford: "No."

Ives: "Can you give me a short list of the type of criminal convictions that could be sealed?"

Ford: "Drug convictions is what we're looking at pretty much."

Ives: "So, this is basically centered on drug convictions. Does that include the distribution and sale of drugs?"

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Ford: "That would... but at a certain level. And once again, the judge would determine whether or not this was the intent to distribute and sell or if it was for personal usage."

Ives: "Okay. Thank you for your answers. It's just that our analysis basically said... read that essentially any criminal offense that did not involve bodily harm or death."

Ford: "Right. Right."

Ives: "And there's a whole host of other offenses that are really bad that I wanted to make sure could not be sealed."

Ford: "Yeah. And there... the fact is we have 10 years after a person has con... been convicted of no new crimes. Which means that this person has been out of jail or their conviction has lapsed for 10 years and they haven't committed any new crimes since. And so, it's a long period of time to say that this person must be reformed because 10 years has... have passed."

Ives: "Can you explain then why this... I've heard that the State Police are opposed."

Ford: "Who is?"

Ives: "The State Police, are they opposed?"

Ford: "No. They're not opposed because they have a right to the records. So, State Police will have the right to the records. So, there's no reason for them to be opposed to the Bill because the records are available for the State Police."

Ives: "We... we were just told by our staff that State Police are opposed."

Ford: "How about if I pull the Bill from the record and find out. Would that work?"

Ives: "Could you do that for us."

Ford: "Yeah, sure."

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Ives: "We appreciate it. Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take this Bill from the record. House Bill 2382, Representative Riley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2382, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Essentially, House Bill 2382 amends the Fire Hydrant Act. And it establishes a definition and lays out the care and upkeep and protection of a dry fire hydrant. A dry fire hydrant is one that gets its water from a lake, a body or a stream rather than from a city-owned or a privately owned pressurized fire system. And so, essentially, what this Bill does is it provides a framework to ensure that these dry fire hydrants operate efficiently. And it's a very good Bill, it was brought to me by the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. And I'll answer any questions you may have."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Andersson: "So, this is regarding dry fire hydrants. So, what's the source when there's a need for use of them?"

Riley: "I'm sorry. I didn't hear your question."

Andersson: "I apologize. My question is, these are... you call them dry fire hydrants?"

Riley: "Yes."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me. Excuse me. Members... Members, we've had to quiet the chamber multiple

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times today. Can we please bring the noise level down and take all conversations to the rear of the chamber so that we can hear the debate. Thank you very much."

Riley: "I just didn't hear the last part of what you said."

Andersson: "Sure. So, I'm trying to understand what these dry fire hydrants are for and how they function to begin with?"

Riley: "Well, I just kind of explained what they're for. They're for fire prevention, fire safety."

Andersson: "Okay."

Riley: "Just like a regular fire hydrant. The fire hydrants that exist down the street, for example, are connected to a municipal system. Some are connected to private systems that have pressurized water; the water is right there."

Andersson: "Sure."

Riley: "A dry hydrant is different in that it relies on a lake or a pond or a stream, so water is not necessarily right at the hydrant. It has to be pumped, if you will, from a source like I described."

Andersson: "So, are these in more rural areas where they don't have access to municipal services or?"

Riley: "There are some in rural areas, but they're in unincorporated areas. They're in small areas that haven't been fed by the... by a, you know, a large municipal system. So, they really exist all over."

Andersson: "And the purpose of this is to establish standards for the maintenance of them?"

Riley: "Standards of maintenance, but also standards for responsibility of the hydrants. For example, one of the things that's in the Bill is our requirements... well, there are things

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that you cannot do with the hydrant like the input or the discharge area cannot be blocked. It also establishes responsibilities for these dry hydrants. There are some dry hydrants that are on private property. There are some hydrants that are governed by homeowner's associations. So, it establishes if they're damaged or if there's any, you know, dilatory inaction to those hydrants, it established who's responsible for them."

Andersson: "And are they generally owned then by private individuals or homeowner's associations?"

Riley: "Again, depending on where they're sited, they could be."

Andersson: "Could be? Okay."

Riley: "That's correct."

Andersson: "Thank you very much, appreciate it."

Riley: "You're welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reis is recognized."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Reis: "Representative, we have many of these in the rural areas and a lot of times they're on private property. And the farmer does it out of a sense of volunteerism for the area or you know, if they have hog buildings or such that do not have rural water access. They're putting this on for private use only. So, help me walk through this with this new definition. I mean, is there going to be annual inspections? Many times there is no hydrant. It's just a pipe coming up out of the ground next to the pond and the fire engine hooks on to that pipe and sucks the water out."

Riley: "Right."

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Reis: "So, I mean, where are you... where are you going with this and is it going to be regulating private drywells?"

Riley: "Well, no. I mean, you know, essentially the regulation, if you will or the... or the protection of the hydrant, can come through a lot of different areas. Again, there is some fire protection districts who have jurisdiction over the use and the care of the hydrants. In the case of it being on private property, it would be the private property owner."

Reis: "But is that spelled out in this that those aren't going to be regulated?"

Riley: "I'm sorry?"

Reis: "Is that spelled out in your Bill that these, in fact, won't be regulated?"

Riley: "It's spelled out in the Bill about how these... these type of hydrants will be taken care of depending on where... where the hydrant is. In terms of regulation, the area that you're talking about, some rural area where there may not be a fire protection district, the hydrant is not necessarily governed by a municipal corporation. Then clearly, you know, it would be up to the... the individual owner."

Reis: "Okay. I'm not... I'm not comfortable enough yet, Representative, to vote for your Bill. I mean, there are hundreds of... of these scattered through multiple counties throughout Illinois."

Riley: "Well, again, as I said before, those... there are some hydrants that are governed by an agreement they will continue to be governed by that agreement. And those that aren't will not. You know, there's a lot of different situations that exist in terms of jurisdiction where these hydrants are."

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Reis: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley to close."

Riley: "Thank you. House Bill 2362 (sic-2382) is a... is a public safety Bill. And again, the genesis of the Bill was to be sure that in these limited situations where these dry hydrants exist, there is a mechanism for their care, their use and liability. I request 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2382 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 100 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2382, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2401, Representative Nekritz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2401, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The most important provision of this Bill is a change in the percentage vote by members of a common interest or condominium community before the entire building can be sold. For those buildings that are six or more units, it raises that threshold from 75 percent of the unit owners to 85 percent of the unit owners, which is a good consumer protection. It also changes the... clarifies the definition to make... to make of a member of the common interest and condominium association, to make sure that it's clear that for voting members there's simply one class of

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membership, but the condo and the common interest community can create various classes of membership for purposes other than voting."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Andersson is recognized."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that she will yield."

Andersson: "So... just so we understand this. So, in a condo building there is the possibility of a decision by currently 65 percent, I think you said?"

Nekritz: "I believe it's 75."

Andersson: "Seventy-five."

Nekritz: "For... for six or more units."

Andersson: "Okay. And then you're upping that to..."

Nekritz: "Eighty-five."

Andersson: "So, you're actually enhancing the self-determination, if you will, of the majority or a strong majority of the owners?"

Nekritz: "Well, and actually, it's protecting the mi... more of the minority, yes. Yes."

Andersson: "I suppose that's a fair statement. I didn't quite understand what you were saying about the classifications of voters. Can..."

Nekritz: "I'm not... I'm not surprised you would misunderstand that."

Andersson: "Could... could you try to help me?"

Nekritz: "Yes, I can. So, I think it's right now with... the law I think is intended to make sure that there's one class of voting members for each condominium and each common-interest community, but the language is a little unclear. So, we're..."

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that... for... because for purposes other than voting, one of these associations can create more than one class of membership. So, we want to make sure we're separating voting from other purposes for membership."

Andersson: "And when... and we... when we speak about voting, are we talking about only this particular vote..."

Nekritz: "No, no, no. It would be voting more..."

Andersson: "Any vote?"

Nekritz: "Any... and any action taken by the association."

Andersson: "So, one person, one vote or one..."

Nekritz: "Well, its... its..."

Andersson: "...unit."

Nekritz: "Yes. I mean, it's allocated for the... for the... your percentage of common elements, but yes."

Andersson: "And just so I'm not confusing other Bills, this was not the Bill that dealt with cumulative voting, was it?"

Nekritz: "No, it was not."

Andersson: "Okay. Thank you... thank you very much."

Nekritz: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Batinick: "Yeah. I wanted to dovetail on the conversation you just had. You said the allocation of common area interest or whatever. I guess, the question some... some condominium associations are set up where you have a higher percentage vote based on your size whether you're a one bedroom or two bedroom. So, are... is it one pin number equals one vote and 85

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percent of that or is it of the proportion of the common element?"

Nekritz: "It would... this would... nothing about this changes the... the allocation of voting rights under the... within the association. So, the 85 percent would still be based on 85 percent of the unit owners... based on their... their..."

Batinick: "Okay."

Nekritz: "...ownership allocation. We're not changing any of that."

Batinick: "Got it. Got it. Okay. Is it 85 percent of the... of all unit owners or those who choose to make the vote?"

Nekritz: "It's 85 percent of all unit owners."

Batinick: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Thank you. To the Bill. Just... I want to rise in support of this Bill. The problem here is that you could own a condominium and have your own condo unit sold out from under you to sell the whole enterprise to a developer. This Bill is a good way to help protect that small mom and pop condo owner in that sort of a situation. So, would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Nek... Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I fully support this Bill as well; however, I would request the help of the... the Sponsor and perhaps Representative Feigenholtz to bring a larger issue to bear. And that is that condo owners are having their property rights taken away from them as other folks buy in at the 75 percent level and then convert those to rentals and then force the other people to sell. Now, this is a huge ongoing problem and I would really appreciate your support in

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getting the Bill that I filed relative to this out of committee and on the House Floor for a vote so we can protect property rights. Your Bill does a little bit in helping establish an 85 percent threshold on decisions, but it does really nothing to affect the purchase of condos and then the forced sale when they want to flip it into rentals, which is happening more and more. So, thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Nekritz to close."

Nekritz: "I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2401 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 103 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 2401, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moylan is recognized."

Moylan: "Yes. Excuse my error, I meant to vote 'yes' on the previous Bill."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you. Please excuse Representative Soto for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going through House Bills-Second Reading. All Bills that have been marked 'move forward' will be moved forward. So, if you have a Bill, be ready, give me the hi sign, tell me no, whatever

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you want to tell me, but we're going through all of these. So, be at your chair, be ready. The faster we get through these, the faster we will adjourn. House Bill 213, Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 213, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 222, Mr. Batinick. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 222, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Batinick."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Batinick on the Amendment."

Batinick: "The Amendment helped get the opponents either neutral or proponents."

Speaker Lang: "Just tell us briefly what it does. One sentence, Sir."

Batinick: "Oh. It separates the digital printings. There's no ink, it's soybean-based ink that can be used for digital printing."

Speaker Lang: "They asked. Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 237, Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 237, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 374, Representative Mayfield. Representative Mayfield. Out of the record. House Bill 398, Mr. Reis. Out of the record. House Bill 524, Barbara Wheeler. Out of the record. House Bill 528, Representative McDermed. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 528, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 547, Mr. Zalewski. Out of the record. House Bill 625, Mr. Harris. David Harris. Out of the record. House Bill 656, Representative Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. House Bill 680, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please... Out of the record. House Bill 683, Mr. Beiser. Out of the record. House Bill 695, Representative Tabares. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 695, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 732, Mr. Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 736, Representative Flowers. Read the Bill, please."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 736, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 740, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 740, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 759. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 759, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 769, Mr. Cabello. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 769, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1772, Mr. Stewart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1772, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2386, Mr. Breen. Mr. Breen. Do you want to move the Bill, Sir? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2386, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2407, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. House Bill 2408, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2408, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2442, Mr. Bennett. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2442, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2447, Mr. Pritchard. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2447, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2452, Representative Bellock. Out of the record. House Bill 2460, Representative Cassidy. Out of the record. House Bill 2462, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2462, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2485, Representative Hammond. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2485, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2488, Representative Hammond. Out of the... I didn't understand that signal, Representative. Touchdown. What did that mean? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2488, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2506, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2506, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2514. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2514, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2516, Mr. Andersson. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2516, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2531, Representative Hammond. That's better. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2531, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2536, Representative McAsey. Out of the record. House Bill 2537, Representative Moeller. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2537, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2540, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2540, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2543, Mr. Unes. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2543, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2584, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2585, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2585, a Bill for an Act concerning notices. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2606, Representative Bryant. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2606, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2611, Mr. D'Amico. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2611, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2623, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2623, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2685, Mr. Costello. Out of the record. House Bill 2713, Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2713, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2721, Representative Conroy. Read... read the Bill, please."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2721, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2724, Representative Cassidy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2724, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2731, Mr. Beiser. Mr. Beiser. Out of the record. House Bill 2749, Mr. Guzzardi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2749, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2873, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2873, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But notes have been requested on the Bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 2878, Mr. Hoffman. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2878, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2897, Mr. Severin. Couldn't find you, Sir. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2897, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2899, Mr. Phelps. Mr. Phelps. Out of the record. House Bill 2909, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2909, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2957, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2957, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2998, Mr... Representative Jimenez. Out of the record. House Bill 3014, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3014, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3048, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3048, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3058, Mr. Pritchard. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3058, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3060, Mr. Guzzardi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3060, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3061, Mr. Guzzardi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3061, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3081, Mr. Reis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3081, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3092, Representative Bourne. Back there. You moved. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3092, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3093, Representative Bourne. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3093, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3110, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3110, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But notes have been requested on the Bill have not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3143, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3143, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But a note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 3161, Representative Manley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3161, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3169, Mr. Sauer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3169, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3222. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3222, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3272, Representative Jesiel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3272, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3273, Representative Jesiel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3273, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3282, Mr. Davidsmeyer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3282, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3325, Representative Ives. Out of the record. House Bill 3377. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3377, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. But a note has been requested on the Bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3378. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3378, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3399, Mr. Sosnowski. Out of the record. House Bill 3452, Representative Soto. Out of the record. House Bill 3542, Representative Wallace. Out of the record. House Bill 3855, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3855, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3874, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3874, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3879, Representative Stratton. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3879, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3910, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3910, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2407, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2407, Representative Kifowit."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2407..."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record. I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 2731, Mr. Beiser. Out of the record. Page 13 Order of Resolutions. HJR 31, Mr. DeLuca. Is Mr. DeLuca in the chamber? Out of the record. Page 15 of the Calendar... page 14 of the Calendar, House Resolution 56. Representative Chapa LaVia. Please proceed, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "Speaker, you look great today. Unfortunately, it's not on my system for some reason, and I don't have the analysis on my phone. Here we go. House Joint Resolution... House Resolution 56 declares June 27, 2017 Illinois Post-Traumatic Injury Awareness Day and June 2017 Post-Traumatic Injury Awareness Month. I'll take any questions. Ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 88, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers. Out of the record. House Resolution 107, Mr. Wehrli. Out of the record. House Resolution 109, Mr. Guzzardi. Please proceed, Sir."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 109 commemorates June 22 of this year and next year as Illinois Community Living Day to honor the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is

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adopted. House Resolution 113, Representative Stratton.
Please proceed."

Stratton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 113 states that the House of Representatives opposes any further attempts to increase the DON score."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 117, Representative McAsey. Please proceed."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 117 recognizes Omphalocele Awareness Day in Illinois. And omphalocele is a birth defect that occurs early in pregnancy whereby certain internal organs protrude into the umbilical cord and can be quite devastating for the more than 5 thousand pregnancies that... in which this can occur. That being said, many of the children that are born with this abnormality do go on to live wonderful, happy, healthy lives as a result of, in many cases, many corrective surgeries including Hope Carlson, a darling infant from my community. Her grandparents, Pastor Paul Carlson and Grandmother Sandy Carlson brought this to my attention. And in honor of Hope and all of the other children who are... have demonstrated their strength, I urge your support of the Resolution today. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 88, Representative Flowers. Please proceed. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Mr. Breen."

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Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier we had a spirited debate on Representative Feigenholtz's House Bill 2361 which was about a noise monitoring issue in the City of Chicago along the Lake Shore Drive. I made a statement during that debate that I had heard that ABATE. was opposed to that Bill. That was a false statement. It was not intentional. I apologize to the Sponsor of the Bill. In fact, I have now, as a show of good faith, now signed on as a chief cosponsor of that Bill and would fully urge all of my colleagues to now support it. There's no... there are no infirmities to the Bill itself and certainly would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, March 14 at the hour of noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Report. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on March 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2377, House Bill 2496, House Bill 2704, House Bill 2966, House Bill 3070. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4006, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4007, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4008, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. Second Reading of House Bill. House Bill 3164, a Bill for an Act

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concerning liquor. This Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."